

Dunham-on-Trent with Ragnall, Darlton & Fledborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29 April 2014
at 7.00 pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

- 1 Present:** Cllr. M. Mathews (Chairman), DCllr. S. Isard, Cllr. L. Sharpe, Cllr. R. Grimes, Cllr. M. Barden.

In attendance: M. Annable (Clerk).

Apologies: DCllr. K. Isard, Cllr. K. Watkinson, Cllr. P. Marsh.

- 2 Declarations of Interest:** None

3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 March 2014

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4 Matters Arising from the above Minutes and any urgent business

a) J G Pears (Newark) Ltd.: Cllr. Barden reported that Bassetlaw District Council had attended a meeting with opposing residents to the pending Planning Application. Several reports concerning the bad smell from the plant had been received and are ongoing. The thermo oxidiser chimney, designed to take the smell higher into the atmosphere, will hopefully be in place in May 2014, however, problems are anticipated. The result of the Planning Application is expected in June 2014.

b) Darlton Play Area: The Clerk reported that the Darlton play area project was well underway. A meeting was held on 23 April at Darlton with residents where it was decided that the accumulating funds should be used for a complete restoration and improvement of the play area. Local businesses had generously donated a further £640 and the total amount of funding has now reached £1,990. Other funding possibilities were discussed and it is hoped that this amount will rise considerably. The Parish Council discussed this option and agreed that it did make economic sense to have the area completely restored. Mr Strawson had agreed to extend the lease on the land to a further 10 years, thus making it possible to apply to major funding bodies. The Clerk will check with Rospa on the circumstancing surrounding the safety aspect of the area in its' current state prior to the works taking place.

c) Caldecott Home in Fledborough: A meeting was held on 08 April with the Caldecott Foundation at Dunham Village Hall. Several issues were discussed and the meeting was productive and informative in that a better relationship between the Parish and the home can be established. One specific problem was that of Church security. This matter was discussed by the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Church arrangement that has stood in place for many years should stay as it is and that keys should not be given to the home.

d) EMAS: It was agreed that a donation of £50 will be paid to the North Nottinghamshire Community First Responders.

e) Lengthsman Scheme: The Chairman and the Clerk held a meeting with Colin Gaisford to clarify the workings of the Lengthsman Scheme. Other areas of work were identified for the Lengthsman to carry out, including a 'spring clean' of notice boards and village signs. Mr Gaisford brought along photographs of some of the work he had done during his time as Lengthsman. He was praised by the Chairman for his continued service and the high level of work done.

5 To Report on:

a) Accidents: 30.03.14 – A57 Darlton – a vehicle collided with a lamp post

b) Criminal Acts: 05.04.14 – Tuxford Road, Darlton – theft from gliding club

- c) **Highways A57:** Damaged kerb on edge of layby near Darlton reported
- d) **Highways Parish:** Two sunken drains on Main Street Ragnall reported
- e) **Footpaths & Parish Lanes:** Nothing to report

6 **Public Discussion** – No members of the public were present.

7 **Planning Matters –**

Cllr. Barden reported that the Planning Application for the Wind Turbine at Ragnall had been refused and informed the Parish Council that other applications for wind turbines are likely in the district.

8 **Correspondence –**

Nottinghamshire County Council - None

Bassetlaw District Council – Notice of Precept being accepted

General – None.

9 **Financial Matters**

a) Accounts for Payment

- Council approved payment of £175.20 to Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for grass cutting April 2014. Cheque 300784
- Council approved payment of £90.16 to C. Gaisford for Litter Picking for April 2014. Cheque 300785
- Council approved payment of £386.28 to M. Annable for March 2014. Clerks salary £257.40 + expenses £128.88. Cheque 300786
- Council approved payment of £52.80 to C. Gaisford for Lengthsman duties. Cheque 300787

b) Income

£5,769.87 – V.A.T. reclaimed

£42.00 – Coopers rent

£600.00 – donations (3 x £200) for Darlton Play area project

c) Balance of Accounts

	£
Current Account:	11,107.07
Deposit Account:	<u>4,319.63</u>
	<u>15,426.70</u>

d) Transfer of funds

None

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 27 May 2014 at 7.00 pm

Signed ----- (Chairman)

Date -----

