

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall.

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

District Councillor-Mr A Adams- Mr S Harper-County Councillor Mr M Sutton Clerk to the council- Mr D Jones

A number of residents of the parish plus Sir Gavin Williamson MP.

1; Councillor Holden welcomed those present and the meeting started at 7.30pm. At this point Councillor Holden reminded those present that she will leave after the May meeting as will Councillor Bagnall. Also, the clerk retires at the end of June.

Prior to the meeting proper there was a lengthy discussion about the recent planning application 23/01080/OUTMEI for the creation of a logistic hub adjacent to Junction 13 of the M6 . There were a number of concerns raised by the residents, including why is it needed, impact on the environment and the current South Staffs District plan does not allow for this sort of industrial development in this area. The residents intend to meet and formulate comments which will be passed to the parish council to incorporate in their objection. The date for receipt of objections has been extended until 1st April.

2; No Interests were declared by councillors in respect of any agenda items.

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

4; Matters arising;

School parking; this has been an ongoing problem for a number of years. At certain times of the day School Lane is virtually blocked by parents dropping off or picking up children. The main worry is the proximity of some vehicles being parked near to the junction with the A449. The question of yellow lines in strategic places was raised, but nay violation would need enforcement. Councill Sutton promised to consider the various options and advise the parish council.

School Lane road works.; Councillor Sutton explained that the bridge repairs were necessary as an inspection had revealed serious structural faults. He also explained that he has arranged or some of the roadside gulleys to be cleaned more frequently that the normal 3-year cycle

5; Councillor Sutton advised the meeting that grants are available for health & wellbeing initiatives

6; Councillor Adams told the meeting that Karen Riley at South Staffs Council can help with applications.

7; Financial matters

A; Payment of the following invoice was approved.

J Richardson	£60.00	Cheque No 300034.
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B; Bank signatories.

Currently only 2 approved signatories for cheques and with Councillor Holden leaving it was essential that other councillors become involved. Councillors Barlow and Hodgkinson agreed and the necessary forms were handed out.

8; Planning matters; No further plans currently held other than the one discussed previously.

9; Highways;

The question of litter picking was raised. Councillor Adams explained that the District Council can supply the necessary equipment to volunteers if required.

10; Correspondence.

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.

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue, community newsletter.

11; The next meeting is on Thursday 9th May 2024 at Dunston village hall starting at 7.30pm.

This will be the Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Also, the council will have to elect a new chair following Councillor Holdens departure.

Meeting ended at 9.10 pm