

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 2014
at 7.00 pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

1 Present: Cllr. L. Sharpe (Chairperson), Cllr. P. Marsh (Vice Chairperson), Cllr. I. Oakden, Cllr. R. Grimes, Cllr. K. Watkinson.

In attendance: M. Annable (Clerk), 6 members of the public and 2 invited applicants for Parish Councillors from Dunham on Trent.

Apologies: DCllr. K. Isard, DCllr. S. Isard, Cllr. M. Barden, Cllr. M. Mathews.

2 Declarations of Interest: None

3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 October 2014

The minutes were signed by the Chairperson a true record.

4 Matters Arising from the above Minutes and any urgent business

a) Concurrent Grant: The Parish Council had received information from Bassetlaw District Council which states that there will be a reduction of 34% of the Concurrent Grant during the 2014 – 2015 precept year and that reductions will continue on a sliding scale over the next 5 years. The Chairperson briefly explained the consequences of the changes to the meeting and how the Parish Council are exploring ways of making cuts in their expenditure. A copy of the information received from Bassetlaw District Council will be published in the Trentsider. Any final decisions made by the Parish Council about financial changes will be published following the Parish Councils budget meeting held in January.

b) Darlton Play Area: A report received from ROSPA following an inspection of the play area revealed several defects that require attention. e.g. the goal posts being badly eroded and unstable, panel damage to fencing, surface holes to grassed areas, the bark surface is compacted/displaced and pit supports are rotting to the climber. These issues were noted by the Parish Council. Many of these problems will be addressed during the planned refurbishment of the play area but the goal posts will be removed and repaired in the near future due to the high risk report.

The dyke still requires clearing and Cllr. Grimes and local residents are aware of the problems that exist, the clearance will take place, and obstructions removed in the near future.

c) Empty Properties: DCllr. K. Isard reported that Mr. Terry Wells at Bassetlaw District Council will e.mail the owner of the property and report back.

d) Audit: The proposed Transparency Code for Parish Councils is yet to be agreed and passed. This Parish Council and the Clerk have agreed that an Annual Audit will still take place.

e) Caldecott Foundation: The Clerk had summarised all relevant information about the home and sent it to Mr. Gifford and requested a date for a meeting to take place.

f) Flood Wardens: The Chairperson reported that two flood wardens were now in situ Mr. Paul Spinks will cover, Dunham on Trent and Mr. David Tuffney will cover Darlton. Fledborough and Ragnall still require voluntary flood wardens.

5 To Report on:

a) **Accidents:** Nothing to report

b) **Criminal Acts:**

Dunham on Trent

08.10.14 – Main Street – Racially aggravated harassment.

It was reported that a prowler had been seen around the Laneham Road area and it was advised that residents should be vigilant.

Ragnall

Nothing to report

Fledborough

It was reported that dogs had been seen chasing cattle at Fledborough.

Darlington

31.10.14 – Tuxford Road – burglary at glider club hangers

01.10.14 – Woodcoates Lane – damage to a gate lock

c) **Highways A57:** Loose manhole cover opposite the church at Darlington. Crumbling road surface on Broadgate, Darlington (A57)

d) **Highways Parish:** Street light on constantly outside 1 The Green, Dunham.

e) **Footpaths & Parish Lanes:** It was reported that a dilapidated fence outside Dunham House, Main Street is causing an obstruction and may become a danger to passing public.

6 Public Discussion – Four members of the public present were Fledborough residents. It was reported that the majority of residents in Fledborough feel vulnerable and unsafe in their homes. Threatening and abusive language from the children had been heard and directed at residents. People are aggrieved at empty promises made at the time of controversial discussions prior to the planning application being approved. The care and safety of the children at the home was questioned. The staff levels of competence are also questionable when disruption is ongoing. Referring to **4 e)** – the planned meeting with the proprietor of the home, John Gifford should have representatives present from Bassetlaw District Council, Planning Department, County and District Councillors and the police. The Parish Council advised residents to keep a record of any incidents as and when they occur and also to write to the above named authorities and request their assistance and help with these problems.

7 Planning Matters – No Planning matters had been received

8 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council

Doing things differently – leaflets

Your life - booklets

Bassetlaw District Council

Financial – impact for Parish Councils (on-going reduction of Concurrent Grant)

9 Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

- Council approved payment of £345.07 to M. Annable for November 2014. Clerks salary £237.60 + expenses £107.47. Cheque 300818
- Council approved payment of £90.16 to C. Gaisford for Litter Picking for November 2014. Cheque 300819
- Council approved payment of £261.60 to ROSPA Playsafety for Darton play

- area inspection during October 2014. Cheque 300820
- Council approved payment of £280.80 to the Clerk for administration for Lengthsman Scheme. Cheque 300 821
- Council approved payment of £589.79 to C. Gaisford for Lengthsman duties during August, September & October 2014. Cheque 300822
- Council approved payment of £93.33 to BT. Cheque 300823

b) Income: None

c)	<u>Balance of Accounts</u>		£
		Current Account:	18,924.79
		Deposit Account:	<u>4,319.63</u>
			23,244.42
		<u>Less:</u> Darlton funding to date:	<u>2,525.00</u>
			20,719.42

d) Transfer of funds – None

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 7.00 pm

Signed ----- (Chairman)

Date -----