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

**held on THURSDAY 18th May 2023**

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

1. **Local Elections – Clerk update**

Following the local elections, it was announced that three Councillors had been appointed: Allen Pestell, Susie Currie and Joanne Smith. This leaves two vacancies.

1. **Appointment of Chair**

The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chair. Allen Pestell abstained from this item. Susie Currie proposed Joanne Smith, Joanne Smith accepted this, which is acceptable practice in the absence of a seconder. At this point Allen Pestell said he would be resigning from Council with immediate effect and left the meeting. This meant that the meeting would no longer be quorate (three Councillors are needed) and no further decisions could be made. Any further items discussed are for information only.

1. **Appointment of Vice-Chair**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

1. **Appointment of officers for 2022/23 (2022 appointments for information)**

YLCA: Cllrs A. Pestell and T. Singleton

PPPF: Cllrs A. Pestell and T. Singleton

CPRE: Cllr A. Pestell

Infinis: Cllrs A. Whitehead/A. Pestell

Banks: Cllrs N. Armitage /A. Pestell

Ward Alliance (Area Council)

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

1. **Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 16th March 2023 (for information only)**

The minutes of the meeting were considered and deemed to accurately reflect the meeting.

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The defibrillator is to be installed at the community centre.

The community activity planned to take place and work to Melonie Parkin’s memorial seat did not take place.

1. **Dunford Residents Association**

Due to a large number of resignations, there is now no longer a working committee. Trustees are now responsible for decision making. Nothing further to report.

1. **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council has been invited to support Banks’ application to extend lifetime access.

1. **Finance**

Accounts for 2022/23 were presented for information. The bills for Calor Gas have risen dramatically, particularly over the winter months. Cllr Currie is to investigate changing suppliers going forward. There is a need to explore grant funding to help towards the upkeep of the community centre, as other bills have also risen exponentially.

1. **Any other business**

The Clerk is to seek professional advice about the future running of the Council, given the current situation.

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

 **Thursday 20th July 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at the Parish Community Centre,**

 **Sheffield Road, Victoria HD9 7TP.**

**Future dates: 21st September, 16th November, 18th January 2024, 21st March 2024.**