

DUNHAM & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dunham, Fledborough, Darlton and Ragnall Parish Council held on Tuesday the 10th of April 2018 which commenced at 19.00 hours.

The meeting was held at the Millennium Hall, Low Street, Dunham on Trent.

Present: Cllr Ian Oakden (A/Chairman), Cllrs. D Moss, S Oakden, C Hamilton, P Eghan, A Hamilton, J Starmer, R Horsted, J Briscoe, K Watkinson, M Barden, C Booth & R Grimes.

County Councillor J Ogle & District Councillor S Isard.

The Acting Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public asked about a public seat to be installed in Dunham. Cllr. P Egham agreed to identify a suitable location and progress this request.

A member of the public asked why the minutes of the previous meeting were not available on the Parish Council website.

It was: AGREED to rectify this situation as soon as is practicable; as an interim measure the Clerk was asked to send a copy of the minutes to the individual concerned.

Cllr. Watkinson also kindly agreed to set up a Facebook page containing the minutes.

Afternote: Clerk to place minutes on all 5 noticeboards whilst this matter is investigated.

Three members of the public raised the Roberts Close Flooding issue. (please see below in the County Cllr. Report section).

Police Report

PC 3258 Fellows & PCSO 8139 Airey gave a short report to the meeting about current Police issues.

An open forum took place with members raising issues relating to speeding and a number of recent traffic accidents on the A57 in Dunham itself.

The officers made a number of suggestion including asking for assistance from Mr Paddy Tipping for traffic enforcement and better signage. It was also suggested that an approach be made to Viaem (re temporary interactive signs) and Joanne Horton (Highways).

Reports from County Councillor & District Councillors

County Councillor – Cllr. John Ogle confirmed that Notts CC had included the Roberts Close scheme in the schedule of works to be completed later in 2018.

Cllr. Ogle also informed the meeting about the Northern powerhouse initiative including better rail links and latest Notts CC news.

District Cllr. S Isard did not give a report.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

04/18/01. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr L Sharpe & Cllr. P McKechnie. NOTED.

04/18/02. To receive intention to record this meeting.

None made.

The Clerk suggested that this item be deleted from the agenda from May 2018 onwards and this was AGREED.

04/18/03. Declarations of Interest.

None made

04/18/04. Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of February 2018.

Accepted (unanimously) and the minutes were duly signed by the A/Chairman.

04/18/05. Matters arising – for information only.

Nil of note.

04/18/06. A57 – Recent traffic Accidents in Dunham.

Please see above – nothing of note to add at this point in the proceedings.

04/18/07. Planning Application(s) and Decision Notices.

An outline application for No.2 dwellings in Ragnall was discussed.

It was proposed by K Watkinson and seconded by M Barden and it was: AGREED (by ten votes with non-against with three abstentions) to raise an objection to this application on the following grounds.

- a. Loss of privacy of a neighbouring property.
- b. Access concerns.

04/18/08. Financial Position.

The present financial position of the Council was discussed and NOTED.

04/18/09. Bills for Payment.

A list of cheques that needed retrospective authority were detailed by the Clerk.

It was: AGREED (unanimously) to authorise all payments.

04/18/10. Risk Assessment Review & Asset Inspection.

- a. Accidents.
- b. Footpaths & Parish Lanes.

The Clerk was asked to contact Notts CC re the Lengthsman Scheme to ensure continued membership.

04/18/11. Lengthsman's Report.

The Lengthsman Report was NOTED. A complaint had been received regarding a stile adjacent to Laneham Road. Clerk to investigate.

04/18/12. Councillor Reports & Initiatives.

Cllr. Barden reported that she had been attending a routine meeting at Rampton for a number of years but was unsure whether to continue to attend.

It was: AGREED that Cllr. Barden should not attend any further meetings.

Cllr. Watkinson suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting should be more widely advertised to try and generate more interest. This was: AGREED and additional posters would be delivered to try and encourage residents to attend.

Clerk to action.

04/18/13. Correspondence.

A cheque for £45.00 for the rent for the field known as Reptile Gardens had been received.

It was: AGREED to try and obtain the deeds to allow Council to decide what to do, if anything, with this land. Clerk to action and report back in due course.

04/18/14. Authority to outsource the PC accounts.

It was: AGREED to authorise the outsourcing of the accounts to Darbys (a professional accountancy firm based in Retford) who already provide payroll services to the Parish Council.

A review of this arrangement would be completed after 12 months to ensure that value for money was being achieved.

04/18/15. Appointment of Data Protection Officer.

The Clerk explained that due to changes in the law that the Parish Council was required to appoint a DATA Protection Officer, which could not be the Clerk.

Cllr. C Booth kindly volunteered to undertake this role. Cllr. Booth and the Clerk to action.

04/18/16. Account Signatories – The Co Op Bank.

Update to Bank Mandate was needed and Cllr. L Sharpe, Cllr. M Barden and Cllr. P McKechnie were authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the PC. Clerk to submit Bank Mandate in due course.

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Cllr. L Sharpe

Dated.....