

Minutes of Dunham-on-Trent, with Ragnall, Darlton and Fledborough Parish Council (Dunham & District Parish Council)



Meeting of **Dunham & District Parish Council** held on the **14th Mar 2023** at Dunham Village Hall, the meeting commenced at **6:30pm**.

Council Members & Officer Present

Cllr Madeline Barden

Cllr Lucy Atkinson

Cllr Emma Thorpe

Cllr Carole Booth

Current Vacancies

Ed Knox

0 Members of the Public

County Cllr

District Cllr

Chairman

Cllr Kathryn Watkinson

Cllr Rachel Lovett

Cllr Rachel Bean

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Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Also, Present

John Ogle

Lewis Stanniland

➤ Public Forum

None.

11/23 To receive apologies for absence

The Council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllrs Oldfield & Ballinger. Cllr Stapleton did not attend.

12/23 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Atkinson declared and interest in item 16/23 (2) and took no part in this item.

13/23 To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

14/23 To Progress the Jubilee Wildlife Environmental Project Tree Planting Day

Cllr Barden gave an overview of the success of the recent tree planting day. Cllr Thorpe to email Dist Cllr Stanniland about the exact location of the grass for potential wildflower meadow conversion on Byron Close. Cllr Barden to order the 4 x memorial plaques.

15/23 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

Dist Cllr Stanniland – advised that Bassetlaw have set their precept for 2023/24 at 2.99% and are about to commence a District Cllr Ward area review across the district, which any changes would come into effect in 2027.

Dist Cllr Isard – Sent Apologies.

County Cllr Ogle: discussed County Council Highways dept communication issues regards the existing process.

16/23 To Discuss the Coronation & Coronation Roundels

Cllr Barden advised that packs of 50 roundels can be bought from the RBLI, for £211.99



After Discussion, Cllr Watkinson Proposed, Cllr Bean Seconded and the Council **resolved** to order the roundels for delivery to the Lengthsman's home, who can put them up in mid-April and take them down again 2 weeks after the Coronation.

17/23 To Discuss the future of Cottam Power Stn Site

After discussion, the council **resolved** to appoint Cllrs Barden & Ballinger as the official representatives of the parish council to the future Cottam Power Stn meetings. Cllr Barden talked about the meeting and advised that a

public online questionnaire is going live, which will be advertised in the local newsletter. Cllrs were encouraged to all submit their comments.

18/23 To Discuss the future of High Marnham Power Stn Site

After discussion, the council **resolved** to appoint Cllrs Bean & Atkinson as the official representatives of the parish council to the future of High Marnham former Power Stn site meetings. Cllr Bean explained how she went with Cllr Atkinson to Normanton-on-Trent Parish Council meeting about the Pears plans to develop the site and out of this meeting, a community group from representatives of Grassthorpe Parish Meeting, Sutton on Trent Parish Council and North & South Clifton Parish Councils was formed and chaired by Dist Cllr Stanniland. The whole former power stn site is owned by Pears. Pears put in a case for green energy for the site and Bassetlaw District Council had put in a counter case which both have gone before the Secretary of State for a decision. The Group requested an archaeological survey of the whole site, and also discussed many common issues, including Traffic, Noise, Light Pollution, Odour.

Cllrs Bean & Atkinson to work on a series of questions and suggestions to be emailed to Pears.

19/23 To Note Reptile Gardens Lease

The Council noted that whilst Country Kitchen is moving premises to Church Laneham, the current leaseholder has confirmed that they are continuing with the lease of Reptile Gardens. The Clerk will issue the adjusted annual rental invoice as usual.

20/23 Finance:

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ebay	Bin Stickers for Lengthsman Wheelie Bins	£7.40
VistaPrint Ltd	Wildlife Celebration Day Leaflets	£26.14
Pintail Studios	Wildlife Tree Key Rings	£165.00
Great Haian Ltd	Wildlife Event Bags	£19.98
Line-Out Trading Ltd	Wildlife Event Magnetic Photo Frames	£28.00
Amazon EU S.à r.l	Wildlife Event Double Sided Self Adhesive Sticky Coins	£6.35
Morrisons	Wildlife Event Catering Items	£32.04
Sainsburys	Wildlife Event Catering Items	£8.25
Ryman Ltd	Wildlife Event Stationery	£3.49
Dunham Village Hall	Wildlife Event Room Hire	£28.00
Laneham Parish Council	2022/23 Playground Inspection Services	£809.65
Cllr Thorpe	Noticeboard Mileage Expenses 2022/23	£28.35
Clerk	Expenses 2022/23 Mileage, Postage, SLCC, Ink etc	£130.14
Cllr Barden	Expenses Mileage to Worksop Election Meeting & Parking	£16.75
Dunham Village Hall	Meeting Hire's Oct 2022 – Mar 2023	£158.00
Total Payments		<u>£1,467.54</u>

Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Notts CC	Annual Lengthsman Grant	£3,700
Total Receipts		<u>£3,700</u>

Bank Balance **£27,711.78***

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated the draft budget statement with potential precept requirements Bank Reconciliation for the year to date to be approved. Council **resolved** unanimously that figures were correct. Reconciliation to be signed by when practical. Direct Debits and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, all **approved** unanimously. * £2,019.25 Wildlife & Environmental Project Budget, Grant Funds currently raised and Ring-Fenced for the finalisation and ongoing maintenance of the project.

