

**DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL, DARLTON AND FLEDBOROUGH
PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th June 2001 in
Dunham & District Millennium Centre commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors D East (Chairman), I Atkinson, M Barden, N Bett, D Copley,
C Gaisford, P Lyon, M Matthews, G Saville, L Sharpe and
District Cllr D Yates.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs G Ashton, S Cobb,
B Grimes and County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on
Monday 15th May 2001 were approved as a true record and signed by the
Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Bett and **Seconded** by Cllr Saville.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** (i) Incident at Ragnall Crossroads (road sign damaged).
(ii) Incident involving a lorry at the bridge on Drayton Road.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Garden ornaments taken from various properties.
Lawnmower taken from White Swan
 - c) **Highways A57:** Peter Finnigan has recently taken over from Graeme
Symonds at OPUS International. Clerk to advise Mr Finnigan of
ongoing concerns and in particular Ragnall Crossroads and the upgrade
to the Dunham lighting.

Cllr L Sharpe arrived at 7.10 p.m.

- d) **Highways – Parish: Lamps** – Streetlight number 2 at Dunham and 17
at Ragnall issued for repairs. **Laneham Rd Lay-by** - Trees to be cut
back and the hedge hopefully to be laid in the near future. **30mph
Laneham Rd** – Reply from Richard Statham advising that the road
does not meet the “criteria” for the introduction of a speed limit and
stating that he sees no reason for NCC to change their views on this
matter. Clerk to advise that the Parish Council will not drop the matter
until a reduction in the limit has been introduced and ask for
explanation as to why Laneham Road does not meet the current
criteria. Sutton-on-Trent and Laneham/Church Laneham to be cited as
similar areas where a reduction has been made. **Old NCC Depot** –
Reply from Andy Wallace, Programme Manager, NCC Trent Bridge
House, confirming that the depot is still owned by the County Council
but is surplus to their requirements. The management and disposal of
surplus land lies with the Strategic Property Division who are aware of
the Parish Council’s concerns.
- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes: Foot & Mouth** – Landowners have
been notified that NCC plan to proceed with the re-opening of all
Rights of Way. The Clerk has been in contact with the footpath
contractor, John Buttrick, who will commence the grasscutting as soon
as the paths can be accessed.

- f) **Arrangements for the Appointment of New Clerk** – The Chairman together with Cllrs Barden, Atkinson and the Clerk met last Thursday to shortlist the applications. Four applicants will be interviewed on Wednesday 20th June.
- g) **Casual Vacancy**: No applications received to date.

As no members of the public were present the meeting was not adjourned for public discussion.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Ragnall** – Village sign needs replacing (Fledborough entrance).
- (ii) **Village Appraisal/Vital Villages** – Cllr Atkinson gave details about the two initiatives. It was suggested that an appraisal should be carried out for the parishes, possibly in the autumn. Matter to be placed on the Agenda for further discussion at July meeting. Clerk to obtain some information. It was agreed that questionnaires should also point out the successes and achievements in the parishes.
- (iii) **Litter Picking** – Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. Two bins needed, one for Darlton Play Area and one for the Ferry Lane side of the river bank. MacDonalds to be approached – a promise had been made last year to supply two bins for the parishes. Cllr Gaisford asked that it be minuted that there would be no charge due for the May litter picking.
- (iv) **Trentsider** – A discussion took place about the timing of the newsletter issues. It was also proposed that when the Parish Council places an advert this should be paid for according to the current newsletter advertising rates.
- (v) **Darlton Parish Clock** – Richard Sheldon has advised that the clock has stopped. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed that the Clerk should write to John Smith & Sons (a response is still awaited relating to their last invoice which remains unpaid, see Minute 7c of 5th February 2001) asking for a quotation to put the clock in order. Clerk to follow up an earlier request to the Royal Horological Society for a list of local contractors who may be able to offer their services. Cllr Yates to find out who services the Town Hall clock.

5. **Planning Matters:**

Plans: Dinsdale – Replace existing detached garage with new detached garage at Broadgate, Lincoln Road, Darlton. **Support Proposal.**

Decision: Sharman and Bowmar - Demolish lean-to structure and erect two storey extension at Majors Farm, Woodcoates Road, Darlton. **Permission Granted.**

6. **Correspondence:**

NCC – Highways Briefings.

