

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st April 2019 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall.

**Present; Parish Councillors; - Mrs G Diggett [chair] - Mr G Pliva-Mr J Bagnall-Mr J Richardson-
-Miss C Holden [Deputy-chair].**

**District Councillor; Mr L Bates [left after item 3].
County Councillor Mr M Sutton**

Clerk to the council; Mr D Jones- 12 Residents of the parish.

Prior to the meeting proper the residents attending raised the issue of the traffic speeding on School Lane. A number of near misses were reported and pets have been killed or injured. Councillor Sutton responded that to move the 30 mph sign with a small chicane on the road would cost approximately £9000 to £10000. This is because any such road modification would require a traffic order as well as the actual physical work. There is a grant available from the Staffordshire Road Safety Partnership but it would require match funding from him and the parish council. He has no idea why the original design place the speed limit sign in their current positions.

It was proposed by Councillor Bagnall and seconded by Councillor Pliva that the parish council contribute £2000 towards the cost providing a grant can be obtained.

01; Chairman's welcomed those present and the meeting proper started at 19.50.

02; Apologies had been received from Parish Councillor Miss S Court.

03; Councillor Bates reported as follows;

1 Fairview gardens; is subject to enforcement action.
Old Vicarage Lane; construction of bungalow, the appeal has been upheld.
Scam alert covering various issues especially one from HMRC regarding unpaid tax.
District Council offices to be updated and will accommodate police moving from Cannock to Codsall.
Has been aware of turkey farm traffic and will be pursuing with planning.

04; Councillor Sutton reported as follows;

County is seeing significant industrial/commercial developments including and extension to I 10.
Library volunteers still required in various areas.
His community fund has now ceased but there is still a grant available for children and families.
He also has a small fund for highway repairs, not potholes.

05; Councillor Pliva declared an interest in Item 9 [B]

06; Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th February 2019

Councillor Bagnall proposed, Councillor Pliva seconded, that the minutes, having been previously circulated, be approved and signed as a true record,

07 Report on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Elections; It appears that all the current councillors who are standing for re-election have submitted their nomination forms.

The matter of residents placing large obstructions outside their properties on verges was raised with Highways, to date no reply has been received.

08; Highways;

The main problem with speeding on School lane, Dunston was covered at the open discussion with the residents. Councillor Sutton promised to follow up a query raised by Councillor Richardson.

09; Finance-

A; Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

SPCA [annual membership] £179.00 Cheque No 400043

B; Grant to Contact magazine;

The new format of the magazine is an improvement on the former production However the printing and other costs have increase proportionately and after a brief discussion it was agreed to give a grant. It was proposed by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Bagnall that the parish council pay a grant of £ 200 to the Contact magazine.

10; Planning Issues; the following was discussed by the meeting;

The appeal relating to the erection of a bungalow in Old Vicarage Lane has been allowed. Application 19/00122/FUL-Tanglemere Coppenhall; was discussed but the council had no comments to make.

12; Correspondence; the following has been received via email since the last meeting;

Weekly- SPCA bulletin
 South Staffs Council news roundup
 Planning applications , weekly list.
 Enforcement cases
 Updates from Streetscene

As this was the last meeting of the current council the meeting thanked Councillor Bagnall for his work and dedication over the pasts 20 years. Councillor Diggett was also thanked for her service to the council and especially her decisive spell as chairman which, over the past few years, has had some difficult moments.

Next meetings are on 9th May 2019 at Dunston Village Hall, and will be the Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council The council discussed the date of the meeting as the election result will not be published until 7th May. However, it was decided that as only 4 of the current council will be standing and therefore there will be no election, the summons to the meeting can be sent out the previous week .

Meeting Ended 21.05;

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