

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the A57 Sub-Committee held on Monday 5th January 1998 at the
Playgroup Building, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 6.45 p.m.**

Present: Councillors R Spink, D East, G Ashton, N Bett, C Gaisford, G Harris,
M Matthews, County Councillor J Hemsall, Mrs S Claughton and Mr F Jagger.

1. **Maintenance Programme:** Letters had been received from Notts County Council and the Highways Agency at Birmingham confirming the arrangements for the forthcoming works. Works are to commence on Wednesday, 7th January and completion is anticipated within 11 weeks, subject to the effects of the weather. The scheme comprises of the resurfacing and selected partial reconstruction of the carriageway between the A6075 (Tuxford) junction and Dunham Bridge. New speed restriction signs with yellow backing boards are to be erected at either end of the village together with a "Gateway" treatment at both ends of the village. This will comprise of red surfacing with 30-mph roundels marked on the carriageway. We are also advised that Highways agents have been asked to update the previous by-pass study to take account of more recent traffic forecasts and other factors that may have changed. This will enable the Highways Agency to review the inclusion into their programme. Copy letters to be sent to Fiona Jones MP.
2. **Petition:** Complaints have been received that businesses in Dunham had not been approached. It was agreed that the arrangements could have been a lot better. Cllr Hemsall reported that the Petition had been presented to the Environment Committee on 10th December.
3. **Streetlighting:** As new streetlighting is to be provided through Darlton village a request was made that perhaps Dunham could secure the old lighting columns from Darlton. Cllr Hemsall agreed to take up this matter.
4. **Gritting:** In view of the proposed road closures it was agreed that a request be made for the back roads to be gritted, if necessary.
5. **Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting to be circulated.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th January 1998 at the
Playgroup Building, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors R Spink, D East, G Ashton, M Barden, N Bett, D Cowie,
C Gaisford, G Harris, M Matthews and County Councillor Hempsall.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs G Hayward and I Atkinson.

The Chairman welcomed newly co-opted Councillor David Cowie to the meeting.
Cllr Cowie duly signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on
1st December 1997 were approved as a true record and signed by the
Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr G Harris and **seconded** by Cllr G Ashton.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Accidents:** None reported.

Cllr Barden arrived at 7.18 p.m.

- b) **Criminal Acts:** Several acts of vandalism around the village were
reported together with thefts of tools and equipment.

- c) **Highways – Parish:**

- (i) **NCC** – Reminder to be sent about dangerous manhole cover at
Roberts Close and unsatisfactory reinstatement of road by
Anglian Water contractors around Ragnall.

- d) **Highways – A57:**

- (i) **Sub-Committee Meeting** – See attached minutes.

- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:**

Cllr Gaisford declared an interest.

- (i) **P3** – Cllr Gaisford reported that he had spoken to the
Enforcement Officer at NCC Rights of Way Section who had
given permission for all legal lines of footpaths to be walked
until such time as they become defunct. Cllr Gaisford further
reported that all footpaths and bridleways had now been
walked.
- (ii) **Church Footpath** – Cllr Gaisford advised that a new post had
been put in.
- (iii) **Footway along A57** – Chairman to ask landowner to cut back
the hedge at the bottom where it is obstructing the footway.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **Noticeboards** – Notices to be displayed inviting tenders for the general maintenance and weatherproofing of the four village noticeboards.
- b) **Litter Picking** – Once the grant money has been received from BDC notices are to be displayed inviting tenders for the litter picking, following the resignation of Cllr Hayward. Letter of thanks to be sent to Cllr Hayward for all her duties as a Councillor.
- c) **Laneham Road Lay-by** – The lay-by needs to be tidied again BDC to be asked to arrange for this to be done.
- d) **Cockitt's Hill** – NCC to be asked to look at the state of the road, the width of which is being reduced by the churning up of the verges. White lines have still not been marked or the potholes attended to.
- e) **Play Area** – An inspection of the Play Area has been requested. I.P.I of Workstop to conduct the inspection at a rate of £22. NCC to be contacted again about the promised "Children Playing" signs for the area.
- f) **Streetlights** – Streetlight No. 45 at Ragnall is faulty. Broken lamp reported at The Green. Lamp No. 7 on the A57 not working. NCC to be advised.

5. **Planning Matters:**

a) **Plans:**

The White Swan Inn – Create fishing lake, construct new and alter existing access and construct parking area

Approved 3, Object 4, Abstentions 2.

Comments – This proposal formed part of a previous application 1/14/95/3, which was refused consent. The Parish Council still feels unable to support this modified application because of the effect on villagers' environment and amenities and are concerned over the safety of children with a man-made lake. The Parish already has fishing lakes and a river and we do not feel that a further fishing lake is needed.

6. **Correspondence:**

Tracey Barlow Furniss & Co – Notice re application for Transfer of Justices Licence (Mr I V Thomas The White Swan Inn).

NCC – Highways Briefing.

NCC – Countylink.

NCC – County Contact.

NCC – Parish Liaison Meetings 14 and 28 February.

NCC – Salting Routes for 1997/98.

BDC – Council's Lottery Bid – New Leisure Facility.

Rural Action – Millennium funding.

NALC – Countywise.

Darlington Parish – Request received from Darlington Parish to join with our Parish Council. Parish meetings are necessary to discuss the proposal. These

were arranged for Monday 26th January at Dunham Primary School as follows:
Dunham 7.00 p.m., Fledborough 7.20 p.m. and Ragnall 7.40 p.m.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts:**

Current account - £3,141.75

Deposit account - £4,407.85

b) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:

Old England Nurseries	- £144.06	(Tree Planting)
Dunham Post Office	- £6.00	(Flowers)
Dunham Garden Services	- £34.00	(P3 work)

8. **Urgent Business:** None raised.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 2nd February 1998 at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Budget Meeting held on Monday 5th January 1998
at the Playgroup Building, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors R Spink, D East, G Ashton, M Barden, N Bett, D Cowie,
C Gaisford, G Harris and M Matthews.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs G Hayward and I Atkinson
2. **Income and Expenditure 1997/98:** Councillors considered the income and expenditure figures for the current year.
3. **Contribution and Precept 1998/99:** The Parish Estimate Forms were not available from BDC. Details were, therefore, based on figures for 1997/98. Clerk's salary to include a rise of 3%. Proposed by Cllr Barden, seconded by Cllr Gaisford.

Salaries and allowances	£1,052
Clerical Expenses	£ 170
Insurance	£ 225
Room Hire	£ 150
Audit Fees	£ 200
Subscriptions	£ 85
Play Area	<u>£ 150</u>
	£2,032

Village Grants:

Churchyards	£ 430
(Dunham £200, Ragnall £130, Fledborough £100)	
Village Hall	£ 500
Playgroup	£ 400
Senior Citizens	£ 400
Poppy Appeal	£ 25
Others	<u>£ 241</u>
	£4,028

RESOLVED That a Contribution of £1,428 (or as advised by BDC) be applied for. Precept to be set at £2,600. Street Cleaning Grant of £260 is to be requested. Proposed by Cllr Matthews and Seconded by Cllr Bett.