BDC – Parish Councils Liaison Group minutes. Access Team Magazine.

NALC – Seminar details.

Rampton Parish Council - Provision of sports facilities in Rampton.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current Account - £4,676.97 Deposit Account - £5,347.48

b) **Goal Posts, Darlton Play Area** – The goal posts have now been collected from St. Matthew's Primary School. It was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Gaisford that a donation of £30 should be sent to the school.

c) **Darlton Play Area** – Grant application forms prepared by Cllr Lyon were duly signed by the Clerk for WREN and BDC ("Third Party" funding).

d) **Cheques** were issued as follows:

B.T. (300083) £ 54.49 (Village Hall Phone)

St. Matthew's School (300084) £ 30.00 (s.137 Grant)

Receipts were received as follows:

BDC £ 3,026.00 (Half-Year Precept/Contribution)

8. **Urgent Business:**

- (i) **Change of Meeting Date** – In order to assist the Village Hall committee it was agreed that the Parish Council would meet on the first Tuesday of each month with effect from the September meeting. All in favour.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 2nd July 2001 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed Dated

Chairman

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2001 in Dunham
& District Millennium Centre commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors D East (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, M Barden, D Copley, B Grimes, P Lyon, M Matthews, G Saville, L Sharpe, District Cllr D Yates, R A Hassett JP (Member of Notts Police Authority), WPC Emma Trowsdale and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs N Bett, S Cobb and County Cllr J Hemsall.

The Chairman welcomed WPC Emma Trowsdale, Community Beat Officer, who will be looking after our parishes until December/March 2002. WPC Trowsdale is based at Leverton.

Cllr M Barden arrived at 7.15 p.m.

The Chairman also welcomed Mr R A Hassett JP, Member of Notts Police Authority. Various matters were raised for discussion including the speed limit on Laneham Road, provision of a designated community access point at Tuxford, problems with the telephone system at Mansfield, speeding deterrents and highways patrols. Mr Hassett agreed to pass on our comments to the relevant departments.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 4th June 2001 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Atkinson.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Accidents:** (i) Incident at junction of A57/Low Street involving a car turning right into Low Street.
- b) **Criminal Acts:** Reports of an orange Vauxhall Astra in the parish, possible opportunists.
- c) **Vital Villages:** Cllr Atkinson outlined an initiative to introduce a mobile post office service through the Vital Villages scheme. He proposed that the Parish Council should support the initiative and take the lead in the project, forming a partnership with the Postmasters from Dunham and Tuxford and representatives from local communities. It was proposed by Cllr Ashton that Cllr Atkinson, together with Mr N Leach, further research the project to see which other communities would be interested. All in favour. It was noted that Laneham Post Office and shop is due to close in the near future
- d) **Highways A57:** Clerk to clarify the position with regards the possible resurfacing and realigning of the A57.

Cllr L Sharpe arrived at 8.20 p.m.

- e) **Highways – Parish:** Laneham Road Speed Limit – Letter from Richard Statham, NCC Highways, clarifying the criteria laid down in

Circular Roads 1/93 for a 30 mph speed limit. Annex A states that for a 30 mph limit the Character of the Environment should be:- *"Built up with development in depth on both sides of the road. Properties with individual access to the road including schools factories and recreation grounds."* It was noted that Cottam Power Station is intending to build a Flue Gas De-sulphurisation plant. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the Power Station asking for their support in getting a reduction in the speed limit on Laneham Road in view of the potential increase in traffic from the proposed project.

- f) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Footpath contractor John Buttrick has agreed to undertake the necessary footpaths' survey for the sum of £50. It was proposed by Cllr Barden and seconded by Cllr Atkinson that this offer be accepted and Mr Buttrick be asked to complete the surveys.
- g) **Confidential Item:** Member of public asked to leave whilst this matter was discussed.
- h) **Arrangements for the Appointment of New Clerk** – The Chairman advised that Mrs Jayne Wall of Lazy Acre, Treswell has been appointed as Clerk to the Parish Council. Mrs Wall will commence her duties on Tuesday 25th September 2001. Because of other commitments Mrs Wall is unable to attend meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. It was therefore agreed that meetings would be held on the last Tuesday of each month with effect from the September meeting. The contract for Mrs Wall was drawn up and approved by the Parish Council.
- i) **Casual Vacancy:** No applications received to date.
- j) **Village Appraisal:** The Clerk had obtained a Master Copy of questions for the survey. It was proposed that the appraisal should be undertaken during the autumn.

