

Minutes of the Dunston Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 17th May 2023

Present: Cllrs MuLuckie, Pellew, Duncan, Lamyman, Armstrong, Treece. LCC Cllr Kendrick, NKDC Cllr Parry, Clerk to Council and one member of the public.

Council Session

23043 Cllr McLuckie was elected unopposed to the post of Chairman of the Parish Council.

23044 Cllr Duncan was elected unopposed to the post of Vice-Chair.

The Parish Council meeting was then adjourned to enable the Annual Parish Meeting during which LCC Cllr Kendrick gave his monthly report to a large audience.

Council Session reconvened at 2030

23045 To receive apologies and accept valid reasons of absence:

Received from Cllrs Philipson and Moore.

23046 To receive members' declarations of disposable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item. **No changes**

23047 The minutes of the previous meeting on 17th April 2023 were agreed as a true record.

23048 A possible case of deliberate littering had been reported to NKDC environmental department and was currently under investigation. A discussion had been held with the accommodation manager of the housing complex at MAC Farms.

23049 It was agreed that the playing field car park should be made available for the weekend of 27/28 May for guests at the wedding event providing that the spaces next to the bowling green were left available for parking for the bowls players. **TB**

23050 The recent road works by the entrance to the village hall car park were discussed and further remedial work was needed to repair the damage done. Cllr Duncan had already made contact with LCC and the contractors concerned. **PD**

23051 The school and the children of the village were formally thanked for their sterling efforts in completing the hedge round the playing field.

23052 It was resolved to discontinue trapping of any moles at the playing field or on the dog walking area through the new orchard. **TB**

23053 The BACS payment of invoices by the clerk was agreed providing that the payment was agreed in writing by a Parish Councillor beforehand and all payments would be automatically reviewed at the subsequent Parish Council meeting. **TB**

23054 The extra fees charged by PKF Littlejohn equated to 1 additional hour of their time and 2 chaser letters sent early in the summer last year.

Next Meeting: 12th June 2023 at 1900 in the Dunston Village Hall - Main Room