

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of DUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2022

AT 6.30 P.M AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Councillors Pestell (Chair), Armitage (Vice-Chair), Smith, Whitehead and Singleton, together with 11 members of the public.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2022

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

The Register of interests for all Councillors was completed and will be sent on to BMBC.

Cllr Pestell stated that it has been agreed with National Grid that they will install electricity for the defibrillator at Dunford Bridge and Sam Sykes will be the guardian. If a defibrillator is to be installed at Carlecotes, Cllr Smith has the details of the proposed guardian.

The bill for cleaning of the community centre following a complaint from Age UK following their event on 30th September has been received in the sum of £187.

3. Bus shelters – maintenance/replacement

There are several bus shelters in the area which need maintaining/replacement, specifically those at Carlecotes and Sledbrook Crescent. Funding will be applied for from South Yorkshire Communities Foundation (Blackstone Edge). Details of the sizes of shelter and exact location (grid references) is required for this.

It was also reported that the bus shelter at Pennine Edge has vegetation growing in it and a pane of glass missing.

A member of the public agreed to have a look to check it out.

4. Surfacing - Melonie Parkin's memorial bench

A resident had reported that the stone around Melonie's memorial bench are lifting. Although upkeep and maintenance are not the responsibility of DPC, it was agreed that the concrete should be removed and replaced with bark chippings, if this is acceptable to Mr Parkin. This work will be carried out in the spring after the bad weather has passed.

5. Dunford Residents' Association – update

Lots of progress is being made. Funding is being applied for from Banks for the kitchen. A Christmas market will take place on 26th November. The Christmas Wreath making workshop on 5th December is already sold out. There is to be a Tractor run on December 17th, a charity fund raiser for Weston Park. All are welcome to attend and support the event.

6. Crow Edge play area – annual inspection report

The annual inspection report has been received and was examined by Councillors. There are no items requiring urgent attention. The parish council was advised to display a notice of who to contact regarding any issues at the playground, but it was felt that this could be problematic as there is nobody with overall responsibility for the playground and would be able to attend in such circumstances. It was agreed that any issues relating to the playground should be reported either by email or on the Facebook page.

7. Finance

- Monthly accounts were agreed
- It was agreed that the £500 agreed for the Bonfire funding should be passed over to DRA for Christmas events
- DPC agreed to pay for the boiler replacement at a cost of £2400. An invoice will be required for this.
- A bill for attention to the electrical system as the community centre has been received. £500 will be paid from DRA funds, with the remainder from the DPC.

8. Any other business

Councillor Singleton reported an incident involving a wagon at the top of Maythorne which failed to stop. This is an ongoing accident spot and has been reported to Highways on numerous occasions. Councillor Smith will look into this and will report back at the next meeting.

The cost of providing dog fouling bins at Brook Hill, Carlecotes is to be investigated.

Councillor Pestell will investigate the grass cutting and maintenance of the layby at the bottom of Wavins.

Councillor Smith will look into provision and funding of new road signs/village signs, including at Hazlehead. Cllr Smith is also awaiting a quotation for 'smiley face' radar signs for Hazlehead. Damian Brown is the contact for this, and David Wood will pass on his contact details.

Although too late for this year, Cllr Armitage felt that it would be nice to have a planted Christmas tree in the area. This will require permission from BMBC as it is on their land. It may be possible to spur electricity for the lights off a streetlight, this will need to be investigated.

9. Date and time of next meeting:

19th January 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at the Parish Community Centre