

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



Meeting of **Dunham & District Parish Council** held on the **14th Jul 2026** at Dunham Village Hall, the meeting commenced at **6:30pm**.

Council Members & Officer Present

Cllr Ben Lee
Cllr Madeline Barden
Cllr Lucy Atkinson
Cllr Kathryn Watkinson
Current Vacancies
Ed Knox
1
Emma Griffin

Chairman
Vice-Chair
Cllr Pam Hutley

3
Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
Members of the Public
District Cllr

Also, Present

➤ Public Forum
No Comments.

17/26 To receive apologies for absence

The council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllrs Ballinger & Sergison. Cllr Oakden did not attend.

18/26 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Watkinson declared an interest in 25/26 4.

19/26 To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

20/26 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

Dist Cllr Griffin – Advised the latest news from Bassetlaw District Council and mentioned that a sewage spill near Church Laneham has been investigated by the EA and declared to be boat discharge. A discussion was had about litter bin provision, and Cllr Griffin advised the PC to ask questions of Dist Cllr Paulk and Cc her in.

Dist Cllr Stanniland – Did not attend.

County Cllr Limber – Did not attend.

21/26 To Discuss Advertising Vacancies on the Parish Council

After discussion, Cllr Lee **Proposed**, Cllr Barden **Seconded** that the Council **Resolved** to ask by word of mouth to encourage new members.

22/26 To Agree a contract price to cut the grass at Darlton Play Area & repairs to the goal posts

The Clerk circulated by email prior to the meeting a quote from Holmes Groundcare who are the PC's existing contractor for Dunham Play area. Cllr Lee **Proposed**, Cllr Atkinson **Seconded** that 1) the Council **approved** the quote with immediate effect, and the clerk will include the costs in the future budget. This will work out at £80 per cut on average there's about 26 cuts a year at Dunham, so the pc needs to budget for £2,100 a year. 2) The Council spends up to £200, to be classed as Chairman's Allowance, to provide a thank you gift for the family who have cut the Darlton grass for free for many years previously.

The Goal posts have become lose and dangerous again, and require digging out, and reinstating. S.Ashworth Diggers can undertake this for £400. Cllr Lee **Proposed**, Cllr Atkinson **Seconded** that the Council **approved** the quote with immediate effect, and the clerk to inform S.Ashworth.

23/26 To Agree to purchase Defibrillators and arrange their installation in Fledborough, Ragnall & Darlton

After discussion, Cllr Lee **Proposed**, Cllr Atkinson **Seconded** that the Council **Resolved** to allow Cllrs Lee & Oakden to purchase 3 defibrillators and cabinets for a budget up to £4,000 and Cllrs Lee and Oakden arrange for their installation, the cost of these to be covered from the Maintenance of Assets budget, existing reserves and the £913.34 CIL money. A Cllr in each village will undertake the regular checks of the defibs once installed and the clerk will add the maintenance costs of batteries and pads to the future budget (which is on average £150 per year, budget increase for 2027/28 to £600). Potential locations for installation will be Darlton Playpark adjacent to the Noticeboard, Ragnall Adjacent to the Noticeboard and the Church area in Fledborough.

24/26 To Consider purchasing a bench for the land to the north of the village hall and ask permission to site one there.
After discussion, Cllr Atkinson **Proposed**, Cllr Lee **Seconded** that the Council **Resolved** to ask the member of the public to approach the Village Hall Committee directly as this is their land, so that they can decide if they want to purchase, install, own, maintain and insure a bench on their land.

25/26 Finance:

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rospa Playsafety Ltd	Annual Independent Inspection	£223.20
Holmes Groundcare Ltd	Dunham Play Area Grass Cuts May	£192.75
Holmes Groundcare Ltd	Dunham Play Area Grass Cuts Jun	£128.05
Cllr Lee	Chairmans Allowance – Stationery & Noticeboard Magnets	£22.21
Lengthsman	Toolstation – Fence & Metal Paint	£23.37
Total Payments		£589.58

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None		
Total Receipts		£0
Bank Balance		£36,116.61

3. To agree to an operational service of the Playdale Equipment in the Play Area:

The annual inspection highlighted the need for an operational service of the moving parts of the Playdale play equipment, Zipwire, rotator spin, the shackles on the top of the swings etc. Playdales advise that the package ensures that at each visit the equipment meets with the safety standards, and that if at service, anything has come to the end of its life, they will quote to replace. The cost of an annual service plan with Playdales is £650 a year. After discussion, Cllr Barden **Proposed**, Cllr Hutley **Seconded** that the Council **Resolved** to take out the annual package so that the operational service of the parts takes place. The budget for 2027/28 to be increased to reflect this change.

