

Minutes of Dunham-on-Trent, with Ragnall, Darlton and Fledborough Parish Council (Dunham & District Parish Council)



Meeting of **Dunham & District Parish Council** held on the **9th Mar 2021** virtually via Zoom, as per the regulations enacted under the Coronavirus Act 2020, the meeting commenced at **7:00pm**.

Members Virtually Present

Via Remote Attendance

Cllr Madeline Barden
Cllr Kathryn Watkinson
Cllr Lucy Atkinson
Cllr Emma Thorpe
Cllr Adrian Stapleton
Current Vacancies

Chairman

Vice-Chair

Cllr Vera Ballinger

Also, Virtually Present

Via Remote Attendance

Ed Knox
0 Members of the Public
County Cllr John Ogle
Dist Cllr Shirley Issard

Darlton: 1, Dunham on Trent: 2

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

➤ Public Forum

None Present.

9/21 To receive apologies for absence

The Council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Bean due to work reasons.

10/21 To receive declarations of interest

None.

11/21 To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

12/21 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

Dist Cllr Isard – Asked how flytipping and litter was in general across the district of parishes. Cllr Barden explained that the layby on the Dunham/Laneham parish border was particularly bad. The Clerk advised that Bassetlaw had taken steps to remove fly tip each time it had been reported and CCTV was now in operation, Bassetlaw had been able to capture number plates of fly tippers. Cllr Barden added that she undertakes litter picking when walking from Ragnall to Laneham and back, and it is often a problem of what to do with the litter collected. County Cllr Ogle suggested that the Clerk contact Bassetlaw for a solution.

County Cllr Ogle – Advised that Potholes will be patch filled instead of the use of granular 'Via Mix' filling using seamless pothole technology. Cllr Barden escalated the issue of the ever-growing unanswered Highways Authority actions list within the Council minutes, which has been reported to the County Council Highways Manager together with Photos several times. All the Council requires is an update from the Highways Manager to advise what is being done about each item and the Council would like the Highways Manager to arrange a date and time to meet with a cllr and look at some of the issues. Cllr Barden asked County Cllr Ogle to escalate the issue with the County Council.

13/21 To Receive Update on a community partnership bid for financial help with improving Broadband

All of the eligible addresses in the parish have been submitted to Openreach who advised that the larger the project the lower the take up percentage is needed to make the project happen, additionally, the larger the project, the lower the cost per property. Openreach propose on opening 1 large community portal covering all eligible addresses in South Leverton, Rampton, Woodbeck, Laneham, Church Laneham, Dunham, Ragnall, Fledborough and Dalton.

However, the Govt is in the process of winding up the existing scheme, in readiness for a new improved scheme to start after 1st Apr 2021. To compound matters, the Manager at Openreach in charge of this is

currently off sick with Covid. As soon as they're able, Openreach will launch the community portal page and together with Notts County Council provide letters to each household and templates for each parish council to use on their websites, social media pages, and for any leaflet drops. At least 40% of eligible households need to click onto the portal and give consent for the project for it to take place. If this project was done at individual parish level, then the percentage take up would need to be around 80%. If any residents have further questions, they can also contact the Notts County Council Broadband Engagement Officer and his Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire team using enquiries.broadband@nottsccl.gov.uk or by phoning 0115 977 2532.

County Cllr Ogle agreed to escalate the issue with the County Council and Openreach to see if anyone else can cover the absent Openreach Manager and progress matters.

14/21 Finance:

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NALC	Annual Membership Renewal 2021	£138.47
NALC	FOI e-Training for Cllr Bean	£16.40
NALC	Zoom Training NALC	£60.00
C.Gaisford	Lengthsman Services Jan	£156.20
S.Ashworth Diggers Ltd	Allotment Refurbishments inc Gate & Fencing	£1000.00
C.Gaisford	Lengthsman Services Feb	£78.00
Total Payments		<u>£1,449.07</u>

Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None		
Total Receipts		<u>£0.00</u>

Bank Reconciliation for the year to date to be approved. Council **Resolved** unanimously that figures were correct. Reconciliation to be signed by two Councillors when practical.

Direct Debits and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, all **approved** unanimously.

15/21 To Receive update on 21/00072/CTL | Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use for The Use of The Land Edged Red as a Caravan Site (Resubmission of P.A. 20/00576/CTL) | Land Rear Of White Swan Main Street Dunham:

Cllr Barden advised that the Council is unclear what the resubmission application is actually for. The Council understands that the site was previously granted planning permission for up to 5 tourer caravans to be allowed on site at any one time. The Application form and all the supporting documentation only mentions statements of truth which say the site has been used for caravans for more than 10 years, but doesn't say what the applicant is actually trying achieve, what permission is the applicant seeking from the Planning Authority?

If the applicant is applying for static caravans or more than 5 tourers at the same time, then the Parish Council objects due to the same reasons it has objected before. The Clerk will check with Bassetlaw Planning.

16/22 To Receive Councillor's/Clerks' Reports including Road Traffic Accidents:

The following items were consolidated into one email to the Highways Authority Manager 9th November 2020, asking for a site visit with the chairman and other cllrs so that these matters can be investigated and finally resolved. Each month the Clerk chases the Highways Manager and the Parish Council adds to this list while awaiting a reply:

- **Noting of Accidents** – 8th Feb two cars in the ditch beside the A57.
- **Fledborough Potholes & Highway Markings** – Cllr Atkinson has provided photos together with a description of pothole locations and locations where the road/verge could be marked. Item on list for Highways Manager.

