

## Minutes of the Dunston Parish Council Meeting - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Present:** Cllrs McLuckie, Duncan, Armstrong, Lamyman, Pellew, Phillipson, Rankin, Treece.  
Two members of the public and Clerk to the council.

### **Public session**

It was raised that although the Dunston Emergency plan had been completed the promised emergency pack or financial support from NKDC had not been received. It was also suggested that the PC could be more proactive dealing with outside agencies over repairs and reinstatements post last winter's flood damage.

LCC Cllr Kendrick agreed to contact Highways re the damaged road bridge, the footbridge, the proposed speed restriction towards Metherringham and the proposed parking restrictions in the village.

### **Council Session**

**24128** Apologies nil – all Cllrs present.

**24129** The minutes from the July meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

**24130** The proposed dredging of the Beck had been approved and a single quote of £6000 received – although the cost of removing and disposing of the debris was not included in that figure. As time is critical before the onset of the coming winter it was agreed unanimously to accept that quote and complete the work at the earliest opportunity, a further figure of up to £9000 was agreed in principle for disposal of the debris. **RM BL**

**24131** It was suggested that LCC could be asked to contribute to the cost of dredging the Beck. **TB**

**24132** The clearing of vegetation from the Beck was largely completed but it was resolved to set up a working party for 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Sep to finish that work. PD was asked to advertise on FB. **RM PD**

**24133** It was suggested that some residents were unaware of our defibrillator so a large sign to advertise its presence will be fixed on the side of the village hall. **RM**

**24134** Cllr Armstrong raised the issue of a dropped curve in Middle Street to ease access to the school and was asked to clarify exactly where and why it should be located so a formal proposal to LCC could be made. **GA**

**24135** The General maintenance Operative (GMO) has been appointed and will start work on 10<sup>th</sup> September, on a part time basis. **PD TB**

**24136** The church clock face is in need of re-gilding and Mr. Seddon intends to carry out the work personally. If needed, £150 could be made available to cover his expenditure on obtaining a suitable scaffolding tower. **DS TB**

**24137** The village hall roof is still leaking and a further £10,000 was authorized to be spent trying to make the building fully weather-proof. **SR**

**24138** Last year's Christmas event was successful so a repeat will be held this year. A volunteer to act as Father Christmas will be sought and some small presents suitable for very young children could be purchased. The 21<sup>st</sup> December was agreed. **RP PD SR**

**24139** The proposed upgrade to the sound system at the village hall was postponed to enable some grant funding to be sought.

**24140** Cllr Duncan stated that the Car Park contract had been given to Green & Sons at a cost of £22,400 +Vat. After some discussion it was formally approved to continue with this project. **PD**

**24141** The Parish Council finances for the rest of the year were discussed in detail and it was agreed that there were sufficient funds to address all of the current projects. **All**

**24142** The £25,000 transferred to the savings account will be returned to the current account. **TB**

**24143** Cllr Armstrong is to be made a signatory for all the bank accounts. **TB**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at 1900 in the Lamyman room in the Dunston Village Hall.