

# **DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Hyde Lea and Coppenhall Village Hall at 7:30pm

Present: Parish Cllr. J. Richardson, S. Hodgkinson, S. Barrow (Chair)  
District Cllr. A. Adams  
Clerk to the Council; A. Fletcher  
4 Residents

Apologies: Parish Cllr. L. Pliva (Personal)

1. Chairman's welcome;

The Chair announced of the passing of Parish Cllr. G. Pliva last week, he was a Parish Councillor and Church Warden for many years. There was a moment of silence in the hall in remembrance of Parish Cllr. G. Pliva.

Apologies from Parish Cllr L. Pliva

2. No Councillors declared any interests or dispensations relating to items on the agenda.

3. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Public open Forum - Members of the public were invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has power for up to 5 minutes each.

Residents of Dunston have put in a planning application for a dog walking area; the application is for a hard standing area and new gateway. New 2.5-acre facilities for dog owners. Parish Councillors present support this application.

The Chair welcomed a resident that came to the meeting as interested in becoming a Parish Council, the resident introduced themselves. Parish Cllr. J. Richardson proposed to co-opt the resident to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Parish Cllr. S. Hodgkinson. The Parish Council resolved unanimous in favour.

Ms. J Perchard was welcomed to the table as Parish Councillor for the Coppenhall ward.

5. Matters arising:

- a. The Parish Council discussed the option of a maintenance employee or a contract company for maintenance on hedges and open spaces. The Chair proposed to continue with Street Scene for maintenance on hedges and open spaces, the Parish Council to repaint the bus stop on the A449 as it has been graffitied.
- b. Provide the asset register at the next meeting.

6. District Cllr A. Adams reported his attendance to a meeting out the 5 year land supply; currently isn't one in place, Local Plan looking to be published 5<sup>th</sup> November. Also noted of a planning application for change of use to unit at Dunston Business Village to include a swimming pool; this is welcomed to the area.

7. Financial matters; following cheques were approved and signed

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| a. Salary A Fletcher   | £491.45 | Cheque number: 300048 |
| b. HMRC PAYE           | £122.80 | Cheque number: 300049 |
| c. DM Payroll Services | £100.00 | Cheque number: 300050 |

8. No planning matters raised.

9. Highways matters: Road signs have been collected and removed. Thorney Fields Lane in a poor state. School Lane to Stoneley Lane the ditches are overgrown and have been several incidents with cars. Whittingham to School Lane has been flooding.

10. No correspondence received.

11. The Parish Council discussed the future meeting dates in 2025 for Duston with Coppenhall Parish Council. The Chair proposed to go ahead with the dates. The Parish Council resolved unanimous in favour.

12. The Parish Council discussed applying for a grant for a parish noticeboard. The Chair proposed to go ahead with the grant application. The Parish Council resolved unanimous in favour.

13. No other business raised.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm

The next meeting will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 7:30pm at Dunston Village Hall.