

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of DUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2022
AT 6.30 P.M AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

A ONE MINUTE SILENCE WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: Cllrs A. Pestell (Chair), N. Armitage, J. Smith, T. Singleton and A. Whitehead. Mr David Wood, DPCA Trustee, was also in attendance alongside several members of the public.

1. Apologies

All Councillors were present.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Further information was required by BMBC regarding the Register of Interests, which all Councillors are required to complete on an annual basis. Additional information was provided on the forms, which will be passed on to Barnsley MBC.

A further query has been received regarding the phone box at Carlecotes which is in a state of disrepair. Following a discussion, Mr Neil Whitehead suggested it was something that the community could be involved in. Mr Whitehead kindly agreed to investigate the situation and the costs which would be involved in refurbishing the phone box. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay any expenses required to take this work forward.

4. Dunford Parish Community Association

The Chair introduced this item, explaining the current membership of the DPCA and that decisions are made by the Committee when meetings are held. This process has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and no meetings appear to have been held in public for some time now. Mr David Wood, who is one of the Trustees of the DPCA alongside Mr Allen Pestell and Mrs June Pickford, had been contacted by the Charities Commission as the accounts for previous years were out of date. It was explained that the accounts have now been updated and this is no longer the case. It appears that a number of members of the committee have resigned and have not been replaced. Given the length of time since a meeting of the Association has been held; the resignations from the committee and the interest from the community in moving forward, Mr Wood proposed that a public meeting should be held as a matter of some urgency to discuss a way forward. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Whitehead and agreed by Councillors present at the meeting.

AGREED that a public meeting be held to discuss the future of the DPCA on 29th September at 6.30 pm. The Clerk agreed to minute the meeting as a temporary measure, which will be advertised on social media channels.

A discussion took place regarding the keys to the Community Centre. Cllr Natalie Armitage is the Bookings Co-ordinator and does not have access to the building. Although Cllr Pestell has a set of keys and lives nearby, it was felt that Cllr Armitage needed her own keys in the event that she needed the keys and was unable to pick them up from Cllr Pestell. Cllr Whitehead proposed that another set of keys should be cut and given to Cllr Armitage. This was seconded by Cllr Smith.

5. Crowedge Play Area

Meg Clegg was welcomed to the meeting. Meg explained that a facebook survey of the local community indicated that residents would like to see (in order of preference): play equipment aimed at older children; skate park/equipment in the area below the basketball park; inclusive play equipment; outdoor gym equipment and a family picnic area.

It appear that funding is available from the National Grid, which will be applied for by the DPCA, as it is not possible for the Parish Council to do this, as the money is not for public bodies.

6. Finance

Accounts for payment were received and approved. Funding has been secured for a defibrillator, but in order to meet the requirements of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (who will be part funding the defibrillator), a named guardian is needed, who will have to agree to regular hecking of the equipment. The original guardian has withdrawn, so a new location is required. It was mentioned that it might be possible to install it at Carlecotes Hall. All present were asked to consider locations and feed back to the next meeting.

7. Planning applications

None received.

8. Any other business

The topic of a community bonfire was raised. It was proposed by Cllr Armitage and seconded by Cllr Whitehead that the sum of £500 be granted for the event, which will be held on 5th November. All Councillors were in agreement.

Details of the Penistone Ageing Well Together event on 30th September were shared. Anyone interested should contact Age UK directly to confirm attendance.

9. Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th November 2022 at 6.30 p.m. at the Parish Community Centre, Sheffield Road, Victoria HD9 7TP.