

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

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 October 2014
at 7.00 pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

- 1 Present:** Cllr. L. Sharpe (Vice Chairperson), DCllr. K. Isard, Cllr. P. Marsh, Cllr. R. Grimes, Cllr M. Barden, Cllr. I. Oakden.
In attendance: M. Annable (Clerk).
Apologies: Cllr. M. Mathews, DCllr. S. Isard.

The Vice Chairperson, Lynn Sharpe, reported to the meeting that the Chairman, Maurice Mathews had stepped down from the role of Chairman to the Parish Council. A temporary arrangement made via contact with Mr. Mathews was that the Vice Chairperson should step up to become the Chairperson indefinitely. Cllr. M. Barden suggested that this should be the arrangement, at least until the next Parish Election, this was agreed by all present. Cllr. Sharpe then requested that Cllr. Marsh should be co-opted in as Vice Chairman. This arrangement followed through from both roles as set within the Village Hall committee, this was agreed by all present. The Parish Council requested that a letter of thanks and appreciation should be sent to Mr. Mathews for his relentless dedication to the Parish Council over many years

- 2 Declarations of Interest:** None

- 3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 07 October 2014**
The minutes were signed by the Chairperson a true record.

4 Matters Arising from the above Minutes and any urgent business

a) J G Pears (Newark) Ltd.: Cllr. Barden reported that the Planning Application Ref: 30/11/00005 had been granted. The Thermal Oxidiser is now in place and a degree of improvement has been noted. However, spillages and smells are still being reported along with continued heavy traffic usage.

b) Darlton Play Area:

1. A preliminary meeting was held in Darlton on 22 October to discuss proposals for the play area. The objective of the meeting was to air views from concerned neighbouring residents, to ensure that the new development is kept on a local level. In the absence of the fundraiser it was decided that the plans to erect a youth shelter and install additional picnic benches (as previously discussed at the Darlton meeting) may prove to be problematic and that any refurbishment of the area should be geared only to the local community and their families. Through traffic from the A57 was discussed as a possible problem, in that, car parking by visitors to the play area would cause congestion on Woodcoates Lane. It was decided that a plan of what is actually intended and a final decision to these matters should be discussed at a further meeting to be held at Darlton in order to move on to the next phase.

A report covering the above issues was handed to those present at the Parish Council and after discussion it was felt that additional picnic benches should not pose a problem depending on where they are situated. Mixed views were discussed about having a youth shelter erected and the parking problems should be solved by local people walking to the area. No final decision can be made about any of these issues until a plan is drawn up and an amount of funding is secured.

2. The Clerk had summarised two options of funding for the play area received from mike.brabham@groundwork.org.uk. The first option was to apply for up to £10k with no match funding and minimal outlay costs from Awards for All lottery bid, the second was to apply for £45 - £50k from either Wren or Biffa for a landfill tax funded project bid at an outlay cost to the Parish Council of £6.500. After consideration it was decided that on proportionate measure the Awards for All bid would be adequate funding for this project.

3. The dyke running along the play area still requires clearing. After several enquiries with the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board and Nottinghamshire County Council it appears the onus is with the Parish Council to clear the dyke. This has been inspected and it was agreed that work would be carried out by Mr. Illett. It was later discovered that voles live at the site and they are a protected species. The Clerk is awaiting further information from the Environment Agency Biodiversity team for further instruction on the issue. Work is now delayed until enquiries have been made.

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) Speed Restriction – Laneham Road: Cllr. L. Sharpe reported that there had been an improvement on the speeding issues on this section of Laneham Road since the traffic monitoring had taken place.

e) Audit: A proposed Transparency Code for Parish Councils may be introduced for parishes not exceeding £25,000 turnover. Cllr. Barden reported that this practice will become mandatory for all Parish Councils.

f) Caldecott Foundation: The Clerk reported a telephone conversation with Mr. J. Gifford in response to a letter sent to him requesting a meeting with the Parish Council. Mr. Gifford had requested copies of previous Parish Council Minutes and crime reports that relate to the home in Fledborough. After discussion it was decided that the Clerk should summarise any relevant information about the home and send it to Mr. Gifford and request a date for the meeting to take place.

g) Telephone Box: The telephone box on The Green, Dunham on Trent has now been thoroughly cleaned out by BT. The box will be re-painted next year.

h) Concurrent Grant, Bassetlaw District Council: The Clerk had received a letter forecasting reductions planned over the next 5 years to the concurrent grant. The Parish Council discussed the matter and it was felt that changes are inevitable. It was agreed that a meeting will take place to discuss the financial position of the Parish Council will be held on 05 November 2014. A consultation notice will be published in the Trentsider in due course.

i) Parish Applications: Two letters were received from potential applicants for Dunham on Trent Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to write and invite them to attend the next meeting.

5 To Report on:

a) Accidents: 14.10.14 – vehicle overturned off Main Street, Ragnall.

b) Criminal Acts:

Dunham on Trent

24.09.14 – The Green – theft of garden trough

15.10.14 – Main Street – damage to vehicle

Ragnall

20.09.14 – Main Street – theft of garden trough

25.09.14 - Main Street – theft of saddle stones

Fledborough

01.10.14 – damage to windows

06.10.14 – assault

06.10.14 – assault

Darlington

22.09.14 – Woodcoates Lane – theft of garden trough

01.10.14 – Tuxford Road – burglary of aircraft hanger

c) **Highways A57:** Street light out on A57 opposite the church at Darlington. Crumbling road surface on Broadgate, Darlington (A57)

d) **Highways Parish:** Uneven road surface between Ragnall & Fledborough. Street light out on Low Street, Dunham on Trent.

e) **Footpaths & Parish Lanes:** Nothing to report.

6 Public Discussion – No members of the public attended therefore the meeting continued.

7 Planning Matters –

Proposal: Erect 80m High wind Turbine & construct access track, hardstanding, cabling and control building

Location: Land off Main Street, Ragnall, Nottinghamshire

An additional objection was received by the Parish Clerk from a resident in Ragnall. A letter was sent to the Planning Inspectorate prior to the appeal notice hearing by Harworth Estates Property Group Ltd.

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 £346.15 to M. Annable for October 2014. Clerks salary £237.60 + expenses £108.55. Cheque 300814
- Council approved payment of £175.20 to Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for grass cutting during October 2014. Cheque 300815
- Council approved payment of £90.16 to C. Gaisford for Litter Picking for October 2014. Cheque 300816

b) **Income:** £5,279.50 Bassetlaw District Council (1/2 year precept).

c) Balance of Accounts

	£
Current Account:	19,536.30
Deposit Account:	<u>4,319.63</u>
	23,855.93
<u>Less:</u> Darlington funding to date:	<u>2,525.00</u>
	21,330.93

d) Transfer of funds – None

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 18 November 2014 at 7.00 pm

Signed ----- (Chairman)

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