

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall.

This was the combined Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Present; Parish Councillors Ms C Holden[chair]-Mr J Richardson-Mr G Pliva-Mrs L Pliva.

District Councillor Mr L Bates-County Councillor Mr M Sutton; Clerk to the council Mr D Jones and Mr J Bagley resident of the parish.

Part 1; Annual parish assembly.

1; Councillor Holden welcomed those present and the meeting started at 7.30pm.

2; Apologies had been received from Parish Councillor Mr D Walker.

3; Mr Bagley gave an update on the Jubilee Celebrations planned for Dunston village. He also thanked Councillors Holden & Bates for their help in obtaining grants for the event.

4; Chairmans report on last year's council activities.

The flooding on School Lane has been a problem for a number of years and having arranged a meeting of various parties it is hoped that the problem will be resolved in September

We have agreed to support the proposed speed restriction on Levedale Road.

Complaints of dog fouling by Coppenhall resident was passed to the environmental Officer for South Staffs Council who undertook to try and deal with the problem.

The forthcoming Jubilee celebrations planned in Dunston have shown the strength of the community spirit with the resident's involvement.

Hopefully the coming year will see the council broaden their horizons and get involved in more community projects.

5; Councillor Bates;

Leisure centres in South Staffs have undergone refurbishment especially Penkrige They will be advertising more facilities available.

Climate change funds are available for environmental projects, examples woodland, hedging etc.

Councillor Isabel Ford died recently so the meeting stood for a minutes silence in respect.

6; Councillor Sutton;

Community grant scheme is open for a variety of community initiatives

Nursery places have been further subsidised and will be advertised locally.

Council is encouraging new foster parents in Fostering Fortnight.

Loans are available to assist small businesses.

Part 2; Annual meeting of the Parish Council

1; Election of chairman; proposed by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Pliva, Councillor Holden was elected unanimously for another year.

2; Other council representatives; G Pliva & Mrs L Pliva are on the Dunston Village Hall committee. Councillor Holden is now on the Hyde Lea and Coppenhall Village Hall committee.

3; No interests declared by councillors relating to items on the agenda

4; The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record.

5; Matters arising.

Dunston Development; Councillor Holden had spoken to the agent for Rigby estates who confirmed that nothing further was planned at the moment.

Wells Farm dairy traffic is still an issue and Councillor Sutton explained that Highways would struggle to find a solution acceptable to all parties.

6; Financial matters;

A] Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

SPCA	£184.48	Cheque No 400096
E Roy	£120.00	Cheque No 400097
M Kidd	£25.00	Cheque No 400098
Clerks salary & expenses	£424.10	Cheque No 400099
PAYE	£99.20	Cheque No 400100
Gallagher Insurance	£349.36	Cheque No 300001
Dunston VH	£250.00	Cheque No 300002
Hyde Lea VH	£250.00	Cheque No 300003

B] The annual accounts for 2021/2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting

RESOLUTION; accounts accepted unanimously

C]The Annual Governance statement for 2022/2022. The clerk explained the document and the councils responsibility

RESOLUTION; councillors agreed the statement and it was duly signed.

D]The Annual Accounting Statement for 2021/2022 was explained to the meeting.

RESOLUTION; councillors accepted the statement and it was duly signed.

E] The clerk explained that as the council's turnover was less than £25000 for the year ended March 2022 the council can consider themselves exempt from external audit.

RESOLUTION: councillors agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption.

7; Planning issues; no current planning issues.

8; Highways matters;

Councillor Richardson raised the issue of a blocked culvert at the end of School Lane at the junction with Whittamoor Lane. Councillor Sutton promised to investigate.

Councillor Sutton also pointed out that the public consultation for the proposed speed limit reduction on

Levedale road was issued some time ago. The clerk confirmed that nothing had been received for highways, Councillor Sutton promised to investigate.

9; Correspondence.

Via email;

Weekly SPCA bulletin.

Staffordshire Libraries, advice on current events.

South Staffs weekly news round up for parish & residents.

Surface mail;

Various brochures advertising outdoor gym equipment and various items of street furniture.

10; Clerks pay revision.

The meeting agreed to revise the clerk's pay in accordance with the National Association of Local Council's Circular dated March 2022.

Meeting ended 8.55pm

Next meeting is on Thursday 14th July 2022, starting at 7. 30pm.Venue Dunston village hall.

Derek Jones, clerk to the council