

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2020 at Dunston Village hall.

Present; Parish Councillors -Ms C Holden[chair]- Mr D Walker-Mr G Pliva.

Clerk to the council Mr D Jones and 11 residents of the parish.

Prior to the meeting proper a number of issues were raised by the residents.

Housing development in village; various documents were found on line concerning proposed developments in the village. However, assurances had been received from both Councillor Bates & South Staffs Planning that these were just the developers staking claims, no deviation from the district plan is envisaged at the moment. However, the government is publishing new guidelines on planning which will lead to the local planners possibly revising their long-term strategy.

Fly tipping; has occurred in certain areas of the parish, this is a national problem. The only way of dealing with this is for details of any vehicle involved being taken and reported. Unfortunately, very few of these case lead to a prosecution.

Pot holes; complaints of numerous potholes. These should be reported to the help line, record the reference number, and follow up via the council if necessary.

Turkey Farm; complaints have been made about the unpleasant smell from this operation.

1; Councillor Holden welcomed those present and the meeting started at 7.35pm

Apologies had been received from Parish Councillor Mrs S Furber, District Councillor Mr L Bates & County Councillor Mr M Sutton.

2; No Interests were declared by councillors in respect of any agenda items.

3; The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th July 2020 were accepted and signed as a true record.

4; The clerk reported the following actions taken since the last meeting.

The annual Governance Statements and associated documents have been put onto the website and the Certificate of Exemption has been received and acknowledged by Mazars.

6; Financial matters

The following invoices were authorised and cheques issued.

D M Payroll Services £50.00 cheque No 400073

7; Planning matters;

Application 20/00296/COU; No 1 Fairview Cottages was on the weekly planning sheet but attributed to Penkrige Parish Council.

8; Highways;

Flooding in School Lane was aggravated by the recent heavy rains. The residents addressed the meeting and explained how their lives have been affected since the recent development has apparently caused the problems. They are still awaiting a drain survey to try and identify the source of the problem.

9; Broadband; Councillor Holden is still dealing with this.

10; The date and venue of the next meeting will be publicised on the council website.

This additional item was discussed after the public had left

Councillor Furber has missed a number of meetings due to her employment which is an essential public service. Absences could lead to suspension from the council, but the meeting considered the circumstances and agreed that she be granted a dispensation.