

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024 at Dunston Village Hall

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

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

Mr D Jones, Clerk to the council, 2 residents of the parish.

Prior to the start of the meeting Councillor Holden announced that following her recent engagement she will be standing down from the council

The clerk, Derek Jones, will also be leaving the council due to health issues and will leave at the end of June.

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

The residents raised the subject of the flooding on School Lane which has been an ongoing problem for some time. Work is in hand shortly to try and resolve the problem

The closure of Levedale road for sewage works has increased the traffic on School Lane and the residents were not aware of this. Clerk pointed out that the parish council had not been advised either.

Parking by parents outside the school is also a problem , but despite the schools best efforts parents ignore advice and there is little that the council can do.

Councillor Bagnall explained that he had been in touch with St Mowden regarding the proposed logistics site north of the village. They were quite approachable and promised to listen to any comments from local residents. Councillor Sutton has also met with the developer to discuss the potential development and their intentions. However, to date no formal planning application has been submitted, but a public meeting should be arranged as soon as it is.

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

03; The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2023 were accepted and signed as a true record.

04; Matters arising from the last council meeting

New Dunston village sign has been placed on the A449.

05; Councillor Adams;

Reminded that a parish summit will be held on 1st February. It was pointed out that unfortunately these summits run during working hours which means some councillors cannot attend.

06; Councillor Sutton;

He will take up the fact that this parish was not advised of the closure of Levedale road but explained further disruption will be caused due to planned bridge works meaning that School Lane will be closed from mid-February for 16 weeks.

07; Financial matters;

Payment of the following invoices was approved;

Grant to Contact	£250.00	Cheque No 300030
D M Payroll Services	£50.00	Cheque No 300031
Clerk's salary & expenses	£516.24	Cheque No 300032
PAYE	£115.00	Cheque No 300033

Precept; The precept for 2024/5 was discussed at length. It was unanimously agreed to raise the precept by 5%. As we have no firm plan for a project, Councillor Bagnall proposed that the council fund the Christmas trees for Dunston and Hyde Lea village halls for next Christmas. This was agreed unanimously.

With Councillor Holden leaving the council new signatories will be required for payments. Also the subject of online payment was raised.

08; Planning matters: Application 23/01067/FULHH-Conisbrough House, Coppenhall was looked at, no comments from the council.

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

Various highway matters had been discussed at earlier parts of the meeting.

10; 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.

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue, community newsletter.

Next meeting is on Monday 4th March 2024 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall, starting at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 9.10pm