

## **Minutes of the Dunston Parish Council Meeting - Monday 13th Oct 2025**

**Present:** Cllrs McLuckie, Lamyman, Phillipson, Pellew, Craig, Armstrong and Treece. Clerk to the council, the Village Hall Manager and 1 member of the public.

**Public session** A request for the job number for the telephone cable repair at Blairgowrie was received but unfortunately no such number had ever been available to the PC.

### **Council Session**

**25096** Apologies for absence: nil but Cllr Longmate had resigned with immediate effect because of other commitments. It was agreed we would pass on our thanks for the commitment he had made and that he would be welcome back in the future should his circumstances allow.

**25096** To receive members' declarations of interests in relation to any agenda item. Nil received.

**25097** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**25098** The scope of the required tree survey should be limited to just those trees on PC land. **GA**

**25099** The resignation of Cllr Longmate will be reported to NKDC and the 2 vacancies on the PC will be advertised. **TB**

**25100** The contact numbers in the Emergency Plan need to be updated to reflect recent changes in personnel and the updated leaflets should be distributed to all village residents. Going forward the leaflet could be included in the welcome pack currently given to new village residents. **AC RM TB EH**

**25101** The Beck bank repair at Blairgowrie should be removed as it is potentially an obstruction to the free flow of water in times high flow. **BL RM TB**

**25102** The fence round the playing field is deteriorating further. It was resolved to try to use some reinforcing posts to prevent it collapsing. **All**

**25103** It had been suggested that a leaf blower could be a useful tool to keep the car park clear of leaves; Cllr Treece agreed to lend one to enable a trial to take place. **LT**

**25104** It was agreed that the pc laptop should be upgraded professionally to windows 11 as Microsoft are due to stop all support for windows 10 imminently. **TB**

**25105** A Christmas tree is to be purchased and erected before 20<sup>th</sup> Dec when the Carol singing event is scheduled. The VH is to be decorated for Christmas and on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov the allocation of decorations and lights is to be resolved. Volunteers welcome. The mechanism for lighting the Christmas tree lights is to be determined. **All**

**25106** It was resolved to increase the clerk's salary to £13.75 per hour with effect from 1st April 2025. **TB**

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 1900 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**