

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 14th Nov 2023 at Dunham Village Hall, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Council Members & Officer Present

Cllr Madeline Barden
Cllr Kathryn Watkinson
Cllr Emma Thorpe
Cllr Rachel Bean

Chairman
Cllr Lucy Atkinson
Cllr Vera Ballinger
Cllr Carole Booth
Cllr Ben Lee (from 74/23)

Current Vacancies

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Also, Present

Ed Knox
0 Members of the Public
Emma Griffin
John Ogle
Wildlife Project Manager

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

District Cllr
County Cllr

➤ Public Forum

None.

71/23 To receive apologies for absence

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Sergison.

72/23 To receive declarations of interest

None.

73/23 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.

74/23 To Receive written applications for the office of Parish councillor and to potentially Co-opt candidates to fill existing vacancies

After discussion, the chairman called for a vote, all in favour, **resolved** to co-opt Ben Lee. The other candidate withdrew their application. The candidate signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and will complete the 'registration of interests' online form on Bassetlaw District Council's website. Action, the Clerk to inform Bassetlaw District Council.

75/23 To receive an update from the Wildlife Project Manager

The Wildlife Project Manager provided an update to the Council. The meadows have been mowed and the sites have seen a marked increase in biodiversity, flowers and various butterfly species, dragonflies etc. The Owl boxes are going up over the winter. Next summer the Project Manager will create an information document to be published on the PC website.

76/23 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

Dist Cllr Stanniland – Did not attend.

Dist Cllr Griffin – Has advised the Village Hall Committee that she is funding the replacement pads & battery for the defib this time, in future years the Parish Council will refund the Village Hall committee on provision of an invoice for the items. Dist Cllr Griffin will speak with Dist Cllr Stanniland to see what his stance is on the One Earth Solar Project and Cllr Griffin took note of the potential concerns surrounding loss of food producing farmland, that the large development is out of character with the area and to make reference to the BDC Local Plan as the area was previously identified as a non-development area.

County Cllr Ogle – Advised that HS2 is partially cancelled and as a result extra funding is to be allocated to Notts County Council for Highway maintenance. Cllr Ogle then discussed various highways issues with the Council members and advised he would help chase/escalate long outstanding ones.

77/23 Finance:

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Holmes Groundcare	21	Grass Cutting Aug	£139.05
123Reg Ltd	22	Annual Website Domain Name Renewal	£14.39
Holmes Groundcare	23	Grass Cutting Sep	£46.35
NALC	24	HR Training Course Cllr Watkinson	£35.00
NALC	25	Antibullying & Intimidation Training Course Cllr Watkinson	£35.00
Holmes Groundcare	26	Grass Cutting Oct	£46.35

Total Payments **£316.14**

Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bassetlaw District Council	2 nd ½ Precept	£8,179
Bassetlaw District Council	2 nd ½ Concurrent Grant	£17
Bassetlaw District Council	2 nd ½ Street Cleaning Grant	£256
HMRC	VAT Refund 2022/23	£584.76
Member of Public	Allotment Rent 2023	£11

Total Receipts **£9,047.76**

Bank Balance **£32,925.21**

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated the draft budget statement with potential precept requirements Bank Reconciliation for the year to date to be approved. Council **resolved** unanimously that figures were correct. Reconciliation to be signed by when practical. Direct Debits and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, all **approved** unanimously. * £379.25 Wildlife & Environmental Project Budget, Grant Funds currently raised and Ring-Fenced for the finalisation and ongoing maintenance of the project. Council noted the NALC £1ph cost of living increase backdated to 1st Apr 2023 for all Council staff. Cllr Ballinger agreed to authorise the salary payments/standing order with Unit Bank.

78/23 To Receive an update on Fledborough Broadband with Evolve Ltd

Cllr Atkinson advised there's been no real progress with Evolve Ltd, however, Notts County Council and Openreach have been in touch. The County Broadband Engagement Officer advised that "Despite the wider voucher scheme being currently paused whilst the contract for Project Gigabit is awarded, Openreach are working through a process of presenting opportunities to BDUK in instances where their programme of work is able to deliver connectivity before the contract, and at significant value. The reason I am briefing you on the matter is because they've let me know of a scheme to upgrade the Dunham-on-Trent exchange which includes connections to Laneham, Dunham-on-Trent, Newton-on-Trent, Fledborough, Darlton and Ragnall. The good news is that the scheme has had funding approved by BDUK, and the programme to connect 649 premises only requires around 80 validated vouchers." Basically, it just needs 80 properties to sign up and the whole area will be upgraded.

