

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2019 at Dunston Village Hall.

Present; Parish Councillors; - Ms C Holden [Chair]- Mr G Pliva-Mr J Richardson-Mrs S Furber.

District Councillor; Mr L Bates-Clerk to the council; Mr D Jones. One member of the parish.

01; Chairman's welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30.

02; Apologies had been received from; County Councillor Mr M Sutton

03; No interests were declared, or dispensations requested by the councillors in any agenda items.

04; Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 5th August 2019;

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record

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

- The red phone box at Church Close, Dunston; Council agreed that Mr & Mrs Hodgkinson had done a great job in the refurbishment and should be thanked. The total cost was £1124, funds being received from various sources.
- Road signs; Councillor Holden reported that the replacement sign posts had been prepared but need time to be weathered. Councillors Holden & Richardson agreed to go and inspect them.
- School Lane ,30mph sign. An email from Councillor Sutton was read to the meeting. Matters are progressing but clerk was asked to establish the current position.

06; Councillor Bates;

Reported from last week's Parish summit. Intention to have 3 tier working with Parish, District & County Councils involved, more details will follow.

07; Finance- A; Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

D M Payroll Services-	£30.00 - Cheque No 400053
South Staffs Council-	£176.31-Cheque No 400054
Clerks salary & expenses-	£272.77-Cheque No-400055
PAYE -	£64.40 - Cheque No 400056

B; Payroll charges;

A request from DM Payroll Services to increase their fees to £100 per annum. Proposed by Councillor Richardson & seconded by Councillor Pliva that this should be accepted.

08; Planning;

Councillor Pliva reported on a meeting he had had with Kelly Harris from the Planning Department discussing the Spatial Housing Strategy. Councillor Bates explained that there will be an increase in housing needs over the next few years and suggested that the parish consider areas in which a small number of dwellings could be built. Being proactive in this way could benefit the parish with the developer providing services, such as a car park for the church. It was agreed to invite Kelly Harris to our January meeting.

Application 19/00718/FUL-Briar Croft, Dunston-discussed, no comment

Application 19/00781/FUL-2 School Lane, Dunston-discussed, comment to be made about drainage.

09; Highways and other matters;

- Tree planting in parish; a possible point to be raised with any future developer.
- Littywood farm; had been contacted regarding the problems caused by HGVs using non accessible lanes. The reply had been previously circulated . It was agreed to monitor the situation after the winter when traffic starts to increase.

10; Correspondence; the following has been received since the last meeting;

Via email;

- Summary of services provided by Streetscene.
- Weekly SPCA bulletin
- Notification from Highways about their programme off filling grit bins
- Notice for public display on “How to report a crime”
- Cannock Chase; a consultation until 29th November on ways to improve the infrastructure.

Via surface mail;

- South Staffs District Council- Street homelessness survey to be undertaken on 14th November.
- South Staffs Local Plan review; Spatial Housing Strategy & Infrastructure Delivery Executive Summary [this is a quite bulky set of documents.]
- Invitation to SPCA annual general meeting on 2nd December

11; Web site; implications of the Public Sector Bodies [Website & Mobiles Applications] Accessibility Regulations 2018.

The new regulation was explained. Jeff Bagnall, who has looked after the website for the last 20 years, had been contacted. However, he felt that this was bureaucracy gone mad and has decided that he will no longer service the website. Clerk to find a new webmaster and advise the next meeting of cost etc.

12; Meetings;

It was agreed to increase the number of parish council meeting in 2020 to 6 per annum, in January-March -May-July-September -November. The next meeting will be on **9th January at Dunston Village hall**. The dates & venues for next year’s meeting are as follows.

March 2nd-Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village hall

May 7th -Dunston Village hall

July 6th-Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village hall

September 3rd -Dunston Village hall

November 2nd- Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall

Items for next agenda-

- How to raise the profile of the council
- Set precept
- Bridleway problems with foliage
- Drainage in the parish area.

Meeting Ended 2155;