2. To Approve Consider a S137 Grant to the Village Hall:

The V Hall Committee have requested £700 one-time grant from the PC for 2 tons & gravel for re landscaping, around village hall, plant pots compost, flowers & plants, completed the relevant application form and provided audited accounts. The total cost of the project is £700. After discussion, the Council **resolved** that they were open to the idea in principle but need a more detailed plan showing what is to be done where

around the outside of the hall and a quote from the company undertaking the work before a decision is made. Clerk to inform village hall to provide the information in time for the May meeting.

21/23 To Receive an update on Fledborough Broadband with Evolve Ltd

Cllr Bean gave an update, unfortunately, Evolve are not 100% sure they will secure the funding. They have advised that the Central Govt has put Nottinghamshire on hold for applications to the funding source, and it is not known how long this hold will be in place. An application has gone in from Evolve and is now on hold awaiting a decision. *If any residents have further questions, they can also contact the Notts County Council Broadband Engagement Officer and his Better Broadband for team using enquiries.broadband@nottsc.gov.uk or by phoning 0115 977 2532.*

22/23 To Discuss Potential Christmas Lamppost Decorations

Cllr Atkinson gave an overview to the idea, and Cllr Barden asked that Cllrs look into possible sources of suitable decorations and their costs, so that a decision can be made at the next meeting.

23/23 To Note in the Minutes the response to planning applications 22/01715/FUL via the scheme of delegation


The Council **noted** the following which have been responded to via the scheme of delegation:

22/01462/HSE - Consultation Request Whimpton House Darlton Road: The Council supports the application because it stands quite isolated from other housing, it doesn't interfere with anything else in the area. It is a functional storage facility, partially hidden by a hedge. The design is smaller than the Grain Store application from Goodhouses Farm, which was rejected because of size.

24/23 To Receive Councillor's/Clerks' Reports including Road Traffic Accidents:

- **Noting of Accidents** – A car went off the road on the road between Tuxford and the A57 and another car had smashed in to Lisa's café on the Layby off the A57.
The following items have been raised with the Highways Authority Manager so that these matters can be investigated and finally resolved. Each month the Clerk chases the Highways Manager and the Parish Council adds to this list while awaiting a reply:

County Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
Fledborough Flooding - 4 Long Row Cottages Flooding	The Drainage Manger and Principal Flood Risk Manager are working together to find a resolution to this issue. The resident has been contacted by a member of the Flood Risk team at NCC. The Council would like to be copied in on the final resolution for information purposes.	The Drainage Manager met a colleague from the Design Team on site. We spoke to the resident affected whilst there. We'll need to return to take levels but I think that the solution is to create a ditch around the outside of the field. This will require liaison with the owner of the field. A scheme that will be considered for funding for the next financial year, commencing April 2023.	12/01/2023 - My colleague was unable to get hold of the survey equipment to enable us to take the levels. However, I have drafted my programme for next year and the scheme at Fledborough is on it. We'll need to take the levels prior to the scheme taking place and not doing them this week won't delay scheme delivery. At some point in the new financial year 2023/24, I'll need to arrange to meet the owner of the land.
Dunham Children Playing Sign, Low Street nr Village Hall - Ref HAMS 4302792	There is no signage in place alerting motorists of children playing/playing field.	The Highways Liaison Officer has agreed to the installation of an appropriate sign by the County Council.	15/06/2022 – The Highways Liaison Officer has advised a 'children playing' sign on Low Street will be provided this current financial year – I'm sorry I can't be more specific on timescales, as there have been a number of staff changes in the section that deals with these so I can only say that it will be provided in due course. 10/01/2022 The Clerk chased the Highways Manager for an update. 23/02/2022 Item Closed – Sign installed

