

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

19th March 2015

DUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Dunstall Parish Council was held on Thursday 19th March 2015 in Dunstall Church Hall at 7.30pm

1. Attendance and Apologies

Those attending the meeting were: Apologies were received from:

Mrs J Gill (Chair) Mrs M Ward

Mr A Brown (Vice - Chair) Mr J Moffat

Mr S Clarke Mr R Scattergood

Mrs L Pilkington

Mrs J Jessell (BC)

Mrs J Jones (BC)

Mrs K Jackson (Clerk)

Also in attendance were Mr and Mrs Poxon

They explained to Councillors their concerns over the sighting of the "gates" to the village which made it appear that their house, along with those of their neighbours lay outside Dunstall. Councillors explained the thinking behind the position of the gates and apologised for any unnecessary upset, they further agreed in principle to an additional set of gates the other side of the cross roads.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2015.

These previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the chair.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes.

a) Gates to village - discussion regarding signage for the gates, possible wording - Welcome to Dunstall Village, Please drive slowly.

b) Lions Head Well - Cllr Clarke had received solicitors name from clerk, but explained it was for the PC to action. Clerk to arrange.

c) Cyclist - Cllr Brown to email remainder of clubs once season underway.

d) Newsletter - to include information on proposed improvement/speed restrictions along Forest Road and Dunstall cross roads. Cllr Brown to simplify drawing from SCC to be included on reverse of newsletter.

e) Bus stop south bound A38 - although still in use it can not presently be accessed as has been coned off. BC's said they would ask planning department. Clerk explained she had already done this but no one seemed sure who was responsible. BC's said it should form part of SCC traffic management plan and would action the item.

Cllr Pilkington reported that the gap in the barrier remainder north bound even though the bus stop had been removed. Clerk to chase.

4. Planning matters.

P/2015/00057 - Change of use for the riding of horses and formation of a menage - Yew Tree Farm, Forest Road.

P/2015/00089 - Erection of a detached carport - The Elms, Dunstall Road.

P/2015/00058 - Erection of a porch to the west elevation and a covered entrance area and alterations to existing parapet wall on the west elevation to Dunstall Hall, change of use of offices in existing outbuilding to create a separate dwelling, reinstatement of former stable block, and erection of a water fountain feature.

P/2015/00060 - Listed Building application for internal and external works including the erection of a porch to the west elevation and a covered entrance area, alterations to existing parapet wall on the west elevation, window and door alterations

including the creation of three false windows to the west elevation and the creation of five window features to the north elevation, installation of a fireplace to the existing ballroom and provision of a lift access between floors in Dunstall Hall, internal and external alteration to existing cottage and tack room to facilitate the change of use of offices to create a separate dwelling, reinstatement of former stable block, and erection of a water fountain feature.

Due to the time limit these applications were reviewed between meetings - no objections raised.

P/2015/00376 - Display of two pairs of non-illuminated V boards, land south of Branston, Lichfield Road.

Cllr Clarke declared an interest. The application was discussed and it was noted that the signs were already being displayed; although Cllrs felt they were very large, they were a standard size for signs of this nature and no objections were raised.

Decisions:

P/2015/00089 - Erection of a detached carport - The Elms, Dunstall Road - Conditional Approval.

P/2015/00057 - Change of use for the riding of horses and formation of a menage - Yew Tree Farm, Forest Road - Conditional Approval.

5. County/ Borough Councillors Report

Cllrs thanked the borough councillors for attending. They gave the following report.

ESBC are no longer publishing the ES News, this will be sent electronically in future, any one requiring a hard copy will have to collect it.

Key issues for Burton area - Bargates redevelopment.

Highways and traffic issues.

Looking at the regeneration of smaller town/village centre ie/; Branston, Tutbury and Barton. The co-op will not sell the old metro site in Barton, the community are keen to see this redeveloped and had hoped smaller retail units could have been formed.

Funding for projects available through Ward Action plan (up to £1000, two quotes required) also "Neighbourhood Development Fund" - projects for the current financial year, based on match funding.

Meeting Thursday 26th March regarding the Lawns Farm development, money to be allocated for traffic management. St Georges do not seem to be providing the local links hoped for with regard to traffic. A new bridge to replace the Bailey bridge should be built within the next two years.

Litter generally but especially along the A38 is a very big problem, initially it was thought to be SCC highways responsibility, but this is not the case, although it has not been possible to find out who's it is. The BC's assured Dunstall PC that they are committed to trying to sort this issue and will provide the PC with some litter signs.

6. Correspondance

The following items were received from the sources shown, actioned as indicated or filed.

Information sent via email to all councillors.

Community Paths Initiative - bids for 2015/16

East Staffs Civic Pride Awards 2015 - information to be placed on notice board

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner - grants available for community based organisations to support ideas to improve community safety, reduce crime and increase public confidence - information to be placed on the notice board.

Helping the National Forest Grow

Letter from Mr Poxon re traffic calming

Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2015 Issue 97 & March issue 98

Local election information and paperwork - this was distributed to all Councillors for completion, to be returned to the clerk before 9th April.

7. Finance

a) Approval of cheques for signing.

Cheque No. 000754	£120.00	PCC - Hire/heating of Church Hall
Cheque No. 000755	£25.00	CCS - Annual Subscription
Cheque No. 000756	£16.50	CCS - Best Kept Village Competition

b) Examination of Bank Statements

The latest bank statements were available for inspection.

Note : Cheques No 000750 & 000753 both charity payments have been returned as unfortunately the parishioners had died.

8. Matters raised by Councillors or Clerk.

Although not present Cllr Ward had asked if it was possible to have a 'No Lorries' except for deliveries on the A38 slip road, as lorries exiting the Oakamore Cafe were using the slip road.

Cllr Pilkington reported that residence cars along the slip road had been the victims of graffiti. She also asked if noise monitoring was possible before and after the development was completed along the A38. BC's agreed to bring this up at the meeting on 23rd March.

Clerk to find out why the various caution signs had been taken down through the village.

9. Date of next meeting - Thursday 21st May (APM and AGM)

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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DATE:

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