

## DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 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- Mr S Hodgkinson

District Councillor Mr M Sutton; Clerk to the council Mr D Jones and 5 residents of the parish.

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 & Parish Councillor & Mr S Barrow.

3; The residents present raised the following issues;

The bridge repairs on School Lane why are they taking so long. Councillor Sutton explained that as far as he was aware a water main had to be diverted, the original plies that were to be used had to be replaced by screw type, and the bad weather.

Concern about the HGVs using the lanes and damaging roadside verges. An ongoing problem caused mainly by drivers following unsuitable SAT NAVS.

Residents thanked the council for their support in formulating their objection to the proposed logistics hub north of the village.

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

It has been an interesting year with various problems arising which for a small parish were quite considerable. She quoted the proposed solar farm and the current proposed logistics hub as two examples where the council have worked closely with residents to publicise the planning applications to organise the formal objections.

She is leaving the council due to personal reasons and thanked all the councillors for their efforts over the period of her tenure. In turn she received a round of applause from those present in recognition to her work on council matters.

5; Councillor Sutton;

Having spoken at length under item 3 he had nothing further to add.

## Part 2; Annual meeting of the Parish Council

1; Election of chairman; Councillor Barrow had expressed an interest in becoming the chairman. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health. however, it was proposed by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Hodgkinson that he be elected chairman in his absence.

In his absence, it was proposed and agreed that Councillor Holden chair the current meeting.

2; Apologies had been received from District Council Mr A Adams & Parish Councillor Mr S Barrow.

3; No interests declared by councillors relating to items on the agenda

4; The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were accepted and signed as a true record.

5; Matters arising.

The main concern regarding the proposed logistics hub had been covered at the Parish Assembly meeting.

6; Financial matters;

A] Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

M Kidd	£25.00]	Cheque No 300035
Hyde Lea village hall	£200.00	Cheque No 300036
SPCA	£183.00	Cheque No 300037
Clerks salary & expenses	£891.05	Cheque No 300038
PAYE	£216.40	Cheque No 300039
Gallagher Insurance	£410.63	Cheque No 300040

B] The annual accounts for 2023/2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting

RESOLUTION; accounts accepted unanimously

C]The Annual Governance statement for 2023/2024.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 2023/2024 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 proposed application for the logistics hub adjacent to Junction 13 of the M6, north of Dunston village is classed a national infrastructure project and the decision about approval will be made by the Planning Inspectorate. The council will therefore work with the local resident's action group to agree a suitable argument in objection to the development.

8; Highways matters;

Matters were discussed at item 3 of the Annual parish meeting

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 1st July 2024 starting at 7. 30pm.Venue Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Derek Jones, clerk to the council