

Minutes of the Dunston Parish Council Meeting - Monday 11th Feb 2024

Present: Cllrs McLuckie, Duncan, Lamyman, Phillipson. Clerk to the council and 3 members of the public.

Mrs Elise McClure gave a presentation to the room about her proposal to scatter wild flower seeds along some of the grass verges in the parish both to beautify the village but also to try to increase its biodiversity. The Cllrs present agreed that such a project was worth doing, especially as Mrs McClure already had enough suitable seeds to initiate it.

Council Session

24022 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Armstrong, Pellew, Rankin and Treece.

24023 To receive members' declarations of disposable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item. **No Changes**

24024 The minutes of the previous meeting on 11th Jan were agreed as a true record. **RM**

24025 It was resolved to hold a dedicated meeting of the Village Emergency Planning committee to progress the plan towards publication and distribution to parishioners. **RM EPC**

24026 It was resolved that the PC would be represented at the planning meeting scheduled to decide upon the application for further houses on the current Fen Lane site (23/1462/OUT). **RM**

24027 Further information about the footbridge replacement was to be sought from Mr Chris Marsh at LCC. **RM**

24028 It was agreed to try to hold a meeting with Metherringham PC to discuss a joint approach to Anglian Water to try to improve the resilience of the sewerage system. **TB**

24029 It was agreed to purchase 2 waste water pumps and associated hoses to help in any future flooding events. **TB**

24030 It was resolved to contact LCC and Ian Willoughby about a possible restriction in the water flow in Dunston Beck being caused by one specific culvert on Fen Lane. **RM**

24031 It was agreed to source a post suitable for another dog waste bin to be mounted where the bridle path joins Back Lane beside St Peter's School. **TB**

24032 It was agreed to accept the quote for an upgrade of the VH lighting and the fitting of the Sound System Loop. **SR**

24033 A decision on the proposed car park for the VH was deferred until the next meeting. **AP**

24034 The cost of the proposed table tennis table was thought to be too high and it was decided not to proceed after all. **TB**

24035 The picnic table closest to the pedestrian entrance to the playing field needs to be moved to a more suitable location prior to the erection of its permanent concrete base. **KG**

24036 It was agreed to lay a gravel path where the muddy short cut leads from Meadow Road into the playing field car park. **AP**

24037 The VH notice board needs to be replaced. **TB**

24038 Salaries since the last meeting, LALC subscription and training fees and Simon Moss accountancy fees were agreed for payment. **TB**

Next Meeting: Mon 11^h March 2024 at 1900. Dunston Village Hall.