Cllr G Saville left the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Church Walk** – The Chairman had met with a Highways officer who advised that Church Walk is to be put forward again for resurfacing.
- (ii) **Dunham Play Area** – It was proposed that the Clerk ask David Cobb (grass cutting contractor for Darlton Play Area) to give a price for cutting the Dunham Play Area grass.
- (iii) **Darlton Parish Clock** – John Smith & Sons have agreed to inspect the clock and give a report and quotation for putting in order. It was proposed that the outstanding invoice should not be paid until this report is received at which time the matter will be considered.
- (iv) **Ragnall Footway** – The footway in front of the Church and beyond Ragnall Hall has become very overgrown. NCC to be advised. Cllr Barden agreed to attend a site meeting if this was necessary.

5. **Planning Matters:**

Decision: Dinsdale – Replace existing detached garage with new detached garage at Broadgate, Lincoln Road, Darlton. **Permission Granted.**

6. **Correspondence:**

NCC – Highways Briefings.

NALC – Seminar details. Countywise. AGM 7th November 2001.

J Bell – Letter re overgrown hedge.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current Account - **£4,646.27** Deposit Account - **£5,347.48**

b) **Guide Dogs for the Blind** – Letter from Ian Oakden asking for sponsorship for a cycle ride in New Zealand in aid of the Guide Dogs for the Blind. It was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Barden that a s.137 Grant of £25 be made

c) **Cheques** were issued as follows:

Dunham Millennium Centre (300085) £ 40.00 (Room Hire)

Guide Dogs for the Blind (300086) £ 25.00 (s.137 Grant)

8. **Urgent Business:** None Raised.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 3rd September 2001 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.45 p.m.

Signed Dated
Chairman

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3. g) Confidential Item re Footpath 1 Dunham-on-Trent

Correspondence received:

Letter dated 16 June from Cllr Gaisford tendering resignation.

Letter dated 19th June from Laura Summers, NCC Rights of Way Section, re Footpath 1.

Letter dated 20 June from Mr and Mrs Walters, Jubilee House, Dunham-on-Trent re incident surrounding Footpath 1.

Background to Incident:

Mr and Mrs Walters have purchased the land to the west side of their property. Permission was sought from NCC Rights of Way section to erect a fence adjacent to the land. Having checked the definitive statement it was discovered that Footpath 1 which runs alongside the said piece of land, was recorded as being 3'. A site meeting between Laura Summers and Mr and Mrs Walters followed, at which an unobstructed width of 1 metre was agreed. Mr and Mrs Walters proceeded to install the fencing over the weekend of 16 June. (The Parish Council was not notified of this until letter dated 19 June received). In the meantime Cllr Gaisford challenged Mr and Mrs Walters about the positioning of the fence as Footpath 1 was believed to be 1½ metres wide (as all other footpaths are in the parish).

Discussion:

The Parish Council takes on responsibilities on behalf of whole community and also Notts County Council. The surveying and maintenance of the footpaths network is one of these duties. As our elected Footpath Warden Cllr Gaisford also takes on a responsibility for overseeing any problems that may arise within this partnership with NCC. The Parish Council was not contacted or consulted over the discussions with regard to the width of Footpath 1 and therefore Cllr Gaisford was acting in good faith when he confronted Mr and Mrs Walters. Mr and Mrs Walters had approached NCC for the necessary permission and therefore the circumstances in which they found themselves in were regretted.

Resolution:

Clerk to send a letter to NCC voicing the Parish Council's concerns over the lack of communication and consultation in this matter.

Clerk to reply to Cllr Gaisford asking that he please reconsider his resignation.

Clerk to reply to Mr and Mrs Walters (to be signed by Chairman) advising regret that this circumstance arose.