- **Car Accidents at Coronation Terrace** – Cllr Booth advised she had had no contact from the Highways Manager despite the Clerk asking several times for a site meeting to discuss the matter. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **Signage on The Green** – Cllr Ballinger advised that the ‘children’ signage is not in the best location and does not alert drivers enough to the blind corner of the The Green/Horne Lane. Photos and descriptions emailed to the Highways Manager. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **Dunham The Green, Potholes** – Cllr Ballinger advised that the repairs to numerous potholes in this area are not sufficient, no soon as Highways fill them, the filler comes away again. They were filled again between Dec & January and will soon come away again. Photos and descriptions emailed to the Highways Manager. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **A57 Speed Limits between Darlton and Dunham** – This has been raised to the Highways Manager, as per item 42/20 Cllr Barden emailed/ the Highways Manager. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **Highways items in ditches** – Cllrs Atkinson and Barden commented that during the recent litter pick, there are several roadside reflectors and signs belonging to the Highways Authority. Photos and descriptions emailed to the Highways Manager. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **Grass Verge Cutting Frequencies:** The Council asked the Clerk to ask the Highways manager how many cuts there are per year and the reason for the number of cuts? The parish Lengthsman has asked that we raise this matter with Highways as it is felt that the number of cuts is not sufficient to maintain visibility. This item was sent to the Highways Manager. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **Ragnall Village Speed Limit Reduction to 30mph:** The Clerk has included the petition from the member of the public in the Highways Manager email, the Council supports the petition. County Cllr Ogle presented this petition to County Council in January 2021 and this item was also included on the list for Highways Manager.
- **HGV Lorry Weight Limit for Ragnall & Fledborough:** The Clerk has queried to the Highways Manager whether it is allowed for HGV’s other than (K G Pears HGVs) to travel on the road through these parishes, the road is narrow with sharp bends and cannot cope with the number of HGV’s. It is believed that a large proportion of these are coming from Tarmac Ltd, using this route as a shortcut to the A1. The Council asked the Clerk to also write to Tarmac to raise concern and ask if they are willing to talk with a representative of the council to arrange for HGV vehicles to use an alternative route. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **Dunham A57 Dropped curb Crossing Signage:** Cllr Ballinger advised that whilst researching the road traffic accidents in the minutes, it was recorded in 2011 that when the dropped curbs on either side of the A57 near the Hawthorne’s and St Oswalds Park entrances, to create a pedestrian crossing point were installed by the Highways Authority, the Highways Authority stated they would install road signs to alert motorists of pedestrians crossing. No such signage has ever been installed; the council agreed to add this to the email to the Highways Manager. Photos and descriptions were sent. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **Bus Shelter for Laneham Road, Dunham:** School children have to stand on a small standing area, right next to the road, with no protection against the elements. The current arrangement is neither pleasant nor safe. Cllr Watkinson has attempted to ask the Highways Authority to provide a bus shelter and not received a positive response. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **Laneham Road, Dunham: Pavement poor condition and exposed drainage pipes (Ref 93719):** Cllr Barden advised of the state of the pavement on Laneham Road, Dunham as it goes towards Laneham from Gauntley’s. Example photos attached where the pavement is falling apart and there are drainage pipes exposed have been sent on to the Highways Manager. Item on list for Highways Manager.
- **Fledborough – Road from Manor Cottage to Church Potholes:** Cllr Bean agreed to report the potholes and condition of this section of road on the County Council Portal.
Cllr Ogle agreed earlier in the meeting to escalate the above matters with the Highways Manager.

Other matters:

- **Cllr Atkinson:** Advised a letter from a resident of **4 Long Row Cottages regards flooding** from the highways has been passed to County Cllr Ogle for investigation
- **Cllr Atkinson:** Advised that **National Grid** who are undertaking Pylon work in the area have advised that they like to support community environmental projects. Cllr Barden asked all Cllrs to email a list of ideas for potential community, wildlife, environmental projects for the Clerk to collate and send to Cllr

Atkinson to see if National Grid would potentially support any of these with the intention of putting a grant bid forward National Grid. The Clerk will also send the list to Notts Wildlife Trust to see if they can make any recommendations.

- **Cllr Barden** mentioned the meeting which Bassetlaw (BDC) had arranged for parishes in the former **High Marnham Power Station** area about the site's future development. At the last meeting, held shortly before the Covid-19 Pandemic BDC had agreed to make it a regular series of meetings. However, BDC did not arrange any virtual meetings. The Clerk to chase BDC for an update in an attempt to get them to restart the meetings.
- **South East Forum Meeting:** Cllr Barden advised there is no support at BDC or from the other District and Borough Councils in the County for the creation of a Unitary Authority. BDC had provided an overview of the coronavirus grants paid out in support of local businesses. BDC are holding elections on the 6th May, for Police & Crime Commissioner, the Dist Cllr Vacancy in Tuxford and Trent Ward and County Councillor Seats. Applications are available for Polling Clerks to run the polling stations.
- **Reptile Gardens:** Cllr Barden is working on the draft response to Jones & Co about the land.
- **A57 Speed Limits between Darlton and Dunham** Cllr Thorpe asked if the proposals can be challenged so that it goes 50mph, 40mph and 30mp at the Dunham end of the route, 40mph from the crossroads to 30 at Dunham. Clerk to write to the County Council to request this.

17/21 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9:04pm.