Openreach are going to write/leaflet drop app 649 properties. After discussion, the Council resolved to promote awareness of the scheme by word of mouth, local social media and What's App groups. Laneham and Newton-On-Trent Parish Council have been emailed to request they do the same.

If any residents have further questions, they can also contact the Notts County Council Broadband Engagement Officer and his Better Broadband for team using enquiries.broadband@nottsc.gov.uk or by phoning 0115 977 2532.

79/23 To Finalise the Christmas Decorations

After discussion, the Council **resolved** not to obtain lamppost decorations, the ones Cllr Watkinson had on stock are owned by a 3rd party and now in use elsewhere.

80/23 To Note in the Minutes the response to any planning applications via the scheme of delegation

The Council **noted** the following which have been responded to via the scheme of delegation:

- **Planning Inspectorate Ref EN010159 - One Earth Solar Farm - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation-**
The Council responded as follows: The Council will draft a response to the document before the December deadline listing what the Council would like to see included in the One Earth Report, and include photos. Cllr Lee will look at other solar projects nationally which went to the Planning Inspectorate to see what sort of information was previously included in these.
- **23/01135/FUL Full Planning Application for the Construction and Operation of A Prototype Facility for the Production of Hydrogen from Ammonia, and Associated HGV Loading and Unloading Areas, Staff Welfare**

Building, Boundary Fencing, Internal Access Roads, External Lighting and Works (EIA Development) Land At High Marnham Power Station Power Station Access Fledborough Road High Marnham - The Council responded as follows:

*“Dunham and District Parish Council discussed this application and the proposal was **NOT SUPPORTED**.*

This whole site has been purchased by the JG Pears Group and with no current master plan for the whole site, it is being developed piecemeal with their existing operations extending from Low Marnham into High Marnham and beyond. This Planning Application is the latest request and follows successful applications for:

- ☐ *Storage Building, Class B8*
- ☐ *Construction and Operation of a Solar Photovoltaic Farm*
- ☐ *A Gate House and a Weigh Bridge*
- ☐ *Despatch Warehouse, Class B8 and Packaging Plant, Class B2*
- ☐ *Construction and Operation of an 8MW Green Hydrogen Production Plant*

The Parish Council wishes to make comments on their decision based on the following Planning Considerations:

- ☐ *Impact on the Communities that live close by and local assets*
- ☐ *Transport*
- ☐ *Visual Impact/Lighting*
- ☐ *Noise*
- ☐ *Major Accidents/Hazards*

Impact on the communities, local assets (Listed Buildings, Non-designated Heritage Assets & HER's) and its heritage

The entrance to this site sits within 100 meters of the village of Fledborough and a little further away is Ragnall, both are small, rural and farming villages.

Both these historic villages have a number of listed properties and churches, along with many more properties and buildings listed on the Nottinghamshire Historic Environment Record (HER's) including Fledborough Viaduct built in 1897. This sits directly north of the development site, is listed as a non-designated heritage asset due to its aesthetic appeal, integrity, rarity and significance and now home to the Sustran cycle track. National Planning and Policy Framework, section 16 states these should be considered as significant assets when decisions are being made within the planning process.

We are aware that the development of this brown field site at High Marnham is in the councils Emerging Local Plan so may be seen as a priority. Consideration needs to be given to that for over 11 years, this site has straggled the Mid Nottinghamshire and Trent Washlands and has high landscape sensitivity due to the flat nature of the landscape. It remains relatively unchanged with little noise and no light pollution and is an enjoyable place to live and work – we'd like to keep it that way.

Planning Policy does not allow for considerations of current cumulative developments on this site and the impact they all have locally. When deciding on the outcome of this application it should be reasonable to assume that it is assessed on how it is today and not from 20 years ago, when High Marnham Power Station ceased to operate.

