

# 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 **10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020** virtually via Skype, as per the regulations enacted under the Coronavirus Act 2020, the meeting commenced at **7:00pm**.

<b>Members Virtually Present</b>	Cllr Madeline Barden	Chairman
Via Remote Attendance	Cllr Kathryn Watkinson	Vice-Chair
	Cllr Lucy Atkinson	Cllr Vera Ballinger
	Cllr Carole Booth	Cllr Adrian Stapleton
	Cllr Rachel Bean	Cllr Emma Thorpe (from item 38/20)
	Current Vacancies	Darlton: 1, Dunham on Trent: 1
Also, Virtually Present	Ed Knox	Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
Via Remote Attendance	0 Members of the Public	
	County Cllr John Ogle until item 43/20	

➤ Public Forum  
None Present.

38/20 To Receive a written application for the office of Parish councillor and to potentially Co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy

After discussion, the chairman called for a vote, all in favour **resolved** to co-op Emma Thorpe. Cllr Thorpe signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and completed the 'registration of interests' form.

**Action**, the Clerk to inform Bassetlaw District Council.

39/20 To receive apologies for absence

None.

40/20 To receive declarations of interest

None.

41/20 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.

42/20 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

Dist Cllr S Isard - No report received.

County Cllr Ogle - Cllr Ogle attended but could not partake in the meeting fully due to internet problems and conveyed messages about the proposed A57 speed changes using the Skype chat function. Cllr Barden discussed the A57 proposal with all those present. After discussion, the Council **agreed** with the proposed 30mph and 40mph zones. The Council had further questions regards the proposed 50mph zone and agreed for the Cllr Barden to email the Highways Manager and County Cllr Ogle.

County Cllr Ogle left the meeting.

43/20 Finance:

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
C Gaisford	Lengthsman Services Sep	£312.40
Playdale Ltd	Replacement Parts Dunham Playpark	£454.75
NALC	Cllr Watkinson Social Media Training	£30.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b><u>£797.15</u></b>

Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Allotment Tenant	5 Months' Rent, Horne Lane Allotment Plots 1 & 2	£16.66
BT Openreach	Wayleave BT Pole on Parish Land	£79.00
Notts CC	County Councillors Grant	£1,000
HMRC	VAT Reclaim 2020	£137.96
Retford Lions	Donation Grant	£500.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b><u>£1,733.62</u></b>

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.

44/20 To Arrange a Lease for Reptile Gardens

After discussion, the Council unanimously **resolved** to obtain a quote from Jones & Co Solicitors to arrange a lease with the tenant of Reptile Gardens. **Action**, Clerk to contact solicitors.

45/20 To discuss potential tree planting on the Verge at Roberts Close - Ragnall

The land is not owned by the parish council. After discussion, due to the complex nature of the subject, permissions from Notts CC, Bassetlaw DC would have to be arranged, future ownership, inspection and maintenance costs of the trees defined, the Council **resolved** to take no further action at this time.

46/20 To Receive Councillors Reports including Road Traffic Accidents:

The following items have been consolidated into one email to the Highways Authority Manager 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020, asking for a site visit with the chairman and other cllrs so that these matters can be investigated and finally resolved:

- **Fledborough Potholes & Highway Markings** – Cllr Atkinson to emailed photos together with a description of pothole locations and locations where the road/verge could be marked.
- **Car Accidents at Coronation Terrace** – Cllr Booth advised she had had no contact from the Highways Manager despite the Clerk asking twice for a site meeting to discuss the matter. This has now been added to the highways site visit request
- **Noting of Accidents** – Cllr Ballinger has created a log of road traffic accidents that covers the past 10 years, and the council will add to this if future accidents occur. The log has been included on the email to the 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 added to the email to the 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. Photos and descriptions added to the email to the Highways Manager
- **A57 Speed Limits between Darlton and Dunham** – This has been raised to the Highways Manager, as per item 42/20 Cllr Barden to email the 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 added to the email to the 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.
- **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.
- **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.

- **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 to be sent.
- **Bus Shelter for Laneham Road, Dunham:** School children have to stand on an uneven grass verge, 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. The Clerk has added this matter to the Highways Manager email.  
Other matters:
- **Broadband** – Cllr Atkinson advised there had been no progress update received. That residents of Fledborough have complained that they cannot work from home, it's causing problems during the current Pandemic situation where people are asked to work from home where possible, and cannot, due to the lack of broadband, elderly residents who are shielding are struggling to order supermarket shopping on-line for the same reason. The Council asked that the Clerk email County Councillor Ogle to ask if he can obtain timescales for the roll out of broadband.
- **Felled Trees in Verges:** Cllr Bean raised the matter of the tree trunks/branches left in the verges by Highways Authority, the Council asked the Clerk to contact the Lengthsman to cut these up and take away for people to use in log burners.
- **Bassetlaw Local Plan & South East Forum:** Cllr Barden advised she will be attending the Bassetlaw Rural Conference virtual meeting which will be discussing the Bassetlaw Local Plan and continue to attend the new Bassetlaw South East Parish Forum.

#### 47/20 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9:07pm.