4. **Other Financial Matters**
 - a) **Street Cleaning** – Tenders to be sought when confirmation of grant monies is made by BDC.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05 p.m.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 1998 at the
Playgroup Building, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors R Spink, D East, G Ashton, N Bett, D Cowie, C Gaisford,
G Hayward and M Matthews.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs I Atkinson, G Harris and
County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on
5th January 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr G Ashton and **seconded** by Cllr M Matthews.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** Three incidents reported - car driven into field near Field
House Farm, vehicle mounted kerb and knocked Give Way sign at
Cockitt's Hill crossroads and car knocked van onto pavement near War
Memorial.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Several acts of vandalism around the village were
reported.
 - c) **Highways – Parish:**
 - (i) **NCC** – Clerk to advise about the unsatisfactory condition of
Cockitt's Hill and Upper Row and standing water problems at
The Green. Further letter to be sent requesting consideration of
30 mph signs past the school in response to Lincs. County
Council's new policy on speed restrictions near schools
 - d) **Highways – A57:**
 - (i) **Sub-Committee Meeting** – Attended by Mr F Jagger and
members of the Parish Council. Items raising included the
positioning of the 30-mph roundels on the carriageway, the
upgrading of the streetlighting and a request for pavement
sweeping following the planing operation. Comments were
made about the resurfacing through Darlton being
unsatisfactory and rippled. Complaints were received about
vehicles obstructing the road on Upper Row and the litter left
by the contractors.
 - (ii) **Other Matters** – Streetlights outside the Lucky Break and
White Swan need attention. Sign for Upper Row still not re-
erected.
 - e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:**
Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. No matters raised.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **Streetlights** – Streetlight No. 11 on Cockitt's Hill not working. Broken lamp reported at The Green still not repaired. Lamp at the corner of the Green obscured by trees. NCC to be advised.
- b) **Signage** – Give Way signs on Cockitt's Hill need attention.
- c) **Electricity Pole** – Opposite Chestnut Farm Cottage, Ragnall reported as leaning. E.M.E. to be contacted.

5. **Planning Matters:**

- a) **Planning Decisions:**
Mr & Mrs D Lowe – Install underground LPG tank. **Permission Granted.**
- b) **Site Visit:**
Plot 3, Land adjacent to OS Field 4462 – arranged for the afternoon of 4th February.

6. **Correspondence:**

NCC – Highways Briefing. Routine inspections for Fledborough & Ragnall.

BDC – Strategy for BDC 1998-2002: Draft for Consultation.

NALC – Countywise.

Notts Police Authority – Policing Plan for 1998/99.

NALC – Seminar 12 March re Nolan Report. Fee £7.50.

7. **Financial Matters:**

- a) **Balance of Accounts**
Current account - £2,968.37
Deposit account - £4,407.85
- b) **Fledglings Playgroup** – Cllr Gaisford declared an interest.
Letter asking for financial assistance for forthcoming year. Cllr Matthews proposed and Cllr Ashton seconded that £400 be granted to the playgroup in line with the Council's Budget proposals.
- c) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:
Fledglings Playgroup - £400 (S.137 Grant)

8. **Urgent Business:**

- a) **Grouping with Darlton** - It was unanimously agreed at the Parish meetings held on Monday 26th January that Darlton would be welcome to join with our Parish Council. Letters confirming this decision have been sent to Dalton Parish and to BDC.
- b) **Cllr Hayward** - The Chairman thanked Cllr Hayward for her services over the years and wished her well for the future.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 2nd March 1998 at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2 March 1998 at the
Playgroup Building, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors R Spink, D East, G Ashton, M Barden, N Bett, C Gaisford,
G Harris and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs I Atkinson, M Matthews,
D Cowie and County Cllr J Hemsall.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on
2 February 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr N Bett and **seconded** by Cllr G Ashton.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Accidents:** Four incidents reported - car driven into field near the
School, incident near The Bridge Inn and two incidents on A57.

- b) **Criminal Acts:** None reported.

- c) **Highways – A57:**

Sub-Committee Meeting– Apologies received from Mr F Jagger.
Chairman to contact County Cllr Hemsall to establish dates when
enhancement of signs and red tarmac contract to be started. Clerk to
contact P Barclay at NCC Trent Bridge House with same request.
Reports of increased speeds on the newly resurfaced road. Clerk to
request a police presence to check speeds of vehicles using the road.
Complaints received about dust flying around and tar on windows of
properties and the pavements along the A57, during the resurfacing
works. Also no warning was given when the vibrator was working.
Problems with road drainage reported. The offlets appear to have been
blocked by debris from the chipping machine. The road markings near
the crossroads should be wider to emphasise the junction. "Get into
lane" arrows should also have been included. Streetlighting to be
raised again. Clerk to contact P Barclay, NCC.

- d) **Highways – Parish:**

- (i) **Give Way Signs** – Clerk to chase up repair of signs.

- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:**

Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. Cllr Gaisford reported that Jo Smyth
had been contacted with regard to the definitive map and costings for
Darlton parish.

Cllr M Barden arrived at 7.30 p.m.

- f) **Grouping with Darlton** - The Clerk had been advised by Cllr Atkinson that the necessary Department of the Environment Order for the grouping had been approved. Formal confirmation from BDC awaited.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **Presentation by Cllr Matthews** - To be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- b) **Signage** - Letter received from BDC advising of their incomplete records re supply and erection of street nameplates. Items to be advised include 3 x **Dunham-on-Trent** signs, 1 x **The Green leading to Horne Lane and Leach Close**, 2 x **Low Street**.
- c) **Roberts Close** - Request to be made for resurfacing this area.
- d) **Tree Planting** - Cllr Gaisford asked for volunteers to help with the planting of trees received from NCC. Cllrs East, Ashton and Bett offered to help.
- e) **Litterbusters** - Clerk to ask the team to tidy the pavement and verges along the A57, the lay-by on Laneham Road and the area from Roberts Close to the crossroads.
- f) **Play Area** - Report received from I.P.I. (Independent Playground Inspections). Bark needs raking and grass removing. Paintwork on slide needs attention. It was suggested by Cllr Gaisford that the bark should be topped up, money having already been earmarked for this purpose. Clerk to obtain prices of designated play bark.

5. **Planning Matters:**

- a) **Planning Decisions:**
The White Swan - Create fishing lake, construct new and alter existing access and construct parking area. **Permission Granted.**
- b) **A Brumpton** - Erect house and garage and construct access on Plot 3, Land adjacent to OS Field 4462. **Permission Refused.**

6. **Correspondence:**

NCC - Highways Briefing.

NCC - Notts Heritage News.

BDC - Service Annual Report 1996/97.

BDC - National Spring Clean 1998. Woodbeck Scouts to be approached.

NALC - Countywise.

Cottam Power Station - Invitation to Development Centre on 12 March.

National Lottery - Grants Programme.

Fledglings Playgroup - Letter of thanks for recent donation.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £2,580.06

Deposit account - £4,407.85

b) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:

N.A.L.C. - £ 49.63 (Subscription)

I.P.I. - £ 22.00 (Play Area Inspection)

A Martin - £1,164.17 (Clerk's Salary + Expenses)

Playgroup Comm. - £ 24.00 (Room Hire)

8. **Urgent Business:** No matters raised.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 6 April 1998 at 7.15 p.m. AS7 Sub-Committee and general open meeting to start at 7.00 p.m. for 15 minutes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 April 1998 at the
Playgroup Building, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors R Spink, D East, G Ashton, I Atkinson, M Barden, N Bett,
C Gaisford, G Harris and M Matthews.

1. **Apologies:** None received.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 March 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Bett and **Seconded** by Cllr Harris.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** Car (stolen from Roberts Close) driven into dyke at Fledborough.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Car stolen from Roberts Close (see accident above).
 - c) **Highways – A57:**

Sub-Committee Meeting– Attended by Mrs S Cloughton and Mr F Jagger.

- (i) **Reply from P Barclay at NCC Trent Bridge House** - advising that a specific date for the completion of the works programme could not be confirmed. The drainage problems and the width of the white lining at Ragnall are to be rectified. The "Get into Lane" arrows are to be looked into further. The lighting upgrade will be put forward for future maintenance bids. Apologies were given for the use of the vibrating roller without a warning to residents.
ACTION - Clerk to write to P Barclay asking for clarification, letter addressed to F Jones MP dated 26 January advised that works would be completed by end of March. Concern over lack of consideration and communication with residents during works to be expressed. Complaints received about standing water through village and picks from planing machine left on grass verges. cc F Jones and J Hemsall
- (ii) **Reply from Notts Constabulary** - advising that our concerns over speeding are receiving attention.
ACTION - Monitor situation and discuss again at May meeting.

- (iii) **Changed Trunk Road Agency Arrangements** – Change of management structure gives responsibility for the A57 (Area 7) to the PLaN Consortium (Parkman Consulting Engineers, Leicestershire County Council and Nottinghamshire County Council). This takes effect from 1 April 1998 until a route transfer to Area 13 Trunk Road Network on 1 April 1999.