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Present: Councillors D East (Chairman), G Ashton, M Barden, B Grimes,
P Lyon, M Matthews, G Saville, L Sharpe, District Cllr D Yates
and Mrs J Wall.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr S Cobb and County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2001 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Ashton and **Seconded** by Cllr Lyon.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** (i) Incident at Tuxford Road end involving three cars. (ii) Incident between Cobb's and Field House Farm. (iii) Incident at Dunham Bridge involving a fallen load. (iv) Incident involving vehicles shunting on A57.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Four incidents reported at Ragnall - car and caravan taken from Roberts Close, garden items taken from Chestnut Farm and the noticeboard vandalised.
 - c) **Highways A57: OPUS** – Letter received from W Sharpe, Senior Traffic Consultant. An accident investigator has visited Ragnall crossroads and discussed the recent fatal accident with the police. The details of the accident suggest that the layout of the junction and the associated signing were not a contributory factor. However, the junction will be monitored, as part of OPUS' ongoing network monitoring process and any issues will be dealt with as and when it becomes apparent that there is a particular issue that can be addressed. Mr Sharpe also advises that he is unable to confirm that a proposal for upgrading the lighting in Dunham-on-Trent exists and as such this has now been included in a study currently being prepared for the Highways Agency. The A57 is scheduled for total resurfacing early in the next financial year and consultation with the Parish Council will take place with regards any improvements to road markings and traffic signing etc. Clerk to thank OPUS for their positive response and reiterate our expectation that the lighting etc. will be improved. It was also noted that the Ragnall crossroads area is still in need of tidying.
North Notts Local Transport Plan Rural Schemes Programme 2001/2002 - Reply from NCC advising that the parishes have not been chosen for a pilot rural traffic management scheme for next year. The Parish Council's comments re Laneham Road have been passed onto the Road Safety and Travel Awareness Team
 - d) **Highways – Parish: Laneham Road Speed Limit** – Letter of support received from Laneham Parish Council. Letter of thanks to be sent. The Chairman reported that a verbal agreement of support from Bob Kennedy, Station Manager Cottam Power Station, has been made.

Written confirmation still awaited. Clerk to chase this up. It was noted that more appearances from the County Councillor at meetings would be appreciated. **Ragnall Footway** – This is to be marked out for reinstatement to its original width. **Ragnall Village Sign** – Works have been issued to replace the sign.

- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Letter from Jonathan Woods apologising for the recent confusions over Dunham Footpath 1. The Department will attempt to ensure that this sort of communication breakdown does not re-occur in the future. The footpath in question has been inspected by Laura Summers and its surface was found to be reasonably level. The condition is to be monitored and remedial action taken if deemed necessary. Cllr Matthews agreed to attend a site meeting re the siting of the proposed P3 Cabinet displaying the footpath network for the parishes. Clerk to contact NCC.
- f) **Casual Vacancy:** Mr Gaisford has confirmed that his resignation from the Parish Council is final. BDC to be notified of the vacancy.

Cllr Grimes arrived at 7.40 p.m.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Village Appraisal** – It was suggested that the proposed questionnaire could be circulated within the Trentsider Newsletter. It was agreed that a brief notice about the Parish Council's intention to undertake the survey should be placed in the next edition of the newsletter (29th September). The Chairman agreed to attend to this.
- (ii) **Byron Close, Parking** – Cllr Lyon gave an update on the parking situation. A number of properties have had kerbs dropped, which has eased the parking situation slightly. We still await the study undertaken by BDC as to whether additional parking provision will be made.
- (iii) **Darlington Parish Clock** – John Smith & Sons are arranging for Andrew MacPherson to visit the clock to undertake the annual service and give a report on why the clock is not working.
- (iv) **Darlington Lamp 19** – Clerk to report that the streetlight is not working.
- (v) **Laneham Road, Lay-by & Marsh Lane** – Rubbish has again been dumped. Clerk to contact BDC.
- (vi) **Standing Water, The Green** – Clerk to notify NCC of standing water problems near the telephone box, opposite Apple Tree Cottage and opposite The Nook.
- (vii) **Upper Row, Footway** – It was reported that brambles are encroaching the footway. Landowner to be advised.
- (viii) **Upper Row** – The verges need cutting.
- (ix) **Footway, The Old School** – It was requested that a dropped kerb should be sited outside The Old School. Clerk to contact OPUS.
- (x) **Darlington Play Area** – Cllr Lyon gave an update on the proposals for the play area. Unfortunately, because we are not in a position to begin work CAF have had to withdraw the grant of £2,500. (Clerk to establish whether the Parish Council can apply again at a later date). The application to WREN has not been successful, because the Parish Council does not own the Play Area land. Cllr Lyon had met with a representative of Cresswell Groundwork who had given some useful

