

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2023 at Dunston Village Hall.

Present; Parish Councillors -Ms C Holden[chair]- Mrs L Pliva-Mr G Pliva-
Mr R Richardson Mr S Hodgkinson-Mr S Barrow [from 8.15pm].

District Councillor; Mr A Adams- County Councillor; Mr M Sutton.

Clerk to the council Mr D Jones

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

2; Apologies had been received from Mr J Bagnall.

3; Councillor Sutton;

Reported that the concrete problems affecting schools was not a problem with County Council schools in the county but the issue was with academies.

10th September was National Prevention of Suicide Day.

Residents are advised to report potholes and other road problems via the County Council app or on the internet.

4; No Interests were declared or dispensations requested by councillors in respect of any agenda items.

5; The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd July 2023 were accepted and signed as a true record.

6; Matters arising from the last meeting.

Solar farm; Councillor Adams advised the meeting that although the application had been called in no timetable has yet been released for when it will be discussed by the Planning Committee. He will speak at the meeting in opposition to the scheme. He explained in detail the planning system

Replacement sign posts have now been positioned by Wayne Mannion. The council were very pleased with his work and recorded their appreciation.

7; Councillor Adams;

He had explained the action he was taking regarding the solar farm under item 6

He was also thanked for his work in clearing the footpath along the A449 in front of the church.

8; Financial matters

The following invoice was authorised and cheques issued.

D M Payroll Services	£50.00 Cheque No 300024
South Staffs council [election recharge]	£140.00 Cheque No 300025

9; Planning matters;

The Cottage; the application was approved with strict conditions attached. These conditions must be monitored and any deviation reported to planning enforcement.

10; Highways;

The work to alleviate the flooding on School Lane has not yet started although a local farmer is currently digging a trench which may be connected with the work.

The question of Tree Preservation Orders was raised. This would have to be referred to the District Council who have an officer who deals with such requests.

It was also reported that the village sign on the A449 approaching from junction 13 has disappeared.

11; Correspondence;

Via email;

- SPCA weekly bulletins
- Monthly library news
- Parish council news round up
- Streetscene update.

Vial surface mail

Message from Staffordshire County Council reminding residents about the availability of bus passes.

12; Precept for 2024/5

Clerk reminded the council that the annual precept is normally set in January ,but any projects to be considered for the next financial year need to be discussed at the next meeting to determine if the parish rate needs to be raised above the rate of inflation.

The date and venue of the next meeting will be Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall on 6th November 2023 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 8.55pm