ACTION – Clerk to establish whom PLaN Consortium are accountable to.

- (iv) **Crash Barriers** – Clerk to query whether the replacement barriers were necessary, it being deemed that additional barriers opposite would have been more appropriate.

d) **Highways – Parish:**

- (i) **"Children at Play" Sign** – Cllr Ashton to meet with Mr Widdowson, NCC Bolham Lane, Retford, to discuss positioning of the signs.

- (ii) **Routine Highways Patrol** – Due in April. Items to be put forward: potholes on Fledborough Lane; manhole cover outside Hall Cottage, Ragnall; standing water on The Green, missing right hand bend sign near 17 Ragnall. Streetlight 27 at Ragnall reported as on all day and night.

e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest.

- (i) Cllr Gaisford reported that some footpath walkers are wandering from the designated footpaths and are allowing their dogs to foul. Clerk to prepare some notices.
- (ii) Landowners to be reminded about reinstating cross-field paths.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **Presentation by Cllr Matthews** – Cllr Matthews presented a study for members to take away and read ready for discussion at the May meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Matthews for his time and trouble in producing the document.
- b) **Litter Picking** – Notices to be placed on village noticeboards. 10 hours a month for six summer months and 5 hours a month for six winter months at a rate of £3 per hour. Designated area: from D-O-T toll bridge to Ragnall crossroads. To include all roads in D-O-T and the top part of Ragnall to the seat. Chairman to contact Mrs Buxton who had enquired about the situation.
- c) **Church Walk** – Councillors considered that the resurfacing of Church Walk should now be made a priority. Clerk to contact NCC.
- d) **Anglian Water** – Several sites have been left with rubbish from the contractors. Clerk to contact Anglian Water.
- e) **P Dornig, NCC** – Letter of thanks to be sent for the trees supplied.

5. **Planning Matters:** None raised.

6. **Correspondence:**

- Torksey Caravans** – Notification re change of ownership of The Hawthorns.
NCC – Highways Briefing.
NCC – Details of Environment Department Services.
BDC – Parish Council Training in Planning & Enforcement. **Agenda for May.**
BDC – Traffic Licensing and Roadside Catering.
BDC – Parish Precepts. **Agenda for May.**
BDC – Bassettlaw Local Plan Proposed Changes Booklet. **Agenda for June.**
NALC – Countywide and Nolan Report Seminar Notes.
NALC – Northern Area Agenda and Minutes.
NRCC – Rural Voice.
Bassettlaw Hospice – Details re newly updated presentation.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £1,329.23 Deposit account - £4,657.42

- b) **Village Hall** – After taking legal advice Cllr Atkinson suggested that the Parish Council make payments for the chairs, tables and other fittings on behalf of the Village Hall to enable the reclaiming of V.A.T. Funds would be given back to the Parish Council from the Village Hall Committee to enable payments to be made. The title of the goods would remain with the Parish Council but they would be on permanent loan to the Village Hall. Liability for the tax will be met by the Village Hall if any problems arise. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Barden and seconded by Cllr East that the Parish Council should go ahead with this. All in favour. (Cllrs Atkinson and Ashton declared an interest and took no part in the voting.

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

Goodwin Trust	-	£ 175.00 (Cash for Recipients)
Audit Commission	-	£ 201.81 (Audit Fee)
Village Hall	-	£7178.00 (Payment for furniture)
C Gaisford	-	£ 33.29 (Mileage Claim 76 x 43.8p/mile)

d) **Luncheon Club**

Cllr Atkinson outlined the plans for the development of a Luncheon Club at the Village Hall. Matter to be placed on the Agenda for the May meeting.

8. **Urgent Business:**

Mileage – It was agreed that Cllr Gaisford's claim for 76 miles of travelling in connection with the collection and delivery of trees etc. should be met in full.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 11 May 1998 at 7.15 p.m. A57 Sub-Committee and general open meeting to start at 7.00 p.m. for 15 minutes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 11 May 1998 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), I Atkinson, M Barden, N Bett, S Cobb, D Copley, D Cowie, D East, C Gaisford, R Gourley, P Lyon, M Matthews, J Thorpe, District Cllr D Yeates, County Cllr J Hemsall and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs G Ashton and G Harris.

2. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Chairman - R Spink
Proposed by I Atkinson
Seconded by M Matthews

Vice-Chairman - M Matthews
Proposed by R Spink
Seconded by I Atkinson

3. **Parish Council Vacancies**

Cllr Spink proposed and Cllr Barden seconded that David Cowie and David East be co-opted as Councillors to represent Dunham-on-Trent for the forthcoming period. The vacancy for Ragnall is to be offered to Graham Harris.

4. **Councillor's Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

All Councillors present duly completed their declarations.

5. **Election of Representatives:**

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| i) | NALC Northern Area | - | Cllrs Atkinson and East. |
| ii) | Tree Warden | - | Cllr Gaisford |
| iii) | School Governor | - | G Harris to be proposed. |
| iv) | Playgroup Bdg Management | - | Cllr Gaisford. |
| v) | Village Hall | - | Cllrs Matthews and Thorpe. |
| vi) | Footpaths Officer | - | Cllr Gaisford. |
| vii) | Conservation Sub-Comm | - | Cllrs Barden, Copley, East,
Gaisford and Lyon. |

6. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 April 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Bett.

7. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Accidents:** Two incidents reported at Ragnall crossroads, two in Dunham village. An incident reported at Drayton T-junction, one on Darlton S-bends and another below Cobb's.

- b) **Criminal Acts:** Attempted break-in at Dunham House

- c) **Highways – A57:**

Sub-Committee Meeting- Attended by Mrs S Claughton and Mr F Jagger.

- (i) **Village Treatment** -Clerk reported that no reply had been received from P Barclay, at NCC Trent Bridge House.

ACTION - Clerk to again seek clarification from P Barclay for details of the "village treatment" to be carried out and when this may be completed.

- (ii) **Speeding** - Clerk advised that no further correspondence had been received from Notts Constabulary about conducting a speed check.

ACTION – Clerk to contact Notts Constabulary for results of their findings

- (iii) **Changed Trunk Road Agency Arrangements** – Letter received from the Highways Agency confirming that, as before, PLaN Consortium will be accountable to the Highways Agency with overall responsibility for the trunk road network with the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions.

- (iv) **Public Meeting** - It was suggested that in view of the lack of progress a public meeting should be arranged. Fiona Jones MP and representatives from the Highways Agency to be invited. Cllr Hempsall to liaise with Terry Butler, Chairman of the County Council. A provisional date of Friday 5 June given (later changed to Friday 12 June).

- d) **Highways – Parish:**

- (i) **"Children at Play" Sign** – Cllr Ashton reported (by letter to Clerk) that the positioning of the signs had been agreed.

- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest.

- (i) Notices asking walkers to keep to footpaths had been prepared and laminated and Cllr Gaisford is to erect these where necessary.

- f) **Parish Precepts** – Clerk to respond to the letter from BDC asking for comments about the current precept and contribution scheme. Councillors would like to see fairer resources going to rural areas.
- g) **Luncheon Club** – Cllr Atkinson outlined the Village Hall Committee's plans for a Luncheon Club. It was proposed by Cllr Barden and seconded by Cllr East that a grant of £500 should be made towards the cost of equipment for setting up the club.
- h) **Training in Planning and Enforcement** – It was agreed that Councillors should attend this meeting on 2 June at 7.30 p.m. in the Ceres Suite at Workop Town Hall. Cllr Atkinson to organise the Trentside Minibus.

8. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **Presentation by Cllr Matthews** – It was agreed that this should be looked at by the Conservation Sub-Committee, plus any other interested Councillors, and suggestions brought back to the Parish Council for consideration.
- b) **Grasscutting Contract** – The current contract is due to finish next year. Clerk to contact NCC, Bolham Lane and ask for necessary documentation to be sent to Parish Council to enable an application to be made.
- c) **Litter Picking** – Reply received from Mrs J Buxton applying for the litter picking job. Clerk to arrange for plastic bags and gloves to be delivered to Mrs Buxton.
- d) **Darlington Play Area** – Clerk to seek clarification with landowner over the future of the land used as the Play Area. Cllr Thorpe to find out previous cost and specifications for cutting the grass.
- e) **Dunham Play Area** – Clerk to arrange for a ton of "play bark chippings" to be delivered to the site. Cllr Gaisford kindly offered to spread the chippings as needed.
- f) **Directional Signs for Village Hall** – Clerk to apply to NCC for the erection of four signs as discussed between Cllr Ashton and Mr Widdowson NCC.
- g) **Drainage, The Green** – Clerk to write to NCC asking for drains to be looked at.
- h) **Flooding, Fledborough** – Problems with flooding had occurred during the recent rainy spell.
- i) **Signage, Darlington** – Replacement chevron and 40 m.p.h. signs required. Clerk to contact NCC.
- j) **Bus Shelter, Darlington** – The possibility of replacing the bus shelter and having it repositioned was raised. Cllr Thorpe is to discuss the matter with villagers and come back to the Parish Council.
- k) **Power Station, Lorries** – Situation to be monitored during the next month and discussed at next meeting.

9. **Planning Matters:**

A Brumpton – Erect first floor flat, 1 Coronation Terrace. **Approved.**

IMC Geophysics Ltd – Notice of seismic survey

10. **Correspondence:**
NCC – Highways Briefing.
NALC – Countywise.
11. **Financial Matters:**
- a) **Balance of Accounts**
Current account - £8,557.40 Deposit account - £4,657.42
- b) **Statement of Accounts 1998/99** – The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts for 1997/98. It was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr East that these be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
- c) **Cheques** – were issued as follows:
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| MFI | - | £ 326.50 (Village Hall Kitchen Units) |
| HS Group | - | £ 233.83 (Village Hall Hot Cupboard) |
| Cornhill Insurance | - | £ 265.77 (Insurance Renewal) |
| Viscount Catering | - | £1474.27 (Village Hall Cooker) |
12. **Urgent Business:**
- Annual Parish Meetings**
- Dunham** – Friday 22 May at 7.00 p.m.
Ragnall – Thursday 28 May at 7.00 p.m.
Darlington – Cllr Thorpe to arrange.
Fledborough – Cllr Atkinson to arrange
13. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 6 July 1998 at 7.15 p.m. A57 Sub-Committee and general open meeting to start at 7.00 p.m. for 15 minutes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

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

**Minutes of the Dunham-on-Trent Annual Parish Meeting held on
Friday 22 May 1998 in the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent,
commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Councillors M Matthews (Chairman), G Ashton, D East, C Gaisford
District Cllr D Yates and 1 member of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllr R Spink.

Highways Matters:

Lanham Road – 40 m.p.h. speed restriction signs still required -
Cllr Yates to action.

Safety barrier at ditch in Lanham Road layby still deemed necessary.

Grasscutting around village considered unsatisfactory.

Upper Row signpost still needs re-erecting.

A57 drains still need cleaning.

Resurfacing of Church Walk still outstanding.

Substations on Horne Lane, The Green and School overgrown.

St. Oswalds replacement trees not planted.

General condition of roads not satisfactory.

Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1 June 1998 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, M Barden, N Bett, D Copley, D East, C Gaisford, R Gourley, P Lyon, M Matthews, J Thorpe and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr S Cobb, County Cllr J Hemsall and District Cllr D Yeates.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr East and **Seconded** by Cllr Barden.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Parish Council Vacancy:** The Chairman advised that Mr G Harris did not wish to take up the vacancy for a Ragnall representative. Cllr Atkinson proposed and Cllr Barden seconded that Cllr Copley be appointed as the representative for the School Governors in place of Mr Harris. Clerk to advise the School.
 - b) **Accidents:** An incident reported at Darlton and one on Darlton S-bends involving a motorbike.
 - c) **Criminal Acts:** None reported.
 - d) **Highways – A57:**

Sub-Committee Meeting – Attended by Mrs S Cloughton and Mr F Jagger.

- (i) **Public Meeting** – Arranged for Friday 12 June in the Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. Cllr Atkinson to arrange distribution of leaflets with village newsletter. Fiona Jones MP and Representatives from the Highways Agency have agreed to attend. It was suggested that those wishing to ask questions should meet in the committee room prior to the meeting.
- e) **Highways – Parish:**
 - (i) **Highway Inspection** – The routine inspection has been carried out. Clerk to enquire when works will be completed.
 - (ii) **Darlton Play Area** – Clerk had spoken to the landowner whose Solicitors have been instructed to draw up an agreement for the piece of land to remain as a children's play area. They are to liaise with the Parish Council over this. It was agreed that an

official inspection of the Play Area should be conducted. Clerk to ask I.P.I. (Independent Playground Inspections) to undertake this on our behalf.

- (iii) **Power Station Lorries** – Cllr Copley reported that the situation had appeared satisfactory since the last meeting.

f) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest.

- (i) **Hedge, Dunham Ponds** – Cllr Bett reported that the hedge owned by the Environment Agency had still not been cut back. Clerk to contact Environment Agency.
- (ii) **Occupational Access, Horne Lane** – Access needs reinstating. Clerk to contact landowner.
- (iii) **Trentside Walkers** – The group are planning a walk on Saturday 20 June. Meet at Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.
- (iv) **Footpath 3** – Cllr Gaisford reported that Footpath 3 from the White Swan to Chequers Lane was now re-open.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **Fledborough Lane** – Potholes still to be attended to.
- b) **Ragnall Lamp 24** – Streetlight number 24 is on all the time.
- c) **Give Way Sign, Cockitt's Hill** – Sign still not repaired.
- d) **Footway, Low Road** – Footway is falling into the ditch.
- e) **Lay-by, Laneham Road** – More tyres have been dumped. Situation to be looked into.
- f) **Untidy Land, The Green** – Two letters received concerning an untidy piece of land on the Green. Concern over legal access. Clerk to notify owner.
- g) **Drains, The Green** – These have still not been cleaned out.
- h) **Standing Water, Darlton** – Duct outside "Savilla" on A57 causing standing water problems also vehicle noise.
- i) **Darlton, Lamp 25** – New lamp still not functioning.
- j) **Dangerous Tree, Darlton** – First reported seven years ago. Clerk to request report on condition of tree.
- k) **Woodcoates Lane** – Road is very sticky when hot. Clerk to report to Highways.
- l) **Grasscutting, Ragnall** – Verges only cut one side at top of village. Water Hydrant sign knocked over.
- m) **Grasscutting A57** – Grasscutting not completed up to the bridge.
- n) **Ragnall Road** – General bad state of road through Ragnall.
- o) **Bend Sign, Ragnall** – Needs repairing. Post in place, sign outside entrance to Roberts Farm.

5. **Planning Matters:**

- a) **Local Plan, Mature Landscape Changes** – Clerk to comment that changes may be detrimental to future road layout plans i.e. by-pass.

6. **Correspondence:**
NCC – Highways Briefing.
NALC – Countywise.
7. **Financial Matters:**
- a) **Balance of Accounts**
Current account - £6,263.34 Deposit account - £4,657.42
- b) **Village Hall** – Cllrs Ashton and Atkinson declared an interest. Cllr Atkinson advised of plans to install a phone in the Village Hall. It was hoped that the Parish Council would pay the quarterly bills and reclaim the V.A.T. The Village Hall would then reimburse the net amount. Cllr Gourley proposed and Cllr Bett seconded that this should go ahead, majority in favour, one abstention.
8. **Urgent Business:**
- a) **Council Vacancy Ragnall** – Clerk to notify BDC of outstanding vacancy.
- b) **Future Meetings** – It was suggested that, in future, meetings should start at 7.00 p.m. and be adjourned following Matters Arising for open discussion about the A57 and other issues to take place. It is hoped that this will avoid duplication
- c) **Precept for Darlton** – Clerk to contact Martin Henwood, BDC to clarify position over the Precept money due for Darlton.
- d) **Playgroup Management Group** – Cllr Atkinson declared an interest. At present the constitution is made up of named trustees. A request has been made that the Parish Council become the holding trustees for the Playgroup, along similar lines as for the Village Hall. If in the future the building ceases to be used for a playgroup this would become the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr East and seconded by Cllr Copley that the group should proceed with the changes. All in favour.
9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 7 September 1998 at 7.00 p.m.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Friday 12 June 1998 at Dunham & District Village Hall commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Parish Councillor M Matthews (Chairman), County Cllr J Hemsall, District Cllr D Yeates, D Griffiths (Route Manager, Highways Agency), Parish Cllrs G Ashton, I Atkinson, M Barden, P Lyon, A57 Sub-Committee Members S Claughton, F Jagger and 28 members of the public.