guidance. It was suggested that the project should be re-costed to see if any savings could be made. Cllr Lyon to attend to this for the next meeting.

5. **Planning Matters:**

a) **Plans**

- (i) **B.T.** – Erect 8 metre steel column to support dish antenna and small equipment module 3m above ground level at Telephone Exchange, Hill Top Farm, D-O-T. (Plans seen between meetings but BDC later advised that planning permission was not needed).
- (ii) **Staley** – Erect rear kitchen extension at The Cottage, Upper Row, D-O-T. **Application Supported.**
- (iii) **Brumpton** – Erect two cottage style dwellings and construct new access on site of Rose Cottage, The Green, D-O-T. **Application Supported. Comments** – Parish Council would prefer to see the erection of one cottage in order to maintain the character of this area.
- (iv) **Brumpton** – Demolish existing bus depot and office and erect four houses, construct new and alter existing access at Bus Depot, The Green, D-O-T. After some discussion a vote was taken For proposal 3, Against 4. **Application Not Supported. Comments** – The Parish Council was split on this decision. All were happy to see the bus depot demolished but concern was shown for the development of residential properties in this location, which is adjacent to designated open space.

6. **Correspondence:**

C Gaisford – Copy of letter sent to Mr Cordier re A57.

NCC – Snow Warden details. Cllr East to replace Cllr Ashton as Warden for Dunham.

NCC – Highways Briefings. Countywise.

NALC – Seminar details. Countywise. AGM 7th November 2001.

NRCC – Rural Voice. Vital Villages Information.

Notts Police – Policing Plan 2001/2. Custody Visiting Scheme.

Best Kept Village – Press Release.

Various publications were tabled.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current Account - **£5,066.39** Deposit Account - **£5,347.48**

b) **Ian Oakden** – Thank you letter for recent grant.

c) **Cheques** were issued as follows:

G D Strawson	(300087) £ 1.00	(Darlton Play Area Rent)
D-O-T P.C.C.	(300088) £600.00	(Churchyard Maintenance)
Audit Commission	(300089) £197.05	(Audit Fee 1999/2000)
NRCC	(300090) £ 30.00	(Subscription/Rural Voice)

David Cobb (300091) £200.00 (Grasscutting)
B.T. (300092) £ 56.41 (Village Hall Telephone)
D-O-T Senior Citz. (300093) £525.00 (s.137 Grant)

d) **Receipts** banked as follows:

NCC £852.72 (P3 Grant)

8. **Urgent Business:**

- (i) **Noticeboards** – Clerk to obtain details of noticeboards and costs.
- (ii) **Golden Jubilee** – It was noted that the Village Hall committee will be discussing celebrations for the Golden Jubilee at the next meeting.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 25th September 2001 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed Dated

Chairman

Dunham-on-Trent with Ragnall, Darlton and Fledborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2001
at 7.00pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

Present:

Cllr D East, Chairman

Cllrs I Atkinson, M Barden, S Cobb, D Copley, B Grimes, P Lyon, L Sharpe

Also present: A Martin (Outgoing Clerk), J Wall (New Clerk) Member of Public: Mr R James

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs N Bett, M Matthews, G Saville and DCllr D Yates.

The Parish Council observed a minute's silence in commemoration of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack in the United States of America on September 11th 2001.

2 Minutes of meeting held Monday 3rd September 2001

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr East, SECONDED by Cllr Barden.