TRANSPORT

Based on developers Design and Access Statement, all the traffic will access the site to and from the A57 via Ragnall and Fledborough and is a huge concern. There is no public transport nor any pedestrian access at the site. No consideration in the Design and Access Statement refers to the villages of Fledborough, which is less than 500 meters from the site entrance and Ragnall, which is a little further away and both will bear all the transport to and from this site.

The noise and pollution generated by these lorries, as well as the additional traffic that is expected to be generated by the further development of this site from the same developer will have a detrimental impact on these villages and the people who live there. The developer's application states this is a “greener energy source”, this additional traffic on our roads, navigating sharp bends and blind corners through our rural villages, is not “greener” for them, it's creating a nuisance because of the noise, pollution and general road safety. There have been 3 traffic accidents on this stretch of road in the last month alone!

Regarding alternative transport and to truly promote “a greener energy source” we would have expected JG Pears to have investigated the possibility of using the river Trent and rail networks as there is a trainline that lies to the west of the site. There are also alternative routes they could use, there is a height restriction at Tuxford, if any vehicles are below this, then this should be considered rather than just opting for the more direct one through our villages.

VISUAL IMPACT/LIGHTING

Even though there is a landscape plan included within the planning application which may help hide the structures, another concern is the impact industrial lighting will have on the surrounding area during dark hours. Currently, there is no light pollution south of Fledborough and Ragnall.

Reduced lighting, further landscaping and tree planting, as well as green fencing should be conditions of approval. This is based on the national planning policy framework sections 130 and 185 and section 4 of policy 20 in the draft Bassetlaw development plan.

External low-level lighting and wildlife friendly lighting, only being used when absolutely necessary and not on permanently would certainly help and not change the landscape and ecology of the site too much

NOISE

The noise generated from this application needs to be measured cumulatively with anticipated noise that will be generated from all other areas of this development and not independently, we would request that restricted operating and construction hours, such as Monday to Friday 0800-1800 and no weekends or bank are a condition of approval.

MAJOR ACCIDENTS AND HAZARDS

With regards to the Major Accidents & Hazards Assessment the Parish Council has the following concerns:

☐ Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue need to be consulted to assess how they would respond to an incident at the site and for them to raise any concerns they may have regarding roads passing through built up areas particularly local villages who have already expressed their concerns to the parish council.

☐ The site is not at risk of flooding, but there needs to be adequate assessment of the risks of extreme rainfall at the site and how they expect to deal with this – Storm Babet has recently demonstrated the impact excessive rainfall can have.

☐ The development should follow the suggestion from the report of storing the Ammonia in 2 tanks and reduce the incoming Ammonia tankers to a volume of 9 tonnes.

☐ The risk of loss of containment of Potassium Hydroxide from the electrolyser due to a fault or accident, including on the highway, has not been assessed

☐ There is a need to address the potential impact of fugitive emissions of Ammonia during maintenance to avoid nuisance odours.

☐ Are there provisions for Ammonia detectors to be placed at locations further from the plant, such as the site boundary or nearby villages?

☐ The Parish Council wants further clarification on the intention to only run the Ammonia cracker for 3 years.

Taking into account the severe negative impact this development will have on the people living and working around it, the families and businesses that will be affected by noise, smell, traffic, possible safety concerns and the visual impact on both sides of the river Trent, can we suggest a decision is not made until the government review of the site is finalised and the JG Pears Group have submitted a "Master Plan" of the whole site.

This planning application is a further application for the JG Pears operation in the locality and has aims for additional development proposals such as battery storage. It is considered that this will be a further nuisance site which will affect a large number of people and this is why we cannot support this application.

- **23/01194/HSE - Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension, West Cottage Broad Gate, Darlton** - The Council responded as follows: *The Council supports the application and has no objections.*
- **23/01207/LBA & 23/01206/FUL Darlton Church Change of Use from Place of Worship to Dwelling, Remove Lych Gate to Create Vehicular Access and Relocate to New Access to Graveyard** - The Council responded as follows: *"After reviewing the information from Mr Tissington, the Council still supports the plans to convert the church to a domestic dwelling but requests the reduction of the private garden area so that the graves on the plans attached remain within the churchyard"*
- **23/01292/HSE Demolish Existing Two Storey Rear Extension and Erect Two Storey Rear Extension, Front Porch and External Refurbishment, Grange Farm Woodcoates Road Darlton** - The Council responded as follows: *The Council supports the application and has no objections.*

81/23 To discuss recent road accidents at Fledborough and request speed reduction changes by Notts County Council.