Apologies: Parish Cllr R Spink, T Butler (Chairman County Council), Fiona Jones MP (received later)

The Chairman welcomed David Griffiths, Cllrs John Hemsall and Daniel Yeates to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Fiona Jones MP had planned to attend the meeting but was not present (apologies received later – due to illness). The Chairman advised that the public meeting had been called at the insistence of the A57 Sub-Committee to determine the Highways Agency's proposals for the traffic calming measures promised for completion earlier this year.

David Griffiths addressed the meeting and advised that following his attendance at the Parish Council meeting in September 1997 monies had become available for funding some of the village treatment proposals requested by the Parish Council. Unfortunately, the agents contracting for the Highways Agency were overloaded with work and regrettably some schemes were not completed before the end of financial year deadline, which meant that these earmarked monies went back to the Government. Further funds needed to be found from the current financial year which meant another delay. This delay was aggravated by the changeover in responsibility for the trunk road network to Parkman Consulting Engineers, Leicestershire County Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (PlaN Consortium).

Mr Griffiths assured the meeting that the village treatment would now be completed in July 1998. Actual works to be carried out are: three countdown markers with yellow background, yellow background on 30 m.p.h. signs, yellow background on Dunham-on-Trent Please Drive Slowly sign, band of red pigment to be oversprayed on road surface, white roundels with 30 m.p.h. to be annotated thereon, yellow background to Darlton village signs. These details are to be confirmed by letter to the Parish Council.

Mr Griffiths also agreed to investigate the following matters: **Darlton** - improved signage for Whimpton Lane, new streetlight 25 which is still not functional, duct outside "Servilla" not draining properly. **Ragnall Crossroads** – no specific treatment proposed but will identify problems and suggest ways they could be overcome (improved markings and measures to stop vehicles overtaking were requested). **Dunham** – vibration problems from lorries experienced by residents on Upper Row, streetlighting on Upper Row.

Radar speed checks carried out recently by the Highways Agency revealed that 85% of traffic, travelling west, passed the 30 m.p.h. sign in Dunham at less than 34 m.p.h. and in the other direction 85 % at less than 37 m.p.h.

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 July 1998 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, M Barden, N Bett, S Cobb, D Copley, D East, C Gaisford, P Lyon, M Matthews, J Thorpe, District Cllr D Yates, Mrs S Cloughton and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from County Cllr J Hemsall and Mr F Jagger.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 June 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Atkinson.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Parish Council Vacancy:** The Clerk advised that the required Notice of Casual Vacancy had been posted on the noticeboard at Ragnall. A letter of thanks and a £20 gift voucher is to be sent to Graham Harris for his many years' service as a Parish Councillor. **Proposed** by Cllr Barden and seconded by Cllr Atkinson.
 - b) **Accidents:**
 - (i) Incident on Dunham Bridge involving three cars running into one another.
 - (ii) Car written off on the A57, turning into PMC Services.
 - (iii) Incident reported involving a lorry/van at the bend near Woodcoates Lane, Darlton.
 - c) **Criminal Acts:** Several thefts from garden sheds reported.
 - d) **Highways – A57:**
 - (i) **Public Meeting** – The Clerk advised that the promised letter of confirmation about the proposed works and completion date had not yet been received from David Griffiths, Highways Agency. This is to be chased up.
 - (ii) **Grasscutting** – A reply had been received from NCC advising that although the current grasscutting contract expires in August 1999 there is provision in this for an option to extend the contract for a further two years. It also indicated that because of the complications with the A57 running through the Parishes it is unlikely that the Parish Council would be allowed to undertake the grasscutting in the future. Copy of letter to be sent to Cllr J Hemsall.

e) **Highways – Parish:**

- (i) **Blocked Drain, The Green** – Clerk to write again about this continuing problem.

f) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest.

- (i) **Missing Footpath Sign** – Cllr Gaisford reported that the sign was missing from the footpath near the riverbank.
- (ii) **Ragnall Footpath 3** – Cllr Gaisford reported that part of the path was unwalkable due to a rape crop.
- (iii) **P3** – The grant for 1998/99 has still not been received. Clerk to arrange an urgent meeting with Jo Smyth, Rights of Way Section, to ensure that arrangements for this are underway. It was proposed by Cllr Barden and seconded by Cllr Atkinson that Cllr Gaisford should be paid for the work to date, but that no further work should be carried out until the grant monies are received.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion to take place.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **Untidy Land, The Green** – No response from landowner. BDC Planning to be contacted.
- b) **Overgrown Hedges** – Reported at Cockitts Hill, The Hawthorns and the top end of Low Street. Owners to be advised.
- c) **Ragnall Pavement** – This is becoming overgrown. NCC to be contacted.
- d) **Fledborough Lane** – Request to be made for top surfacing.
- e) **Grasscutting at Play Area, Darlton** – It was agreed that the current contractor, Mr Albans, should be asked to continue with the grasscutting for this season. Cllr Thorpe to advise Clerk of contact number. Tender for the cutting to go out early in 1999.
- f) **Darlton Play Area Inspection** – A report from L.P.I has been received. It was decided that in view of the report the slide should be removed immediately. Cllr Cobb agreed to take responsibility for the removal and disposal. Cllr Spink agreed to organise collection of the scrap. Estimate to be obtained for refurbishing the swings. Grants for safety surfacing and equipment to be explored.
- g) **Plastic Recycling Bank** – BDC to be approached for a plastic bank at Dunham-on-Trent.
- h) **River Dredging** – A letter is to be sent to British Waterways asking whether dredging of “our” stretch of river is to be undertaken in view of a barge recently running aground on a sandbank.
- i) **Parking on Pavements** – It was reported that some drivers are parking their vehicles on the pavement as they load/unload or visit local businesses in Dunham-on-Trent. The Parish Council is concerned about the potential dangers this is causing and a notice is to be put on the noticeboard.

- j) **Buses** – It was reported that Service Buses are not always using the designated bus stops when passengers alight from the buses in Dunham-on-Trent. Letter to be sent to Lincs. Road Car requesting that this is addressed.

5. **Planning Matters:**

Plans: Denniiff, Manor Farm, Darlton: demolish single storey extension and erect single storey porch.

Proposal seen as improvement and sympathetic to existing structure. Supported by Parish Council.

6. **Correspondence:**

NCC – Highways Briefing.

