**DUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on**

**Thursday 9TH JANUARY 2020**

**at 7.30 p.m AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs A. Pestell (Chair), N. Armitage, J. Smith, A. Whitehead and T. Singleton.

1. **Apologies**

No apologies were received.

1. **Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest**

There were no declarations of interest with respect to any of the items on the agenda.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2019**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

1. **Social Media Policy/Code of Conduct**

The Chair introduced this item, highlighting the importance of adopting both the Code of Conduct for Councillors and the Social Media Policy and expressing a desire to move forward into the new decade in a positive manner, putting past disagreements behind. The Clerk gave an overview of what both the Social Media Policy and Councillor Code of Conduct consisted of, recommending that both policies are adopted at the next meeting, once Councillors have had chance to consider them. Councillors can then be held to account regarding their use of social media and behaviour. The policies will also be added to the website.

1. **Website/Facebook Page**

No issues to report.

1. **The Parish Community Centre**

There are plans to further improve facilities at the community centre, which Councillor Pestell shared at the meeting, with plans available for inspection. It was felt that as the former office is not going to be converted into a disabled toilet that it could be used as a ‘mother and baby’ room where mums could go to feed and change their babies rather than having to use the toilet. It was agreed that the Council would pay for the purchase of a changing table for this purpose.

1. **Crowedge Play Area**

The Annual Engineers Report and Inspection Report have been received, which indicate that the playground does require attention and repair work. The Clerk will contact two local companies for quotes who may be able to provide assistance, although works may have to wait until better weather.

1. **Planning Applications**

A planning application had been received from the Peak Park for works to the car park at Dunford Bridge. This had been received through the post and sent on to Councillor Pestell, who explained it in more detail. It appears that the works will tie in with the alterations at Stanhope. Paper planning applications are still not being received by the Clerk. The Clerk agreed to look on the Planning Explorer portal on Barnsley MBC’s website and update the meeting if there are applications relevant to the Parish Council.

Councillors can also check the portal themselves and comment on them by going to <https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/planningexplorermvc> and searching for the relevant application.

1. **Finance**

Monthly accounts were accepted and agreed.

1. **Correspondence**

Items of correspondence which had been received were distributed.

1. **Any other business**

It appears that the speed sensor at Victoria is not working – it is unclear as to whether Kirklees or Barnsley are responsible for this. White lines are needed at Maythorne, Browns Edge Road and Lower Maythorne as there have been 3 accidents recently.

It was reported that the manhole covers at Hazlehead crossroads outside the former school are missing.

1. **Date and time of next meeting:**

Penistone Ward Alliance meetings are now held on the second Thursday of each month, which clashes with the Parish Council meetings. It was therefore decided to revert to holding meetings on the first Thursday of every other month, with the exception of the May meeting, which will be held on 14th May as 7th May clashes with the local elections and the community centre has been booked for this purpose.

Thursday 5th March 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Community Centre, Sheffield Road, Victoria HD9 7TP. This will be followed at 8.30 p.m. by the Annual Assembly meeting.