

# DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at Dunston Village Hall.

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

District Councillors; Mr L Bates-; Mr A Adams.

Mr D Jones. clerk to the council -2 residents of the parish.

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

02; Apologies 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

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.

School Lane, Flood scheme update; an email was received from Andre Brett, County Council flood risk engineer, which outlined the time scale of the project. Following costings, it is anticipated that the work will commence in Summer/Autumn 2023. Councillor Richardson commented that he thought that part of the flooding problem was caused by blockages further down stream.

New speed limit; an email received from a resident of School Lane complained about the signage and the anomaly of having 3 different speed limits on one stretch of road. The meeting agreed and pointed out that one sign had already been damaged and another was obscured by vegetation. It was agreed that Councillor Sutton be contacted and with the suggestion that the signage be reviewed.

06; Councillor Bates;

Had attended a climate change event at Bradford Estates which he gave details of. He explained that climate change will have a considerable impact on residents over the coming years. Information is on South Staffs Council website to promote community awareness and grants are available for local initiatives. There will be provision in the local plan ,to be issued shortly, for other council led initiatives for decarbonisation. The parish had agreed some time ago to plant trees but are still awaiting agreement from the landowner for this to go ahead.

07 Solar farms;

A recent exhibition had outlined the possibility of a solar farm covering a large area of farmland. There was a lengthy debate about the merits of such developments on productive farmland .It was obvious that various conflicting views were held and it was agreed that local residents be canvassed for their views, prior to any planning application

08; Finance- Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

Clerks' salary & expenses-	£462 25-Cheque No-500009
PAYE -	£107.20 - Cheque No 500008

09 Planning; other than the solar farm already discussed, no other applications were current.

10; Highways and other matters;

Parking by school; this has been an ongoing problem for some years and inconsiderate parking by parents at school starting and finishing times cause major traffic problems. School have been contacted on numerous occasions, and although they have repeatedly advised parents of the problem, no progress has been made.

Finger posts; replacement have apparently been made and painted. However, the current position is still unknown.

11; Correspondence; the following of note has been received since the last meeting;

Via email;

- Summary of services provided by Streetscene.
- Weekly SPCA bulletin
- Weekly Council news roundup
- Application for grants towards community initiatives in respect of climate change
- Warm space venues to be published on 15<sup>th</sup> November.
- Electoral register will be available on request in early December.
- Local plan to be circulated on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at Dunston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The dates & venues for next year's meeting are as follows.

THURSDAY; 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY; Dunston Village Hall

MONDAY; 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH; Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall

ELECTIONS; THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY

THURSDAY; 11<sup>th</sup> MAY-Dunston Village Hall [AGM & Annual parish meeting]-

MONDAY; 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY; Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall-

THURSDAY; 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER; Dunston Village Hall

MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER- Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall.

Meeting ended 21.30.