Note re budgetary increase £650 for Annual Playdale Service Programme, £450 for maintenance of 3 additional defibs, £2,100 a year for the Darlton Play Area grounds maintenance – Total £3200, total increase next year to precept approximately 78p per month at Band A and £1.17 per month at Band D.

4. To agree to a donation to the Fledglings Pre-school for their 50th Anniversary

After discussion, Cllr Atkinson **Proposed**, Cllr Lee **Seconded** that the Council **Resolved** to donate £50 to the Fledglings Pre-school raffle.

26/26 To Note in the Minutes the response to any planning applications via the scheme of delegation

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

- **26/00528/PIP Permission in Principle for Up To 6 Dwellings-Chestnut Barn and Land To the North Main Street, Ragnall** - The parish council responded as follows: “Dunham and District Parish Council object to the application because according to policy ST1 of the Bassetlaw local plan, Ragnall is in the countryside. 6 new dwellings would not meet the criteria to be supported as required in section 3 and section 2f of policy ST2 in the local plan, which outlines the requirements for residential development in the countryside. The nature of Ragnall village is housing interspersed with open spaces. Continuing development all along this field would change the openness of the village. The proposed development is very cramped in appearance.”
- **Footpath Modification Order Application (ref: 1095) in Marnham & Fledborough, Notts. Grid Ref SK 78279 71311** - The parish council responded as follows: “Dunham and District Parish Council supports the application.
- **Aria House** – Following the recent planning application, the Highways Dept have decided that the pillars must be moved back flush with the wall, and a 1mtr wide pavement width be maintained. Cllrs will check over the summer to see if this is complied with, if it isn’t, at the next meeting the PC will raise the matter with the Planning Enforcement team at Bassetlaw Council.

27/26 To Record any road traffic accidents and escalation of longstanding County Council matters with the County Cllr

- **Noting of Accidents** – minor Collision/prang on Low St.

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
Dunham – Coronation Terrace A57	Cars smashing into the houses on Coronation Terrace	Request for Bollards/Barriers to prevent the impact into the homes.	11/09/2024 – Request to Highways Manager to contact Cllr Watkinson and meet on site to discuss potential solutions. 05/11/24 Chased Highways Manager for an update. 06.11.2024 Assistant District Highways Manager advised “<i>I have contacted Cllr Watkinson to arrange a site meeting over the next 2 weeks.</i>” 15/01/2025 – Chased again. 28/01/2025 – Site visit with Cllrs & Sarah Hird undertaken – Sarah agreed that the only works they can do is to level out one of the manhole covers on the road and install some red surfacing. 12/03/2025 – Clerk chased Sarah for an update on when these works will be undertaken. 13/03/2025 – Sarah update “<i>With regards to the red surfacing, this has been logged under INS 19268956 requesting for the existing to be refreshed, unfortunately I do not have a timescale at this present time.</i>” “ 09/07/2025 – Chased Again 19/08/2025 – Assistant District Manager advised “<i>these are being chased up, but unfortunately I have no timescale at present time for the works.</i>” 13/01/2026 – Chased Again – no reply
SLOW Markings on Road near Bend in Fledborough	Following a crash between a lorry and a pickup - Member of public asked County Cllr for a highways assessment to identify if NCC could install any signs or road markings.	“SLOW” Markings identified for installation on the road surface in 2026 NCC programme of works	Item Closed – Markings undertaken 19.06.2026

28/26 To Receive Councillor’s Reports

Cllrs Hutley, Atkinson and Watkinson – Delivered verbal update which was acknowledged by fellow councillors.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8:30pm.