3 Matters Arising

a) Clerk's Contract

The contract was signed by Cllr East on behalf of the Parish Council and by the new Clerk.

b) Accidents

None reported since the last meeting.

c) Criminal Acts

There had been incidents in Tuxford overnight the previous date. There had been vandalism in Dunham – the sign outside Meadow View, and a car in the Village Hall car park had its wing mirror removed and this was used to smash the glass in the noticeboard.

d) Highways – A57

The Clerk had received a letter from Cottam Power Station re the request for support for the 30mph speed limit on Laneham Road. The council discussed this, and various suggestions were made. It was RESOLVED to ask CCllr Hemsall to press Nottinghamshire County Council to impose the speed limit. **ACTION: J Wall**

e) Highways - Parish

Cocketts Hill junction with Laneham Road – reported poor visibility due to Dunham-on-Trent sign. **ACTION: Cllr East.** 2 lights not working in Darlton – C11 & C21. **ACTION: J Wall**

f) Footpaths & Parish Lanes

J Butterick has started the survey. The missing signpost has been approved for replacement.

g) Casual Vacancies

i) Notice of Casual Vacancy for Dunham-on-Trent Parish. Placed on noticeboard 20.09.01.

ii) Mr R James is prepared to join the Parish Council as a co-opted member, but is not eligible until January 2002.

h) Village Appraisal

Cllr Atkinson declared a non-pecuniary interest.

Cllr Atkinson informed the meeting that the Tuxford Regeneration Project has EMDA funding for an appraisal of the area and linkages with surrounding villages. It was AGREED to set up a working group, chaired by Cllr Barden to look at the appraisal. **ACTION: Cllrs Barden, Atkinson, Copley, Sharpe, and Mr R James**

i) Darlington Play Area

Cllr Lyon gave an update on the proposals for the play area. She had obtained brochures from Playmeadow at Laneham for alternative play equipment, and agreed to contact the Clerk to North Leverton Parish Council to find out the cost and suppliers for their play area, and to report the findings to the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Lyon**

4 The meeting was adjourned for public discussion

5 Village Maintenance

a) Darlington Parish Clock

The annual maintenance has been carried out and the clock is now in working order. The Council AGREED to await the report before paying the invoice.

b) Long Row Cottages, Fledborough

Chevron down. **ACTION: J Wall**

c) Village Noticeboards

Brochure from Malcolm Lane received. There may be funding available from the Market Town Initiative. **ACTION: Cllr Atkinson to look into this.**

6 Planning Matters

- a) Spink – Remove agricultural tenancy condition from Manor Croft, Chequers Lane, Dunham-on-Trent. Application supported. **ACTION: J Wall**

7 Correspondence

BDC – Asking Questions at Council – Notices to be placed on noticeboards

Sir Stuart and Lady Goodwin Charity – Clerk to write and ask clarification re recipients. **ACTION: J Wall**

Letter from JE Salmon re Street Cleaning Services – Clerk to write to C Shaw, BDC in support of this letter. The Parish Council is already having difficulty recruiting someone for this post. **ACTION: J Wall**
RCC – AGM 26th September 2001 – Cllr Atkinson to attend. The Council AGREED that Cllr Atkinson should vote for free membership of the RCC.

Various publications were tabled.

8 Financial Matters

a) New Bank Account Mandates

The new mandates were signed. **ACTION: Cllr East to obtain further signature, J Wall to send to banks**

b) Accounts for Payment

- i) Clerk's Salary & Expenses. The Council APPROVED payment of £886.27 (Salary £733.00; Expenses £115.27; P3 £38.00) for the period April to September 2001. Cheque 094.

c) Income

The Council AGREED to transfer the precept payment to the deposit account when this had been received. **ACTION: J Wall**

d) Balance of Accounts as at end September 2001:

	£
Current Account:	3431.93
Deposit Account	5347.48
TOTAL	8779.41

9 Urgent Business

The Chairman expressed the Parish Council's thanks to Anne Martin for her hard work over the past years as Parish Clerk, and presented her with flowers and a gift.