NALC – Countywise

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £6,263.34 Deposit account - £4,657.42

- b) **Trentsider Newsletter** – Cllr Lyon declared an interest. Request for financial support towards computer and software. To be placed on Agenda for September.

c) **Village Hall** –

Summary of monies paid to the Parish Council that will be expended on the Village Hall Project:

April 1998	Village Hall	£7,178
(includes £5,700 previously received from Parish Council in grants – £1,478 injected by Village Hall)		
April 1998	Bassetlaw District Council	£5,000
May 1998	F D Watkins	£ 235
May 1998	Parish Council	£ 500 (Grant for 98/99)
May 1998	Parish Council	£ 500 (Grant for Lunch Club)
		£13,413

(£11,935 can be used for reclaiming V.A.T. on purchases
£1,478 to be returned to Village Hall Project)

Summary of payments made by the Parish Council in respect of the Village Hall Project (net of V.A.T.):

April 1998	Furniture etc.	£6,108.90
May 1998	MFI	£ 277.88
May 1998	H S Group	£ 199.00
May 1998	Viscount Catering	£1,254.70
July 1998	B.T.	£ 170.82
August 1998	Hawthorns	£3,404.26 (V.A.T. to claim)
		£11,415.56

(Balance of £519.44 remaining, to expend on the Village Hall Project)

- d) Senior Citizens - Request for financial assistance received. It was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Barden that the £400 earmarked in the budget for the club is paid when the books are returned from Audit.
- e) Darlington Precept - The budget for this money is to be discussed at September's meeting.
- f) Photographs of Chairmen - To be placed on Agenda for September when details of cost have been established.
- g) Cheques - were issued as follows:

B.T.	-	£ 200.71
Dunham Garden Services	-	£ 346.80 (P3)
Dunham Senior Citizens	-	£ 400 (S 137 Grant)
I.P.I.	-	£ 30 (Play Area inspection)
Hawthorns	-	£4000 (Village Hall spending)

8 Urgent Business:

- a) Deeds relating to War Memorial - Clerk to contact National Westminster Bank to establish whether the deeds are still held in safe custody.

9 Date of next Meeting: Monday 7 September 1998 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7 September 1998 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, M Barden, D East, C Gaisford, R Gourley, P Lyon, J Thorpe, County Cllr J Hemsall, Mrs S Claughton, Mr F Jagger, Mrs G Saville and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs N Bett, D Copley, S Cobb, M Matthews and District Cllr D Yates.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 July 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Atkinson and **Seconded** by Cllr Ashton.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Parish Council Vacancy:** Cllr Spink proposed and Cllr Lyon seconded that Mrs Gloria Saville be co-opted as a representative for Ragnall. All in favour. Mrs Saville duly signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
 - b) **Accidents:** None reported.
 - c) **Criminal Acts:** None reported.

Cllr Barden arrived at 7.07 p.m.

- d) **Highways – A57:**
 - (i) **Notts Constabulary Speed Check** – Letter received advising that the recently conducted electronic survey revealed low flows of vehicles travelling at speeds above a suitable prosecution threshold for the type of road. In view of these findings speed reduction resources are not going to be deployed in our area.
 - (ii) **Design Criteria for Roads/Road Improvements** – Copy of Circular 1/93 received.
 - (iii) **Grasscutting** – Details of grasscutting specifications received from NCC.
 - (iv) **Proposed Detrunking of the A57** – Cllr Barden handed out a leaflet "A New Deal for Trunk Roads in England" which indicates proposals for the possible detrunking of the A57. After much discussion it was proposed that letters should be sent to Terry Butler, Chairman NCC Environment, Fiona Jones MP and Peter Barclay, Highways Agency, highlighting the Parish Council's concerns about the transfer of the A57 to local highway management authority. Maintenance budgets are

already stretched and local issues must be addressed before any transfer is made.

e) **Highways – Parish:**

- (i) **Blocked Drain. The Green** – Clerk to write again about this continuing problem.
- (ii) **Ragnall Pavement** – NCC to be reminded about the state of the pavement.

f) **Photographs of Chairmen:** Cllr Atkinson reported that the cost would be around £20 - £25 for each.

g) **Deeds for War Memorial:** The Clerk advised that these are currently held in safe custody at National Westminster Bank, Retford Branch.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion to take place.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **Untidy Land. The Green** – No response received from the landowner. After a long discussion about health and safety issues and possible redress through the "Tidy Law", it was resolved that Cllr Hemsall would seek further advice on the matter and liaise with the Clerk. Item to be kept on the Agenda.
- b) **A57 Issues** – Some of the new gateway signage is obscured by trees/shrubbery. The kerb opposite The Green is being bumped as lorries try to pass on this stretch of road. Clerk to contact David Griffiths, Highways Agency, for a progress report on the following: Upper Row survey, roadside drainage, lighting, Ragnall crossroads inspection, drain and streetlight problems at Darlton and bypass report.
- c) **Roadside Parking** – Clerk to advise Chief Constable of problems and suggest that local Police Constable could introduce himself at a future meeting and discuss local issues.
- d) **Darlton Play Area Inspection** – Formal report now received. Removal of the slide is proving a problem. Chairman to make further enquiries.
- e) **Draft Licence, Play Area Darlton** – Draft licence submitted by Tallents Godfrey & Co for approval. All in favour. Licensee to be amended from Parish Meeting of Darlton to show full name of Parish Council.
- f) **Play Area, Dunham** – "No Dogs Allowed" sign has been removed. BDC to be contacted for a replacement. Cllr Gaisford reported that the gate and fencing had again been damaged. Costs for repairing this to be looked into.
- g) **Plastic Recycling Bank** – BDC advised that plastic recycling is not being promoted at present. Clerk to contact again.
- h) **River Dredging** – Letter received from British Waterways advising that there are no current plans to dredge "our" stretch of the river.

- i) 30 mph, Laneham Road - NCC to be asked again to implement a speed restriction in view of new White Paper.
- j) Streetlights - Lamp near the Bridge Inn and number 25 at Darlton require attention.
- k) Cockitt's Hill - Request for resurfacing to be made.
- l) Dangerous Tree, Darlton - Nigel Hunston, BDC, to be contacted for update.
- m) Carriageway Sweeping - Request to be made for the sweeper to visit all four villages.
- n) P3 - Cllr Gaisford declared an interest and left the meeting. The grant for the 1998/99 maintenance work has now been promised. The Agreement for the next three years is due for renewal. Cllr Thorpe proposed and Cllr Atkinson seconded that the Parish Council sign the Agreement for the forthcoming three years. A letter from Dunham Garden Services, concerning recent problems encountered with the scheme was read out. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Gaisford advising that difficulties had arisen because of the NCC's failure to release funds for this year's maintenance work. Details of the work to be carried out, as advised in NCC letter dated 4 September, are to be included. The contract for Dunham Garden Services to be extended until the next financial year to coincide with the P3 scheme. At this time tenders will be requested. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the extra £2 50 per agreed clearance as requested by Mr Gaisford. Cllr Gaisford returned to the meeting. The Parish Council's discussions were related to Cllr Gaisford by the Chairman. Cllr Gaisford advised that the NCC strimmer had not been used for the gap clearance work.

5. Planning Matters:

Plans: Denniff, Manor Farm, Darlton: demolish single storey extension and erect single storey porch. **Permission Granted.**

6. Correspondence:

District Cllr Yates - Details received re BDC Grants, Darlton Precept and Planning Forms.

NCC - Highways Briefing

NALC - Countywise.

Various leaflets and publications were tabled.

7. Financial Matters:

a) Balance of Accounts

Current account - £2767.54 Deposit account - £4,657.42

- b) Clerk's Salary - The Clerk left the meeting while discussion took place. It was proposed by Cllr Ashton and seconded by Cllr East that the Clerk's salary be increased to £1,356 (4 hours per week @ £6.52 per hour). P3 administration costs of £180 to be paid.

- c) **Trentsider Newsletter** – Cllr Lyon declared an interest. Request received for financial support towards computer and software. It was proposed by Cllr Barden and seconded by Cllr East that £400 be reallocated from the earmarked reserves for Election Expenses to go towards equipment purchase for the Newsletter.
- d) **Darlington Precept** – Cllr Thorpe advised that the books for Darlington had not been returned by the District Audit. Matter to be placed on Agenda for October.
- e) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:

B.T.	-	£ 157.15
J Buxton (Litter Picking)	-	£ 120.00
Village Hall (Room Hire)	-	£ 65.00
Village Hall (Return of monies)	-	£1478.00
A Martin (Half Year Salary £678, P3 Admin. £180, Expenses to date £160)	-	£1018.00

8. **Urgent Business:**

- a) **Dog Fouling Byelaws** – BDC to be contacted to clarify whether speed limits are being used to define areas covered by byelaws.

9. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 5 October 1998 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5 October 1998 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors R. Spink (Chairman), G. Ashton, M. Barden, N. Bett, D. Copley, D. East, C. Gaisford, P. Lyon, M. Matthews, G. Saville, J. Thorpe, District Cllr D. Yates, Mr F. Jagger and 5 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs I. Atkinson, S. Cobb, County Cllr J. Hemsall and Mrs S. Cloughton.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 September 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Ashton and **Seconded** by Cllr East.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** Incidents involving 2 cars outside Lucky Break, 2 cars outside Bridge Inn, car and lorry outside the White Swan, car mounted pavement knocking over an advertising sign on Main Street and power cables brought down by lorry at Fledborough Station.

Cllrs Lyon and Thorpe arrived at 7.05 p.m.

- b) **Criminal Acts:** Garden ornaments taken from a property on Upper Row, and petrol taken from a car in Darlton.
- c) **Highways – A57:**
 - (i) **Notts Constabulary** – Letter advising that a representative will be pleased attend a future meeting.
- d) **Highways – Parish:**
 - (i) **Land at The Green** – The Chairman advised that he had spoken with the landowner who was willing to attend a meeting to discuss the problems. Details of the legal access to be established before a meeting is arranged. Cllr Yates to take up this issue and pursue matter through "Tidy Law" Act. Cllr Hemsall had advised that Mr R. Hart at NCC was looking into the matter. Fiona Jones MP has also been asked to look into the problems.
 - (ii) **Carriageway Sweeper** – The sweeper has now visited the four villages. A request to be made for Upper Row and Cockitt's Hill to be included in the programme.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion to take place.

4. Village Maintenance:

- a) A57 Issues – Signs advising of “Queuing Traffic” to be requested to warn of the works to Dunham Bridge. Chairman to contact the contractors. It was noted that any relevant documents made available to Councillors should also be sent to A57 Sub-Committee members. The upgrading of Dunham Bridge to be used for endorsing a by-pass scheme. The drains on the corner of the A57 and opposite the Bridge Inn need attention. The roundels on the carriageway are beginning to wear away. Request to be made for “reminder” roundels and junction “triangle”. Clerk to chase David Griffiths, Highways Agency, for a progress report.
- b) Darlington Play Area – Chairman to pursue the removal of the slide.
- c) Draft Licence, Play Area Darlington – The approved Licence to G D Strawson was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk. Rent of £1 is to be paid annually on 1st October.
- d) Plastic Recycling Bank – BDC advised that a plastic recycling bank will be positioned at the Dunham Recycling Area.
- e) Dangerous Tree, Darlington – The tree is owned by BDC Leisure Services. Nigel Hunston, Tree Officer at BDC, has sent work recommendations to the department for their consideration.
- f) Footpaths and Parish Laues (P3) – Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. 80m of footpath clearance to be paid for out of the P3 “slush” fund. Several legal issues need to be taken up with the new P3 Officer when one is appointed.
- g) Streetlights at Darlington – Lamps 28 and 29 need attention.
- h) Verge between White Swan & Dunham House – NCC to be asked to regrade and cut the verge which has become overgrown and untidy since the accident in this area.
- i) Dog Fouling Byelaws – BDC have confirmed that speed restrictions are being used to define areas for the byelaws.

5. Planning Matters:

Decisions:

A Brumpton. Erect first floor flat at 1 Coronation Terrace, Main Street, D-O-T – **Permission Granted.**

A Brumpton. New dwelling and road access at plot 3 on land adjacent to OS field 4462, D-O-T. **Appeal Refused.**

Cllr M Barden arrived at 7.55 p.m.

6. Correspondence:

NCC - Highways Briefing

NCC - Parish File

BDC - Safer Bonfire Scheme.

Unison - Ambulance service.

Notts Police Authority - Rural Crime Reduction - meeting at Kelham Hall on 8th October

Notts Police Authority - Annual reports.

Parish Liason - Meeting at Edwinstowe on 24th October.

County Contact - Magazine

7. Financial Matters:

a) Balance of Accounts

Current account - £3,572.51 Deposit account - £4,657.42

b) Churchyard Maintenance - Cllr Matthews proposed and Cllr Ben seconded that the grant of £430 be paid to the P.C.C.

c) Darlington Precept - Cllr Thorpe advised that the books for Darlington had still not been returned by the District Auditor. Cllr Thorpe to follow this up. Matter to be placed on Agenda for November.

d) Cheques - were issued as follows:

D-O-T P.C.C.	-	£ 430.00
G D Strawson	-	£ 1.00

8. Urgent Business:

a) Fiona Jones MP - A surgery has been arranged for 24th October to discuss local issues.

9. Date of next Meeting: Monday 2 November 1998 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2 November 1998 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, N Bett, S Cobb, D Copley, C Gaisford, R Gourley, P Lyon, M Matthews, G Saville, J Thorpe, County Cllr J Hemsall, Mrs S Claughton and 7 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs D East, M Barden, District Cllr D Yates and Mr F Jagger.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 October 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Ashton.
3. **Representative from Notts Constabulary:** The Chairman welcomed Police Constable Pete Gilbert and adjourned the meeting to allow for public discussion. The meeting was reconvened at 7.40 p.m. The main points discussed were the restructuring of the policing in the area, Dunham and district now being policed by the "Tuxford Cluster". PC Gilbert agreed to address the problems of vehicles parking on pavements although it was agreed that certain exceptions were acceptable for people with disabilities.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** Offal tanker coming out of Woodcoates Lane, Darlton bumped the kerb and turned over, shedding its load. Incident on Darlton S-bend involving a lorry and van. Third incident at Darlton involving a butcher's van and a car.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Planters stolen from War Memorial site. Dismantling of Fledborough Station. Both matters reported to PC Gilbert. Three break-ins reported.
 - c) **Highways - A57:**
 - (i) **Highways Agency** - Reply received from David Griffiths. The question of safety at Ragnall crossroads is still being examined. The revised Dunham by-pass study is still awaited from NCC. Streetlighting has been looked into but it does not meet current criteria and additional lighting will not be provided at the present time. Surface water problems should have now been addressed. Other areas adjacent to gutters are not considered a safety hazard. No imperfections were found along Upper Row and the surface was shown to be within normal tolerance standards. The manhole covers at Darlton are to be reset. The contractor has been instructed to attend to streetlight 25 at Darlton. Councillors felt that the standard of work had not been satisfactory and that problems highlighted had not been addressed. Further letter to be sent to the Highways Agency.

- (ii) **Dunham Bridge Works:** The Chairman reported that the engineer in charge of the works at Dunham Bridge had been approached for additional signage. This is to be chased up. Comments were made about problems for pedestrians using the bridge during the works. Signs blown down in the wind had taken five days to re-erect.
- d) **Highways – Parish:** No matters raised.
- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** No matters raised.
- f) **Land at The Green:** Councillors were advised that District Cllr Yates had spoken to Paul Rossington, Principal Planner at BDC. The site had been visited and the current state of the land found to be unacceptable. Tom Shields, the Planning Enforcement Officer is to make the necessary checks on the site with a view to action being brought under s.125 of the Tidy Act. If this results the landowner is to be asked to tidy the site. If this is not complied with BDC has the authority to undertake the work themselves and bill the landowner for the full cost.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion to take place.

5. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **A57 Issues** – Cllr Hemsall agreed to take up the issue of Ragnall crossroads and pursue the Highways Agency's promise to provide bolder markings here. It was also agreed that we should push for improved lighting. Mrs Cloughton advised that despite informing the Agency that one of the gateway signs had been erected in front of an existing sign this had still not been rectified. Standing water problems persist and are considered to be a safety hazard for pedestrians and motorists.
- b) **Land adjacent Jubilee House, Main Street** – It was suggested that we could possibly use the Tidy Act to get this area of land tidied in the future.
- c) **Ragnall Churchyard** – Complaints about the condition of the churchyard were heard. Rev. Calvert to be approached for her comments about the upkeep.

6. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **A57** – Sunken inspection cover between PMC Services and Darlton needs attention.
- (ii) **Hawthorns** – Hedge still needs trimming. Owner to be contacted again.
- (iii) **Lancham Road** – Sunken manhole covers one near crossroads one at other end of road.
- (iv) **Lancham Road Bus Stop** – Weeds are coming through the tarmac.
- (v) **Cockitt's Hill** – The width of the road is being reduced by soil and debris from the verges.
- (vi) **Drainage, The Green** – Works have still not been started and the yellow marks are beginning to wear away.

- (vii) **Ragnall** – The pavement is breaking up quite badly in some areas.
- (viii) **Streetlights** – Numbers 28, 29 and the lamp opposite the Church require attention. The light at the Bridge has still not been fixed. Lamp near the Nook on The Green has been knocked.

7. **Planning Matters:**

Plans – Mr & Mrs Swallow – Erect detached dwelling, change of use of existing building to garage and alter existing access. Land adjoining East View, Lincoln Road, Darlton. **Comments:** Support proposal. Good use of existing building and will enhance the area.

Plans – Mr K Spilman – Construct new access and alter existing access at Hall Farm Cottage, Ragnall. **Comments:** Support proposal. No increase in vehicles and will separate the farm from the field access.

Appeal Notice – Miss C J Thompson/C J International – Tuesday 17 November at Retford Town Hall at 10.00 a.m. Clerk to write re-affirming our objections to the haulage business. The site is inappropriate for this type of business. Should consent be granted stipulations should be made to ensure access is only gained from the south side.

8. **Correspondence:**

NCC – Highways Briefing.

B.T. – Confirmation of Dunham Millennium Centre directory entries.

B.C.V.S. – Rural organisations questionnaire.

Notts Bereavement Trust – Civic launch at Worksop Town Hall 17 November at 6.00 p.m.

BDC – 1999 Collection dates for bulky waste.

BDC – Maintenance of open spaces information.

Rampton Hospital – Minutes from last meeting.

NCC – Questionnaire re Budget Consultation 1999-2000. **Comments:** Any increase in the Council Tax should be reflected proportionately in the services granted to rural areas.

Various publications were tabled.

6. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £3,152.68 Deposit account - £4,657.42

- b) **Fledglings Playgroup** – It was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Ashton that the grant of £400, as set in the budget, be paid plus a proportionate amount from the Darlton precept monies.

- c) **Darlington Precept** – Cllr Thorpe advised that the books had now been collected from the District Auditor. The bank account for Darlington Parish Meeting is to be closed and the accounts finalised. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk arrange for proportionate amounts to be paid to the Village Hall, Senior Citizens and Fledglings Playgroup. Cllr Cobb to enquire about payments made for the parish clock at Darlington.
- d) **Darlington Play Area** – It was proposed that a working group be formed.
- e) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:

7. **Urgent Business:**

- a) **Ragnall Footpath 2** – Finger post needs replacing.
- b) **Derelect Car, The Green** – It was reported that the derelict car parked at The Green will be removed shortly.
- c) **Remembrance Sunday** – It was proposed that a wreath for Darlington be purchased in addition to the one from Dunham-on-Trent. Chairman to organise.
- d) **Litter Picking** – Cllr Copley advised that Mrs Buxton no longer wished to continue the litter picking. Adverts for the position to be displayed.

8. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 7th December 1998 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 1998 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, M Barden, N Bett, S Cobb, D Copley, D East, C Gaisford, R Gourley, P Lyon, M Matthews, G Saville, District Cllr D Yates, Mr F Jagger (A57 Sub-Committee) and 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr J Thorpe, County Cllr J Hemsall, and Mrs S Cloughton (A57 Sub-Committee).
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 2nd November 1998 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Gaisford and **Seconded** by Cllr Matthews.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:**
 - (i) Incident at the corner of A57 and Low Street.
 - (ii) Similar incident at Ragnall crossroads.
 - (iii) Cars involved in a shunt outside the Bridge Inn.
 - (iv) Incident at Darlton
 - (v) Incident involving two cars at the bridge during the road works
 - (vi) Incident at Ragnall.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:**
 - (i) Noticeboard on The Green damaged. Cllr East agreed to look into replacing the perspex.
 - (ii) Hedge at Wilmot House damaged.
 - c) **Highways – A57:**
 - (i) **Highways Agency** – No response. Streetlights still not repaired.
 - d) **Highways – Parish:**
 - (i) **Hedge at the Hawthorns** – Cllr Atkinson had met with the owner Mr Barney and the hedge had been duly cut back.
 - e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:**
 - (i) **P3 Officer** – Mr Jonathon Wood has now been appointed as the new P3 Rights of Way Officer.
 - f) **Land at The Green:**

Cllr Yates gave an update on the current position. BDC are gathering information to establish key points about the land and its ownership. The question of access was raised again. This is currently being investigated by the authority. Cllr Yates promised to follow this matter closely and liaise with County Cllr Hemsall over NCC's possible involvement.

- g) **Litter Picking**: No applications received. Cllr Lyon to place notice in the Trentsider Newsletter.

Cllr Barden arrived at 7.18 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion to take place.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- a) **A57 Issues** – Concern was felt that issues raised at previous meetings are still not being addressed satisfactorily. Further letter to David Griffiths at Highways Agency. Copies to Fiona Jones MP and Dept of Transport.
- b) **Streetlights** – Darlton lamps numbers 1, 7, 15, 25 and 31 need attention.
- c) **Cockitt's Hill** – Cllr Gaisford reported that the slabs have now been replaced.
- d) **Entrance Roberts Farm** – The entrance to Roberts Farm driveway needs re-instating.
- e) **Drain Cover, Ragnall** – The cover is broken badly and a hole is forming alongside.
- f) **Ragnall Road** – Sunken areas opposite the Church and outside Foursevens are in need of attention. There are now no reflective posts remaining along this stretch of road to Fledborough.
- g) **Ragnall Pavement** – The pavement is continuing to break up badly and is quite overgrown in some areas. Clerk to report this again to NCC.
- h) **Darlton Play Area** – Cllr Cobb reported that the slide had now been removed. It was agreed that a working party should be formed to address issues relating to the Play Area. Party to include Cllrs Atkinson, Cobb, Lyon and Thorpe.
- i) **Highways Issues** – It was suggested that a list of items needing attention be drawn up every three months to coincide with the Highways inspections. It was hoped that this would help to make the process more efficient.

7. **Planning Matters:**

Appeal Notice – Miss C J Thompson/C J International – Notice received that the appeal has been postponed until 8th December at 10.00 a.m. at Worksoy Town Hall.

8. **Correspondence:**

NCC – Highways Briefing.

Goodwin Trust – List of recipients for updating.

BDC – Draft Registers of Electors.

BDC – Parish Liaison Group minutes.

BDC – Dog Fouling Laws information. Further letter to be sent asking that BDC liaise with NCC in getting a reduction in the speed limit on Laneham Road to enable the area near the school to be covered by these bylaws.

NCC – Salting Routes for 1998-99.

NALC – Countywise.

Trax FM – Contact details.

6. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £16,173.45 Deposit account - £4,657.42

b) **Darlington Parish Meeting** – The Clerk reported that a cheque for £1,311.50 had been received, being the closing balance from Darlington Parish Meeting's account at National Westminster.

c) **Darlington Grants** – Additional grants of £90 for Fledglings Playgroup and D-O-T Senior Citizens respectively and £110 for the Village Hall were agreed, these being the proportionate amounts for Darlington.

d) **Poppy Appeal** – It was proposed by Cllr East and seconded by Cllr Ashton that a payment of £40 be made to cover the costs of the wreaths for Dunham and Darlington and a donation.

e) **Village Hall** – Funds of £12,469 had been received from NRCC.

f) **Cheques** – were issued as follows: Fledglings Playgroup £490.00 (s.137 Grant), B.T £282.84 (Village Hall Telephone), 1 T Albans £120 (Grasscutting at Darlington Play Area), Poppy Appeal £40 (Wreaths and Donation), Senior Citizens £90 (Additional Grant for Darlington), NRCC £10 (Subscriptions).

7. **Urgent Business:** None raised.

8. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 4th January 1999 at 7.00 p.m. to be followed by the Budget Meeting at 8.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.