

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

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## Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of Dunham-on-Trent with Ragnall, Darlton and Fledborough Parish Council

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The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held at DUNHAM AND DISTRICT MILLENNIUM CENTRE, LOW STREET, DUNHAM ON TRENT, on TUESDAY 9TH APRIL at 6:30pm.

**Present:** 6 Parish Councillors and 1 member of the public

**03/19/01 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received from Parish Councillor Horsted and Vanessa Cookson of Bassetlaw Conversations.

**03/19/02 To receive and approve the minutes:** of the Annual Parish Meeting of 8 May 2018. These were resolved unanimously to be a true record and signed by the Chair.

**03/19/03 Chair's Report on Parish Events**

- Very busy year for the Parish Council, including things affecting the way the Parish Council is run.
- Firstly another hard working year for our lengthsman, Colin Gaisford. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank Colin for his continued dedication to this project.
- Caron joined us in September and straight away set us up with a web site, something we had been wanting for several years. This is the first port of call for all council documents and General Data Protection Regulations and has had a very busy time providing us with all the necessary procedures and policy documents, including Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Sickness & Absence Policy, Grievance & Disciplinary Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Expenses Policy, Section 137 Grant Policy, GDPR Policies and Procedures and a complaints Procedure. The asset register has been reviewed and updated. Parish Councillors all have new Parish Council email addresses which means Councillors are now protected should there be a freedom of information request.
- As a Council we have also changed our bank account to Unity Trust meaning we now authorise payments on line. Still offering dual signatories needed for financial regulations that we couldn't get with a High Street bank.
- We have also overseen planning applications and decided to get printed planning applications from an outside source because they are no longer provided by Bassetlaw District Council.
- Also maintained our safety inspections of all our play equipment.

- Importantly we will start the new Parish Council year with a reduced number of Councillors. We are reduced from fifteen down to eleven; Dunham 7→5, Ragnall 3→2, Darlton 3→2, Fledborough remain at 2.
- All our past minutes have been electronically filed and hard copies bound and logged with the Nottinghamshire County Archives.
- Challenge to resolve the deeds on the piece of land known as Reptile Gardens – we are now at the point of registering this with the Land Registry and then we need to locate a copy of our rent agreement. All of which was agreed many years ago and unfortunately the Parish Council no longer has the records.
- We are also resolving the small piece of land at Dunham on Horne Lane by getting clarification from the Housing Association.
- Councillors have attended meetings and events outside the Parish Council.. I have resigned from the Rampton Hospital Forum after more than 10 years, but attend meetings related to; G J Pears, Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, Cottam Power Station, Police Forum, School Governors and Tenants Voice.
- Di Moss was presented with a Bassetlaw Achievers Award for all her hard work in the Parish – particularly in setting up the Informer and setting up many activities in the Village Hall.
- Other councillors have been on training courses covering; Play Equipment, Employment and Finance.
- We have financially supported through Grants; £500 Fledglings, £800 Churchyard Maintenance, £1,000 Dunham-on-Trent Primary School, £200 Sustrans (Trent Vale Trail), £250 Cancer Research, £150 Poppies, £480 SSAFA Concert, £100 British Legion, £100 SSAFA, £500 Parish Informer – to help with set up costs.

### **Projects and Events**

We have set up some initiatives, identifying activities we would like to be involved with over the next 5 years which are in the Action Plan.

- Celebration of the end of World War I with a Brass Band event held in the Village Hall, with a donation to SSAFA.
- Planting scheme of bulbs, poppies and trees
- Agreement for a new bus stop and shelter close to the village hall, enabling those living north of the A57 not needing to cross the busy A57 to access the bus stop. Also looking to provide an improved stopping point on Laneham Road for school children catching the school bus.
- Finally resolved (fingers crossed) the drainage problems at Roberts Close. This was completed only last week with Roberts Close being completely retarmaced.
- We are always trying to resolve ongoing speeding issues, we have had a Police presence in August (30/8/2018) and made suggestions to NCC Highways to have a 50mph speed limit from Dunham through the cross roads to Darlton
- We have agreed a new Probations Service Contract for another year. Successful year with many regular maintenance tasks undertaken improving the appearance of our villages.
- The Probation Service supported our annual litter picking event and spring clean last month and I'm sure you will have seen the number of bags collected from photos in the Informer.
- We have sought permission from NCC highways to place benches and a directional sign at Fledborough and sadly are still waiting to hear about this, but we are ready to go.
- Additions to the War Memorial. Kindly 3 silhouettes have been donated by a resident and plan to have 2 placed at the war memorial and possibly 1 at the school.

- Efforts have gone into the ongoing attempt to get a pedestrian pathway down Cocketts Hill. At the moment we don't have a resolution to that issue, but the Parish Council will continue to seek a positive outcome.

**03/19/04 Draft governance statement and financial report for the year 2018/19**

Following the change in audit regime last year, it is important that the electorate understand what the Parish Council is doing to protect the public monies that they are responsible for. The information presented was acknowledged and should any queries come to light at a later date, these should be directed to the Parish Clerk. This information will be considered later by the Parish Council as an agenda item as this is part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

**03/19/05 Open forum for parishioners' comments and questions**

The speed limit signs have been erected for the reduction in speed limit over Dunham bridge. The signs have been erected in the wrong location and not located at Green Lane as per the Traffic Regulation Order. The road markings have not been altered to tie in with the reduced speed limit. – Post Meeting Note: The TRO was amended but the Correspondence for the Parish Council was sent to a previous Clerk and so the Parish Council was unaware of the amendment. There is a sign on The Green "Children" warning sign notifying where there used to be a play area at Horne Lane, could this be moved to Low Street near the village hall? Clerk to ask NCC Highways

**03/19/06 Representatives of groups within the Parish to report on progress in the last year and plans for the future**

Nothing to report

The meeting closed at 7:20pm