

# DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Dunston Village Hall

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

District Councillors Mr L Bates [from 8 pm] & Mr A Adams.

Mr D Jones, Clerk to the council, 5 residents of the parish.

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

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Mr M Sutton.

2; No interests were declared or dispensations requested by any of the councillors.

3; The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record.

4; Installation of ground mounted solar array at Littywood Farm, Toft Lane, Coppenhall.

Notification of this application was received on 23<sup>rd</sup> December which gave little time for consideration and response. A resident who lives near to the planned solar array gave a lengthy synopsis on his view of the application. Having had extensive experience of planning procedures he was ideally suited to giving the meeting the benefit of his experience. He raised various points of contention, including that this application appears to conflict with the core policy of South Staffs District local plan and he outlined the various aspects effected. Councillor Adams has called this application in for consideration by the planning committee. Councillor Bates has spoken to the planning manager who confirmed that the application is still at the consultation stage and is also still awaiting input by the conservation officer regarding the visual impact assessment on local assets. In view of the short time scale for comment with the holiday period he promised to request an extension of time for consultees to comment.

5; Matters arising from the last council meeting

Speed reduction issue; regarding the new limits on Levedale road and School Lane. Unfortunately, with Councillor Sutton absent this will be carried over to the next meeting.

6; Councillor Bates;

Reminded the meeting that grants were available for the creation of warm spaces in such locations as village halls. There is a parish summit on 10<sup>th</sup> February which is at the council offices in Codsall. It was pointed out by Councillor Bagnall that these meetings were often held during working hours which makes it difficult for some councillors to attend.

7; Councillor Adams confirmed that Penkridge had received such a grant for their premises

8; Financial matters;

Payment of the following invoices was approved;

D M Payroll Services	£50.00	Cheque No 0010
Clerk's salary & expenses	£455.62	Cheque No 0011
PAYE	£99.40	Cheque No 0012

Precept; The precept for 2023/4 was discussed at length. The councillors decided that more information was required so that they could make a decision.

9; Planning matters:

The only current issue had been discussed at item 4.

10; To consider any Highways matters that need action and to review any previously reported.

Finger posts; have been made but the current position is still not known. It was agreed that efforts will be made to find out what exactly is happening, and the council will consider using another contactor

11; Correspondence; report on correspondence received since the last meeting.

The following have been received via email;

SPCA bulletins, received weekly with occasional training notifications.

Parish council news roundup[weekly]

Library news monthly

Streetscene updates regularly.

Advice from the NHS reminding residents about the current problems with the service and the steps they could take to help matters.

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue, community newsletter.

Next meeting is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Meeting ended at 9.40pm