

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



Extra Meeting of **Dunham & District Parish Council** held on the **5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023** at Dunham Village Hall, the meeting commenced at **6:30pm** and closed at 8.55pm

## Council Members & Officer Present

Cllr Madeline Barden Cllr Kathryn Watkinson Cllr Vera Ballinger Cllr Carole Booth Cllr Rachel Sergison Current Vacancies D. Flinders 0 Members of the Public	Chairman Cllr Lucy Atkinson Cllr Rachel Bean Cllr Ben Lee  1 Clerk (Locum)
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## Also, Present

➤ Public Forum  
None.

86/23 To receive apologies for absence  
After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Thorpe.

87/23 To receive declarations of interest  
None.

88/23 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.

89/23 To Receive an update on Fledborough Broadband  
Cllr Atkinson advised that there are now 46 potential subscribers, against a target of 80, 2 of which are businesses. It was decided that a Flyer would be distributed to all residents to increase awareness and some door knocking. *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](mailto:enquiries.broadband@nottsc.gov.uk) or by phoning 0115 977 2532.*

90/23 To Note in the Minutes the response to any planning applications via the scheme of delegation and discuss responses to any One Earth Solar Consultation(s)  
The Council **noted** the following which have been responded to via the scheme of delegation:

- **Planning Inspectorate Ref EN010159 - One Earth Solar Farm - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation** - The North/South Normanton residents engaged and the council are looking for mitigation. Cllr Barden has written to Cllr James Naish and it was **proposed** by Cllr Atkinson and **seconded** by Cllr Watkinson that they would finalise and deliver the planning response.

91/23 To Receive Councillor's/Clerks' Reports including Road Traffic Accidents & County Council Highways Matters:

- **Noting of Accidents** – No new accidents on 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
<b>Fledborough</b> 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	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	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

	of the Flood Risk team at NCC. The Council would like to be copied in on the final resolution for information purposes.	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.	<p>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. 09/05/2023 Cllr Atkinson confirmed the new owners have recently moved in and she will pass on the details to the Drainage Manager.</p> <p>22/05/2023 the Drainage Manager advised 'be attending to assess the levels tomorrow. Still not had any details through re land ownership but I can sort that through the Land Registry if necessary.'</p> <p>14/06/2023 – Drainage Manager update: 'We assessed the levels. They're not great and it seems that standing water at some point around the junction area may be inevitable after rainfall, but there should be sufficient to work with to at least try and alleviate the flooding issue. I now need to attend with our CCTV operator to camera upstream from the existing pipe outfall. That will enable us to finalise a design. I hope that will be in the next few weeks but I've already had to push it back a fortnight due to other issues that have arisen over the last week. Scheme delivery is provisionally scheduled for early November.'</p> <p>07/11/2023 – Drainage Manager update: 'We'll be looking to set up a site meeting soon to start planning for this work, which is provisionally scheduled for late October/early November.'</p> <p>15/11/2023 – Clerk chased Drainage Manager for an update. 16/11/23 – Drainage Manager replied to say he is attempting to arrange a site meeting with the owners of The Gables week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.</p> <p>5/12/2023 - Drainage Manager advised all works completed Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. <b>Item Closed.</b></p>
<b>Darlington – Highways</b> Safety issues & speeding A57	A local resident of Darlington 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.	<p>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 Darlington 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.</p> <p>28/11/2022 The Highways Manager agreed to visit W/C 5<sup>th</sup> Dec to ascertain what could be potentially done regards</p>