10 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 30th October 2001 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed _____ Date _____ 2001

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at 7.00pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

Present:

Cllr D East, Chairman

Cllrs I Atkinson, M Barden, S Cobb, M Matthews,

Also present: J Wall (Clerk); Mr S Mulholland and Mr A Wanstall, OPUS; Mr B Stalley (Dunham Bridge Company) and Mr R James

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Ashton, N Bett, D Copley, B Grimes, P Lyon, G Saville, L Sharpe, CCllr J Hemsall, DCllr D Yates.

2 S Mulholland & A Wanstall, OPUS – Traffic Management Issues

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mulholland and Mr Wanstall from OPUS International Consultants (UK) Ltd to the meeting, and asked them to inform the Council of the traffic management issues involved in the de-trunking of the A57. A copy of the notes provided by Mr Mulholland was provided to each Councillor present, and will be sent to those absent. A copy will be placed with the file copy of these minutes. A discussion took place with the Councillors pointing out some issues which they felt may need to be addressed, and complimented Mr Mulholland and Mr Wanstall for involving the Parish Council and taking their views into account. Mr Wanstall will attend the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 7th January 2002 to keep the Council informed of any developments.

Cllr Atkinson arrived at 8.10pm

The Chairman thanked Mr Mulholland and Mr Wanstall for a very informative meeting.

Mr Mulholland, Mr Wanstall and Mr Stalley left the meeting

3 Declarations of Interest

4 Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 30th October 2001

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Matthews, SECONDED by Cllr East.

5 Matters Arising

a) Accidents

- i) A wall at No 1 The Green had been damaged. The person driving the pickup did not stop.
- ii) A lorry travelling to the rendering plant had come off the road into a field in Fledborough just before the railway line.

b) Criminal Acts

None reported.

c) Highways – A57

Discussed in Minute 2.

d) Highways - Parish

- i) Cocketts Hill junction with Laneham Road – Cllr East reported that he did not feel there was a major problem, but would keep monitoring the junction for accidents. **ACTION: Cllr East**
- ii) The Clerk had received a reply from NCC re the notification problems with the closure of the road through Ragnall. Cllr East read the response to the meeting, and after discussion the Council asked the Clerk to respond that they are delighted with the condition of the road on completion of the project, but are disappointed with the unfortunate tone adopted in your letter. The reason the Parish Council wrote was that residents felt that 48 hours notice was insufficient when the power station had 6 weeks notice, and complaints were passed on to Parish Councillors. With regard to the Parish Partnership, the Parish Council were not aware they were not part of this, and would like to be included in the future. Copy the letter to CCllr Hemsall. **ACTION: J Wall**

e) Footpaths & Parish Lanes

J Butterick had written to the Clerk and suggested that while carrying out the survey, he replace the markers which NCC had agreed to supply and cover the cost. Cllr Atkinson PROPOSED that the Clerk inform Mr Butterick to go ahead, SECONDED by Cllr Matthews. **ACTION: J Wall**

f) Casual Vacancies

Mr James was prepared to stand as Parish Councillor for Dunham, he has been resident in the village since 30th January 2001. Clerk to telephone Mrs A Higgins. **ACTION: J Wall**

g) Village Appraisal

Cllr Barden reported that the working group had not held another meeting, and one would be arranged for after the Christmas period.

h) Darlington Play Area

Cllr Lyon was not present at the meeting, and would report at the next meeting.

i) Other matters arising not covered on the agenda:

i) Darlington Church Clock

The clock had stopped, Clerk to phone. **ACTION: J Wall**

6 The meeting was adjourned for public discussion

7 Village Maintenance

a) Ragnall Sign at Fledborough end of Village

Sign to be replaced at end of ongoing project.

b) Power Supply

East Midlands Electricity had replied to the Clerk re the electricity distribution system in Dunham-on-Trent. Cllr East read out the reply.

c) Damaged road surface etc

- i) Drayton Lane end and Woodcoates Lane – sunken trench. Response not yet received from NCC.
- ii) Drayton Lane/A57 junction surface damaged. . Response received from NCC. Instructions issued for remedial works.
- iii) Loose manhole covers near Darlington telephone box and Darlington church. Response not yet received from NCC.

d) Bus shelter

The Clerk reported that NCC had contacted her re the exact site of the shelter. The Council confirmed it was opposite 8 Cartwright Close. Clerk to inform NCC. The Council discussed the price of the bus shelter and asked the Clerk to contact East Drayton re the cost of their shelters.