Fledborough had 3 cars come off the road in 31 days and residents have asked the PC to explore what can be altered by Notts County Council. After discussion, the council **resolved** that the Highways Manager is asked to what safety measures could be implemented by the County Council now that the old reflector posts are gone and the chevron is very small.

82/23 To consider funding a bus shelter for BA0745 Cartwright Close, Laneham Road, Dunham

The Council received the following from the County Council: *Thank you for your request for a bus shelter to be installed at BA0745 Cartwright Close on Laneham Road, Dunham on Trent.*

As you may be aware, Nottinghamshire County Council has an extremely limited capital budget for investment in bus stop infrastructure, and this means only a limited number of new bus shelters can be installed each year. As a result, we are required to ensure that the limited funds are utilised to benefit the maximum number of passengers and to focus on supporting access to local bus services (rather than bus services dedicated for school children). At this particular bus stop, whilst it is used by school buses once a day, it is not served by any local bus services. It is therefore with regret that I'm afraid the County Council would not be a position to invest in a bus shelter in this location.

I note that you enquired about the costs involved in providing a bus shelter in this location to help decide if the Parish Council could bid for funding to fund part or all of the investment. I've reviewed the site and concluded that significant civils works would be required to provide adequate hardstanding on which to install a bus shelter. It is also possible that land will need to be acquired beyond the highway extent to ensure a sufficient width of hardstanding can be maintained. The bus shelter would cost approximately £3.5k but I would estimate civils works of at least £5k and possibly up to £20k if one was to provide an uncontrolled dropped crossing point on both sides of the road plus the necessary hardstanding.

I am really sorry not to be providing a more positive response but hope the above explains our position and provides the information you were seeking.

After discussion, the council **resolved** that Cllr Watkinson to draft a response disputing the use of the bus stop, stating it is used by others, Clerk to then email this back to NCC and Cc in Cllr Ogle who will raise this bus shelter as a safety scheme issue.

83/23 To Decide upon a new project for the parish council


After discussion, the council **resolved** that the bus shelter be the new project for the Council to pursue.

84/23 To Receive Councillor's/Clerks' Reports including Road Traffic Accidents & County Council Highways Matters:

- **Noting of Accidents** – No new accidents on the A57
The following items have been raised with the Highways Authority Manager 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:

County Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
Fledborough Flooding - 4 Long Row Cottages Flooding	The Drainage Manger and Principal Flood Risk Manager are working together to find a resolution to this issue. The resident has been contacted by a member of the Flood Risk team at NCC. The Council would like to be copied in on the final resolution for information purposes.	The Drainage Manager met a colleague from the Design Team on site. We spoke to the resident affected whilst there. We'll need to return to take levels but I think that the solution is to create a ditch around the outside of the field. This will require liaison with the owner of the field. A scheme that will be considered for funding for the next financial year, commencing April 2023.	12/01/2023 - My colleague was unable to get hold of the survey equipment to enable us to take the levels. However, I have drafted my programme for next year and the scheme at Fledborough is on it. We'll need to take the levels prior to the scheme taking place and not doing them this week won't delay scheme delivery. At some point in the new financial year 2023/24, I'll need to arrange to meet the owner of the land. 09/05/2023 Cllr Atkinson confirmed the new owners have recently moved in and she will pass on the details to the Drainage Manager. 22/05/2023 the Drainage Manager advised 'be attending to assess the levels tomorrow. Still not had any details through re land ownership but I can sort that through the Land Registry if necessary.' 14/06/2023 – Drainage Manager update: 'We assessed the levels. They're not great and it seems that standing water at

