**MINUTES OF THE MEETING of DUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**held on THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023**

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

**PRESENT**: Councillors Pestell (Chair), Armitage (Vice-Chair) and Smith. Apologies were received from Councillors Singleton and Whitehead. Several members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2023**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

1. **Matters arising**

The application to Yorkshire Ambulance Service for part funding for a defibrillator will be discussed at the Charity Committee’s April panel. Funding for half of the appliance has been received from the Ward Alliance, part of Penistone Area Council. Councillor Smith explained that once installed, free defibrillator training will be available for residents.

Grant funding is being sought for replacement bus shelters in the sum of £7000. SYCF scheme is currently closed for new applications.

1. **Dunford Residents Association**

Councillor Smith provided an update on recent activity. The kitchen is now complete. New doors have been fitted on the front. There has been increased interest from people in using the hall and bookings are being taken. Age UK is looking at expanding its activity, but transport remains a problem.

A new agreement is to be drafted between the Parish Council and the DRA after the AGM. Minutes from DRA meetings will be provided for retention by the Clerk.

1. **Melonie Parkin memorial seat**

It has been agreed that the concrete from around the memorial seat will be removed (as it is cracked) and replaced with bark. Michael Taylor agreed to remove the concrete and all the community will be involved in spreading bark and planting bulbs in the month of May.

1. **A616 Hazlehead crossroads**

Concerns were raised about the proposed variation to speed limits document as the speed limit varies between 60/40 to 30/40/50 in some stretches and this is confusing. Cllr Smith will contact BMBC and respond.

1. **Planning Applications**

It seems that a recent application regarding a development at Pennine Edge has not been received. The clerk will check why it was not received. No further applications.

1. **Finance**

Monthly accounts were considered and approved.

Bank signatories have been changed now, and the Clerk added to existing signatories. Depending on the results of the local elections in May, this may change again.

1. **Any other business**

There is a layby below Calf Field Lane which needs a rubbish bin and the bushes need trimming. This is on Wavin land.

The Playground report was received. There is some wood which is rotting and needs replacement.

On Browns Edge Road to Lower Maythorne Lane there is a problem with traffic not stopping because the road layout is unclear. White lining and a stop sign needs to be installed to prprevent further accidents.

Dunford Residents Association had received a false complaint about an event taking place without a bar licence, as a result of which the event didn’t go ahead.

It seems there is a dormant bank account which a resident is aware of containing £100. Councillor Pestell is a signatory on the account and agreed to contact the resident and sign to close the account.

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

The first meeting of the new Parish Council (and Annual General Meeting) will be on Thursday 18th May 2023, which is the third Thursday following the elections.