

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Present via Microsoft Teams; Parish Councillors -Ms C Holden[chair]-Mr G Pliva-

Mr D Walker- District Councillor-Mr L Bates. County Councillor Mr M Sutton.

Clerk to the council Mr D Jones

Present via Telecom link; Parish Councillor Mr J Richardson.

1; Councillor Holden welcomed those present and the meeting started at 7.00pm.

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

3; The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd September 2020 were accepted as a true record.

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

- Rigby estates; the council had been approached by an agent acting for the estate who wished to attend a public meeting to discuss various proposals with the residents.
- Drainage on School lane; flooding is still affecting residents' properties and the solution appears to be drainage under the road. This will cost approximately £10000, which the District will contribute towards. However, Councillor Sutton was not fully aware of the problem, Councillor Bates promised to forward him details and see if the District and County can work together to solve this problem which had been going on for some time.
- Broadband; Councillor Holden reported that a group of residents in Coppenhall have joined forces and will contact BT direct to improve broadband access.

5; Councillor Bates reported the following;

- Motocross on land adjacent to the A449; he has asked enforcement to look into this.
- Dunston business village; additional units have been agreed.
- Climate change workshop; on 25th March at 6.30 to 8pm.
- Funds available for Community safety; these funds will go towards, anti-social behaviour, rural crime prevention, i e theft from farms, child exploitation ,county line drug problems and road safety checks.

6; Councillor Sutton reported as follows;

- Three tier working is progressing, we are in locality 1
- Highways programme for 2021/22, he has funds available for projects. One of which was suggested would be some form of Speed indication Device on School Lane, Dunston. He promised to forwards details of similar schemes.

- School lane gullies; drains have been cleared problem caused by soil from fields had been washed into them. This will need to be done annually.

7; Financial matters

The following invoices have been paid on the chair's approval since the last meeting;

Cheque No	Item	Amount
400074	clerk's salary & expenses [September/October/November]	418.39
400075	PAYE	104.60
400076	D M Payroll	50.00
400077	clerk's salary & expenses [December/January/February]	402.47
400078	PAYE	99.20

A precept rise of 5% was agreed in January via email. The meeting formally agreed a precept of £4200 for 2021/22.

Annual accounts; clerk advised that he will be completing them shortly plus the Annual Governance Statements that the council are required to sign.

8; Planning matters;

Signs at entrance to Dunston dairy farm; there are a number of advertising signs on the main road. Councillor Bates advised that enforcement be contacted.

Development in Dunston; Rigby estates have approached the District Council about proposed developments. Councillor Bates suggested the chairman contact Kelly Harris in Planning for further details.

9; Highways;

Signs at junction of School Lane, Whittemore Lane and Little Heath have been completed and weathered. Councillor Richardson offered to erect them.

10; Correspondence; clerk reported that all relevant emails have been forwarded to the councillors.

11; Council tax; The question of the residents at Valley Barns paying council tax was raised. Clerk will contact South Staffs DC

12; The date of the next meeting is to be arranged in due course.