Dunham Road Resurfacing, A57 towards Dunham Bridge, County Cllrs Priorities.	County Cllr Ogle advised he is working with the County Highways Manager regards road resurfacing priorities and the A57 from Dunham to the bridge has been identified as a potential location for this work.	County Council to potentially resurface the road which is in a very poor condition on the Nottinghamshire side in comparison with the Lincolnshire side of the bridge.	15/11/2022 – No update as yet from County Cllr Ogle. 10/01/2023 – Cllr Ogle asked the Clerk to Chase the Highways Manager. 10/01/2022 The Clerk chased the Highways Manager for an update. 22/02/2023 Highways Manager advised “County Cllr Members requests are due to be accepted/rejected in March, we should have more info then regarding this.
Darlton – Highways Safety issues & speeding A57	A local resident of Darlton advised potential speeding issues on A57 in the village and poor signage.	Notts Police to come do speed checks and Notts County Council Highways Manager to look at what additional signage could be possible, particularly any which encourages drivers to slow down and make them aware of the playground and school children crossing.	16/11/2022 PC Glenn Turner advised that he would speed check again before Christmas and choose a spot to deploy the speed gun so that any vehicles we pull over are done safely and we have to risk assess each location to ensure we don’t cause a collision. 13/01/2023 PC Mitchell advised the Speed Camera Team have assured me they will put Darlton on their list of places to conduct road safety campaigns in the future as a positive improvement for the village and also a visible and proactive deterrent to the motorists who speed through it. 28/11/2022 The Highways Manager agreed to visit W/C 5 th Dec to ascertain what could be potentially done regards signage. 10/01/2022 The Clerk chased the Highways Manager for an update. 22/02/2023 Highways Manager update “The data is back following the site visit and I’ve had a discussion with the colleagues regarding the data from the traffic survey and it does meet criteria for an interactive sign so we will look at getting a sign put in place at this location. This is now with NCC Transport Planning to assess the locations, effectiveness etc. I will hopefully have more information in the coming weeks or perhaps months depending on their workload but it is on their radar now.  The signs are like the one above but can differ in design at times, but more often than not they look like the image.
Dunham	Since May 2022 the public have experienced	Notts CC to liaise with the Church owner to ensure	Since May 2022 the County Council have advised that “The whole path from the

Public Highway Access from A57 past St Oswalds Church Door to Church Walk	issues with the new owner of the Church when walking along the public highway, off putting signage and self- closing devices have been installed.	access to the public highway by members of the public is maintained and there is no hinderance of any kind to the public from the church owners.	A57, under the church, in front of the church door and onto Church Walk is a public highway of Notts County Council. These areas must remain available for public use. 06/07/2022 The Highways Manager wrote to the Church Owner to explain why the highway must remain open and advised "the public highway should remain available for public use, and if works are to be carried out to the building which requires a temporary closure to the public highway". 25/08/2022 The Highways Manager advised "I can confirm that the new owner of the church has not contacted me at all, nor have they contacted my colleagues in Co-ordination about a temporary closure of the public highway. I am in the process of issuing an Enforcement Notice" 05/09/2022 The Highways Manager Advised "Enforcement Notice has been posted today to the church owner. I have allowed 14 days for the public highway to be reopened (by 20th Sep). 11/10/2022 the Notice was ignored and the signage still in place. 27/10/2022 the Highways Manager advised "I have a meeting tomorrow with a colleague in legal so will provide a further update once I've spoken with him". 15/11/2022 the Highways Manager emailed the church owner with the legal team's response "It is confirmed that the signage displayed on the gates is misleading and deters people from using the public adopted highway, in this case ancient highway, under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. As the Highway Authority, we have a duty to assert and protect the public's right to safely pass and repass and is engaged where public highway rights exist. Therefore, the signs do dissuade members of the public from using the public highway and should be removed immediately. 19/12/2022 The self-closing devices were removed but the inappropriate signage remains, the Clerk chased the Highways Dept for an update on what they will do next. 10/01/2022 The Clerk chased the Highways Manager for an update asking what can be done about the signage. 22/02/2023 Highways Manager Advised "we have spoken to our legal team, approached owner of the church this morning. If they do not cooperate, we will enforce the removal of any obstructions."
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New Items:

- **Cllr Atkinson** – Gave a report from the village hall

- **Cllr Booth** – is attending the local police online forum and will raise diesel thefts at the Pears site
- **Cllr Watkinson** – Her daughter is doing litter picking once a week in the area.
- **Cllr Bean** – has reported several potholes and the bin is overflowing at Fledborough, Lengthsman to action.
- **Cllr Barden** – Ragnall bin needs Bassetlaw to come and empty it. Clerk to advise BDC.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda item the council will vote to close the following item to members of the public due so that the Council can discuss Staffing Information which is relating to an individual for example Contracts of employment, salaries, financial or personal business affairs of the individual. Minutes of the decisions made under this item will be open to the public.

25/23 To Sign Clerk's Contract

Following guidance from NALC regarding nationally agreed alterations to holiday entitlement, the Council **resolved** to update the document. The Clerk and Chairman signed the updated contract.

26/23 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9:15pm.