			<p>some point around the junction area may be inevitable after rainfall, but there should be sufficient to work with to at least try and alleviate the flooding issue. I now need to attend with our CCTV operator to camera upstream from the existing pipe outfall. That will enable us to finalise a design. I hope that will be in the next few weeks but I've already had to push it back a fortnight due to other issues that have arisen over the last week. Scheme delivery is provisionally scheduled for early November.'</p> <p>07/11/2023 – Drainage Manager update: 'We'll be looking to set up a site meeting soon to start planning for this work, which is provisionally scheduled for late October/early November.'</p> <p>15/11/2023 – Clerk chased Drainage Manager for an update.</p>
Darlton – Highways Safety issues & speeding A57	A local resident of Darlton advised potential speeding issues on A57 in the village and poor signage.	Notts Police to come do speed checks and Notts County Council Highways Manager to look at what additional signage could be possible, particularly any which encourages drivers to slow down and make them aware of the playground and school children crossing.	<p>16/11/2022 PC Glenn Turner advised that he would speed check again before Christmas and choose a spot to deploy the speed gun so that any vehicles we pull over are done safely and we have to risk assess each location to ensure we don't cause a collision. 13/01/2023 PC Mitchell advised the Speed Camera Team have assured me they will put Darlton on their list of places to conduct road safety campaigns in the future as a positive improvement for the village and also a visible and proactive deterrent to the motorists who speed through it.</p> <p>28/11/2022 The Highways Manager agreed to visit W/C 5th Dec to ascertain what could be potentially done regards signage. 10/01/2022 The Clerk chased the Highways Manager for an update.</p> <p>22/02/2023 Highways Manager update "The data is back following the site visit and I've had a discussion with the colleagues regarding the data from the traffic survey and it does meet criteria for an interactive sign so we will look at getting a sign put in place at this location. This is now with NCC Transport Planning to assess the locations, effectiveness etc. I will hopefully have more information in the coming weeks or perhaps months depending on their workload but it is on their radar now.</p>

			 <p>The signs are like the one above but can differ in design at times, but more often than not they look like the image. 03/04/2023 reply from Highways Manager 'I don't have timescales at the moment unfortunately, this is with NCC at the moment to assess.' 22/09/2023 – Highways Manager advised 'Unfortunately this is now with NCC and we'll only find out more once they've assessed. I'll forward your email on in the hope to get some information.' 18/10/2023 – Update from Highways Manager "I have actually since emailed colleagues again to try and find out timescales, I'll await their response and hopefully be able to provide some clarity. I have previously requested this information with no avail but hope to apply some pressure to get this planned in." 15/11/2023 Clerk chased Highways Manager for an update.</p>
Dunham – A57 start of 30mph – Ref CSC514405382	In 2022 one interactive flashing 30mph speed sign was destroyed by vehicular impact and the other no longer works	NCC to replace one and repair the other	Reported by Cllr Atkinson and then chased again by the Clerk 10/05/2023. 21/06/2023 Kim from Notts CC phoned to say that the parts are on long lead time, both signs to be replaced and they're aiming for end of September 2023. 15/11/2023 work still outstanding, clerk chased Highways Manager for an update on parts lead time and estimated installation date.
Dunham Public Highway Access from A57 past St Oswalds Church Door to Church Walk	Since May 2022 the public have experienced issues with the new owner of the Church when walking along the public highway, off putting signage and self-closing devices have been installed.	NCC & PCC have both stated they are happy with the current signage and will not grant permission to the PC to install additional or altered signage.	15/11/2023 Cllrs monitoring the situation, asking around to see if any pedestrians have come across any issues walking through to Church Walk from the A57.
Ragnall – Drain outside No 20	Road Drain blocked and never cleaned	Resident at No20 reported it to NCC and they advised "it is not on their list and therefore unable to do the job"	04/09/2023 Reported again online portal ref CSC544248545 and emailed County Cllr Ogle to investigate and escalate. 15/09/2023 Drainage Manager tried to suggest that the drain was a private

