

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th May 2023 at Dunston 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-Mr J Bagnall.

District Councillor Mr M Sutton; Clerk to the council Mr D Jones and 3 residents of the parish.

Prior to the meeting the newly elected councillors signed the Acceptance of Office document.

Part 1; Annual parish assembly.

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

2; Apologies from District Councillor Mr A Adams

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

The flooding on School Lane has been a problem for a number of years and the work has been delayed due to funding issues. Hopefully work will commence later this year.

We have agreed to support the proposed speed restriction on Levedale Road which has been competed but some residents have raised concerns.

The parish contributed funds towards jubilee events held at the village halls and have recently given a grant to St Lawrence PCC towards a coronation event,

Councillor Bagnall proposed a vote of thanks for her efforts on behalf of the council and residents of the parish. This was seconded by Councillor Richardson.

4; Councillor Sutton;

Speed restriction on Levedale Road, he is aware of some of the concerns raised and is intending to drive around the route with Mark Keeling a representative of highways

He has £2500 available for community projects.

A new contractor for household waste has been appointed and in future permits will be required for household waste arriving in vans or on trailers.

A new Chief executive for the County Council will be in post in July.

County Council gave all new babies born on coronation day a commemorative mug.

County is again recruiting foster carers.

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; Co-option of new members to the council- Mr Stephen Hodgkinson and Mr Stuart Barlow attended the meeting and agreed to become parish councillors. Their co-option was proposed by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Bagnall. They duly signed the Acceptance of Office document.

Councillor Bagnall also proposed that the council write to Len Bates, who had been District Councillor for some time and was not re-elected at the recent poll, to thank him on behalf of the council & residents for his work over the past years.

- 3; No interests declared by councillors relating to items on the agenda
- 4; The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd March 2023 were accepted and signed as a true record.
- 5; Matters arising.

The finger posts have been finally completed and will shortly be installed. All materials and work have been donated.

6; Financial matters;

A] Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

St Lawrence PCC [grant]	£250.00]	Cheque No 300013
Gallagher Insurance	£410.63	Cheque No 300014
E Roy	£120.00	Cheque No 300015
SPCA	£190.00	Cheque No 300016
M Kidd	£25.00	Cheque No 300017
Clerks salary & expenses	£903.74	Cheque No 300018
PAYE	£200.80	Cheque No 300019

B] The annual accounts for 2022/2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting

RESOLUTION; accounts accepted unanimously

C]The Annual Governance statement for 2022/2023.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 2022/2023 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 2023 the council can consider themselves exempt from external audit.

RESOLUTION: councillors agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption.

7; Planning issues;

The solar array proposed at Littywood farm was raised. The latest information we have is that it will be discussed by The Planning committee during the summer but no date is currently known.

The Cottage, Dunston was mentioned. The owner is carrying out building work and constructing a menage. The clerk promised to find out what was involved.

8; Highways matters;

The state of the roads and the large number of potholes was raised. The advice is to contact the Highways help line with location and details of any considered dangerous

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.

Meeting ended 9.20pm.

Next meeting is on Monday 3rd July 2023 starting at 7. 30pm.Venue Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Derek Jones, clerk to the

council