They felt that Cottam Power Station may provide some funding for this. Clerk to write. **ACTION: J Wall**

8 Planning Matters

- a) Land adjacent to The Haven, 1 Upper Row, Dunham-on-Trent – residential development. There were no objections. **ACTION: J Wall**

9 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

Travel & Transport Briefing – tabled, to be filed

Highways in Winter – Salting Routes in Nottinghamshire – tabled, to be filed

County Hall Christmas Craft Market, 25th November – arrived after last meeting

County Contact Magazine – tabled, to be filed

Parish Defect Report Response – “Ragnall” sign – discussed in Minute 7(a).

Planning & Property Briefing – tabled, to be filed

Countylink x 3 – tabled, to be filed

Your County Councillor – A Guide for Parish Councils, Town Councils and Parish Meetings – tabled, to be filed

Parish Defect Report Response – East Drayton Lane/A57 junction – discussed in Minute 7(c)(ii)

Highway Maintenance 2001/2002 C2 Main Street Ragnall – discussed in Minute 5(d)(ii)

Bassetlaw District Council:

Recycling in Dunham-on-Trent. The Chairman read out a letter requesting the removal of the recycling bins from the ~~Blue Bell~~ ^{BRIDGE INN} car park. Cllr East had spoken to the landlord, who is unhappy with this request for removal, and asked the Council if they were happy to let the landlord take this matter further. There were no objections.

Sir Stuart and Lady Goodwin Charity. Reply re Clerk's request for assistance for parishoner aged under 60. The Charity is unable to help, and does not know of any other.

The District of Bassetlaw (Electoral Changes) Order 2000 – passed to Cllr Atkinson

Casual Vacancy – Dunham-on-Trent Parish – discussed in Minute 5(f)

The Standards Board for England – tabled, to be discussed in conjunction with DEFRA paper at meeting on 2nd January

NALC:

NALC Area Committees in Bassetlaw. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposed new structure.

General:

Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council – Rural Funding Conference 26th/28th November – arrived after last meeting

Smith of Derby Ltd – Darlton Church Clock confirmation of maintenance visit on 13th October 2001

DEFRA – Quality Parish and Town Councils – A Consultation Paper. A sub committee was formed to discuss this. Cllrs Atkinson, Barden, East and Matthews agreed to be present. Meeting to be held on 2nd January 2002. Clerk to inform all Councillors. **ACTION: J Wall**

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust – Public meeting 28th November 2001, Bulwell. No-one available to attend.

The Cooperative Bank – confirmation of changes & telephone banking form. To be filed.

John Buttrick (Footpaths) – Footpath survey – discussed in Minute 5(e)
 East Midlands Electricity – Dunham-on-Trent Power Supply – discussed in Minute 7(b)
 Fledglings Pre-School Playgroup – request for donation. Cllr Atkinson PROPOSED that the Council continue to support the playgroup at the same level as last year, plus inflation. SECONDED by Cllr East
 BCVS Community News Autumn 2001 – tabled, to be filed
 BCVS Year at a Glance – tabled, to be filed

10 Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

- i) The Council APPROVED the payment of £789.20 to Mr J Buttrick (P3). Cheque 039.
- ii) British Telecom – village hall phone. The Council APPROVED the payment of £60.60. Cheque 040.
- iii) The Poppy Appeal – Remembrance Day wreaths. The Council APPROVED the payment of £50.00. Cheque 041.
- iv) Fledglings Pre-School Playgroup. The Council APPROVED the payment of £525.00. Cheque 042

b) Income

The Council noted the receipt of interest on the Current Account of £6.73.

c) Balance of Accounts as at end October 2001:

	£
Current Account:	2518.12
Deposit Account	8373.48
TOTAL	10891.60

11 Urgent Business

Cllr Atkinson informed the Council that there was to be a NALC meeting on 4th December in East Markham Village Hall. Cllr East would try to attend. **ACTION: Cllr East**

12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 7th January 2002 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This would be followed immediately by a Finance Meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Signed _____ Date _____ 2001