		<p>signage. 10/01/2022 The Clerk chased the Highways Manager for an update.</p> <p>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.</p>  <p>The signs are like the one above but can differ in design at times, but more often than not they look like the image.</p> <p>03/04/2023 reply from Highways Manager 'I don't have timescales at the moment unfortunately, this is with NCC at the moment to assess.' 22/09/2023 – Highways Manager advised  <i>'Unfortunately this is now with NCC and we'll only find out more once they've assessed. I'll forward your email on in the hope to get some information.'</i></p> <p>18/10/2023 – Update from Highways Manager <i>"I have actually since emailed colleagues again to try and find out timescales, I'll await their response and hopefully be able to provide some clarity. I have previously requested this information with no avail but hope to apply some pressure to get this planned in."</i></p> <p>15/11/2023 Clerk chased Highways Manager for an update.</p> <p>22/11/2023 update from Highways Manager "I have spoken to LTP at NCC and this is on the list for inclusion in next years programme by way of LTP and Programme Development Team. If you require any further information, Paul Hillier has said he is happy to answer directly: <a href="mailto:paul.hillier@nottsc.gov.uk">paul.hillier@nottsc.gov.uk</a>"</p>
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<b>Dunham</b> – A57 start of 30mph – Ref CSC514405382	In 2022 one interactive flashing 30mph speed sign was destroyed by vehicular impact and the other no longer works	NCC to replace one and repair the other	Reported by Cllr Atkinson and then chased again by the Clerk 10/05/2023. 21/06/2023 Kim from Notts CC phoned to say that the parts are on long lead time, both signs to be replaced and they're aiming for end of September 2023. 15/11/2023 work still outstanding, clerk chased Highways Manager for an update on parts lead time and estimated installation date. 22/11/2023 update from Highways: "I am so sorry for the extended delay with these sign replacements. I have just spoken to my colleague in the traffic operations team. I have stressed the importance of getting these signs installed. He has assured me that this work will be completed in December. Once the road space for the work has been booked, I will update you with the confirmed date."
<b>Dunham</b> Public Highway Access from A57 past St Oswalds Church Door to Church Walk	Since May 2022 the public have experienced issues with the new owner of the Church when walking along the public highway, off putting signage and self-closing devices have been installed.	NCC & PCC have both stated they are happy with the current signage and will not grant permission to the PC to install additional or altered signage.	15/11/2023 Cllrs monitoring the situation, asking around to see if any pedestrians have come across any issues walking through to Church Walk from the A57.
<b>Dunham – Laneham Road</b>	No Bus shelter	School kids (7 at present) have no shelter	25/10/2023 - Transport Facilities Assistant advised <i>'Thank you for your request for a bus shelter to be installed at BA0745 Cartwright Close on Laneham Road, Dunham on Trent.</i> <i>As you may be aware, Nottinghamshire County Council has an extremely limited capital budget for investment in bus stop infrastructure, and this means only a limited number of new bus shelters can be installed each year. As a result, we are required to ensure that the limited funds are utilised to benefit the maximum number of passengers and to focus on supporting access to local bus services (rather than bus services dedicated for school children). At this particular bus stop, whilst it is used by school buses once a day, it is not served by any local bus services. It is therefore with regret that I'm afraid the County Council would not be a position to invest in a bus shelter in this location.</i> <i>I note that you enquired about the costs involved in providing a bus shelter in this location to help decide if the Parish Council could bid for funding to fund part or all of the investment. I've reviewed the site and concluded that significant civils works would be required to provide</i>

			<p><i>adequate hardstanding on which to install a bus shelter. It is also possible that land will need to be acquired beyond the highway extent to ensure a sufficient width of hardstanding can be maintained. The bus shelter would cost approximately £3.5k but I would estimate civils works of at least £5k and possibly up to £20k if one was to provide an uncontrolled dropped crossing point on both sides of the road plus the necessary hardstanding. I am really sorry not to be providing a more positive response but hope the above explains our position and provides the information you were seeking.</i></p> <p>Cllr Watkinson to draft a response disputing the use of the bus stop, stating it is used by others, Clerk to then email this back to NCC and Cc in Cllr Ogle who will raise this bus shelter as a safety scheme issue.</p> <p>21/11/2023 Cllr Watkinson emailed Cllr Ogle the required information with photos.</p> <p>5/12/2023 Cllr Watkinson emailed County Cllr Ogle the required information on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.</p>
<b>Village Hall – Low St Dunham</b>	No Directional Signage to Village Hall	NCC to install a sign	<p>01/11/2023 update from Assistant District Highways Manager to Cllr Lee – “Further to your enquiry regarding signage for the village hall in Dunham, I can inform you that I have already put forward a scheme for signage from the A57 direction.”</p> <p>15/11/2023 Clerk chased Highways Manager and Cc Cllr Ogle to ask for clarification on timescales to install.</p>
<b>Fledborough Bend</b>	Lack of sufficient warning of the bend to drivers	NCC to advise what improvements could be made	<p>14/11/2023 - 3 cars came off the road in 31 days and residents have asked the PC to explore what can be altered by Notts County Council. Highways Manager to asked to what safety measures could be implemented by the County Council now that the old reflector posts are gone and the chevron is very small. Cllr Atkinson to provide Clerk with map/what3words location to send on with description of issue.</p>

#### **New Items:**

- **Cllr Lee** – Delivered verbal report which was acknowledged by other councillors
- **Cllr Watkinson** – Delivered verbal report which was acknowledged by other councillors.
- **Cllr Bean** – Delivered verbal report which was acknowledged by other councillors.
- **Cllr Atkinson** – Delivered verbal report which was acknowledged by other councillors.
- **Cllr Barden** – Delivered verbal report which was acknowledged by other councillors.
- **Cllr Booth** - Delivered verbal report which was acknowledged by other councillors

It was noted that National Grid have approached the council and the council have requested that the Clerk should write to them and invite them to the next available meeting (January).

It was noted that the council have requested that the Clerk should write to Matt Everett at Trent Valley Drainage Board and invite him to attend the February meeting.

It was noted that any spillages by Pears vehicles should be logged and passed on to the Environmental Health Officer at BDC if and when they occur.

It was noted that Defib Pads are required for April. The V Hall Committee are replacing them with a grant from Dist Cllr Griffin and then future replacements will be refunded to the V Hall Committee by the Parish Council.

92/23 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.55pm