			<p>matter, site visit held today with NCC and the residents confirmed that the drain had been maintained by NCC until 10 years ago, it is a glazed pot with a hole at the bottom for a soak away. The NCC representative confirmed that it is connected to a drain slightly higher up the road. It has been there a long time and believed to be the responsibility of the County Council. Item Closed.</p>
Dunham – Laneham Road	No Bus shelter	School kids (7 at present) have no shelter	<p>25/10/2023 - Transport Facilities Assistant advised 'Thank you for your request for a bus shelter to be installed at BA0745 Cartwright Close on Laneham Road, Dunham on Trent.</p> <p>As you may be aware, Nottinghamshire County Council has an extremely limited capital budget for investment in bus stop infrastructure, and this means only a limited number of new bus shelters can be installed each year. As a result, we are required to ensure that the limited funds are utilised to benefit the maximum number of passengers and to focus on supporting access to local bus services (rather than bus services dedicated for school children). At this particular bus stop, whilst it is used by school buses once a day, it is not served by any local bus services. It is therefore with regret that I'm afraid the County Council would not be a position to invest in a bus shelter in this location.</p> <p>I note that you enquired about the costs involved in providing a bus shelter in this location to help decide if the Parish Council could bid for funding to fund part or all of the investment. I've reviewed the site and concluded that significant civils works would be required to provide adequate hardstanding on which to install a bus shelter. It is also possible that land will need to be acquired beyond the highway extent to ensure a sufficient width of hardstanding can be maintained. The bus shelter would cost approximately £3.5k but I would estimate civils works of at least £5k and possibly up to £20k if one was to provide an uncontrolled dropped crossing point on both sides of the road plus the necessary hardstanding.</p> <p>I am really sorry not to be providing a more positive response but hope the above explains our position and provides the information you were seeking.' Cllr Watkinson to draft a response disputing the use of the bus stop, stating it is used by others, Clerk to then email this back to NCC and Cc in Cllr Ogle who will raise this bus shelter as a safety scheme issue.</p>

Village Hall – Low St Dunham	No Directional Signage to Village Hall	NCC to install a sign	01/11/2023 update from Assistant District Highways Manager to Cllr Lee – “Further to your enquiry regarding signage for the village hall in Dunham, I can inform you that I have already put forward a scheme for signage from the A57 direction.” 15/11/2023 Clerk chased Highways Manager and Cc Cllr Ogle to ask for clarification on timescales to install.
Fledborough Bend	Lack of sufficient warning of the bend to drivers	NCC to advise what improvements could be made	14/11/2023 - 3 cars came off the road in 31 days and residents have asked the PC to explore what can be altered by Notts County Council. Highways Manager to asked to what safety measures could be implemented by the County Council now that the old reflector posts are gone and the chevron is very small. Cllr Atkinson to provide map/what3words location to send on.

New Items:

- **Cllr Lee** – There’s building mess being left on the Main Rd in Ragnall due to the new housing estate. Cllr Barden agreed to speak with the developer in the first instance, if they take no action, then the matter will be passed to the Bassetlaw Planning Enforcement Team.
- **Cllr Watkinson** – A large amount of building work rubble on the BDC owned land at Byron Close has been in situ for a long time. Cllr Thorpe agreed to go speak to the resident responsible to see when they will move it. If they are not receptive, the matter will be passed to Bassetlaw Fly-tipping Dept to deal with.
- **Cllr Bean** – Has reported lots of potholes on the MyNotts App and had the road sweeper out.
- **Cllr Atkinson** – Wondered who is responsible for any inspection and maintenance of the river Trent Flood Banks, the Clerk agreed to email the EA to ask. Cllr Atkinson wondered if the capacity of the Drainage Board pumping stn at Fledborough is insufficient when there’s flooding and/or heavy rain to cope, which is believed to then lead to flooding in Fledborough. The Clerk agreed to email the Drainage Board to confirm if there is capacity issues with the stn and if so, are there plans to upgrade it.

85/23 Closure of Meeting

The Council discussed the ongoing consultations regards the large planning applications from One Earth Solar, National Grid Pylons, Pears Factory expansion/development and it was felt that additional meetings to discuss planning matters and Notts County Council highways matters were required, at least in the sort term for Dec, Feb and Mar. The clerk is unable to clerk these additional meetings. After discussion, Cllr Barden, **Proposed**, Cllr Watkinson **Seconded** and the Council **resolved** to recruit a temporary clerk from another parish to undertake the clerking of these meetings, arrange the agenda and minutes using the current clerk’s templates, and then email the minutes to the Clerk for any actions to undertake. The Clerk agreed to contact other local Clerks to find someone suitable. The temporary role will be paid the same hourly rate as the current clerk and mileage, estimating 5 to 7hrs a meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9:35pm.