Minutes of the Dunston Parish Council Meeting - Monday 8th July 2024

**Present:** Cllrs McLuckie, Duncan, Armstrong, Lamyman, Phillipson, Rankin, Treece, Mr Dick Seddon and Clerk to the council.

**Council Session**

**24111** Apologies had been received from Cllr Pellew.

**24112** It was noted that the clock on St Peter’s Church was now working again and the PC expressed its gratitude for all the work carried out by Mr. Dick Seddon and also to Mr. Barry Porter who successfully manufactured a replacement for the 90 year old broken part. **TB**

**24113** It was resolved to organize a working party to start clearing the Beck of obstacles, weeds and vegetation which impeded the water flow out of the village downstream of the bridge adjacent to the Fen Lane/ Front Street junction. It was decided that prior to starting the clearing it would be beneficial for the vegetation on the banks to be cut. The idea of asking Dyson Farming to use their flair cutter was approved. **RM BL**

**24114** No response has yet been received from LCC, NKDC or the EA re coppicing the 3 trees which appear to restrict the water flow in the Beck alongside Fen Lane near the village green. The PC is keen to complete this work and also to lower the bed of the Beck as soon as the requisite permissions have been received. **RM**

**24115** The members of the PC have been experiencing difficulty when trying to access their official email accounts. Until this issue has been completely resolved their private email accounts will have to continue to be used. **TB LT**

**24116** The design of the village sign was approved and it was agreed in principle to proceed with its erection near to the telephone kiosk on Front Street. **PD**

**24117** The speed sign on Lincoln Road has met with general approval and it was resolved to purchase a second radar speed sensor and sign for erection on Fen Lane. **PD**

**24118** The twounserviceablestreet lightshave been mentioned yet again to NKDC for further investigation as it would appear that there were underlying faults with the installations.

**24119**  The dog waste bin on Fen Lane is on private land and needs to be moved further east to where a footpath from the north joins adjacent to the speed derestriction sign. **RM PD**

**24120** It was resolved to order a replacement waste bin at “The Ford” as its lid had been vandalized yet again. **TB**

**24121** The wheelchair friendly concrete pathway to the rear of the village hall and giving better access to the storage shed have been completed. However, the water butt still impedes this escape route and needs to be relocated. The PC was still awaiting a quote for the planned car park from the operators of Dunston Quarry. **PD PP**

**24122** A test of the waste water pumps was scheduled for 1600 on Sun 14th Jul. **PD**

**24123** The concrete bases for the picnic benches at the playing field and erection of the new notice board are scheduled imminently. **PD KG**

**24124** It was resolved to move another £25,000 to the 32-day notice account. **TB**

**24125** The D-Day event was judged such a great success that the overspend above the £300 budget was understandable and the clerk instructed to pay the extra £266.80 in full. **TB**

**24126** A similar celebration event for the 8oth anniversary of VE Day will be planned for May next year. **PD SR**

**24127** The financial position is sound so it was resolved to move £25,000 from the current account into the 32-day notice savings account. **TB**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 9th Sep at 1900 in the Lamyman room in the Dunston Village Hall.