**DUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on**

**THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 2022**

**at 6.30 p.m AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from J. Smith.

1. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held in November 2021 were accepted as an accurate record.

1. **Crowedge Play Area**

Quotations were received with regard to the repairs to the play area in the sum of £13,000 in total. The price for resurfacing the cableway amounts to £4975 +VAT. £5,000 in Section 106 funding from BMBC has been secured to cover this, with £7304 required to supply and overlay Tiger Mulch and £775 to supply and install a new HAGS Springer to the existing base. These quotations will need to be renewed as they are only valid for 30 days. Grants will be applied for to pay for this through SYCF and the Banks group. There is a possibility of funding from the TPT.

1. **Memorial bench**

The parish council will pay for a memorial bench. Quotations already obtained are quite expensive and are not local to the area. It was felt that a local company should be used to supply and fit the bench. Cllr Whitehead will make enquiries with a local carpenter and ask for advice.

1. **Bus shelter**

Cllr Armitage agreed to measure the base of the shelter so that an accurate quotation can be received and grant funding applied for.

1. **Finance – including accounts**

Monthly accounts were accepted and agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk should source a new laptop computer as the current laptop purchased by the Parish Council some years ago was reaching the end of its useful life.

1. **Any other business**

Negative comments have been shared on Facebook about the playground. The Clerk will investigate setting up an official FB page and will also look at updating the website and using it as a means of communicating positively with the local community.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 6.30 p.m. at the Parish Community Centre, Sheffield Road, Victoria HD9 7TP.