

Minutes of the Dunston Parish Council Meeting - Monday 13th May 2024

Present: Cllrs McLuckie, Duncan, Armstrong, Lamyman, Pellew, Phillipson, Rankin, Treece and Clerk to the council.

Council Session

24068 Apologies – none received.

24069 Cllr McLuckie was elected unanimously to continue as Chair for the coming year.

24070 Cllr Duncan was elected unanimously to continue as Vice Chair for the coming year.

24071 To receive members' declarations of disposable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item. **Nil**

24072 The minutes of the meeting on 8th April were agreed as a true record. **RM**

24073 Pauline Moore has resigned from her position as a Councillor. The vacancy will be notified to NKDC and publicized on the web-site and noticeboard. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks and present her with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for her service to the Parish Council. **TB RM**

24074 A complaint about the new Village Hall lighting was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and it was agreed to defer it to the VHMC for consideration. **VHMC**

24075 The Emergency Plan and Information Sheets had been finished and were in the process of being distributed. It was resolved to put a redacted version on the website **SR TB**

24076 It was agreed to accept the quotation from Lindum Electrical for the repair of the VH emergency lighting. **SR**

24077 The proposed speed reduction on Dunston Road was discussed and the PC resolved to write again to LCC to express their concern over the police recommendation. **TB**

24080 The storage shed was now in use but the access area around and in front of it needs to be finished with a suitable surface. **PD SR**

24081 Keeping the hedge at the playing field clear of weeds was discussed and an individual who might be prepared to undertake the work on a regular basis has come forward. **PD**

24082 The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2023/24 was submitted to the meeting. The comments from the Internal Auditor that the Asset Register was in need of a comprehensive overhaul were accepted and this would be completed promptly. **TB GA**

24083 It was resolved that the Chair and Clerk should sign approval of the Annual Governance Statement. **RM TB**

24084 The Accounting Statements 2023/24 were approved by the PC and the Chair was instructed to sign them accordingly. **RM**