

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025 at Dunston Village Hall.

This was the combined Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Present; Parish Councillors Mr S Barrow[chair]-Mr J Richardson- Mr S Hodgkinson

Part 1; Annual parish assembly.

1; Councillor Barrow welcomed those present, and the meeting started at 7.30pm.

2; Apologies received from District Councillor Mr A Adams & Parish Councillor L. Pliva. Absent: Parish Cllr. J. Perchard

3; No residents of the Parish were present.

4; Chairmans report on last year's council activities.

Unfortunately, we lost Parish Cllr. G. Pliva who is missed. In 2025 we welcomed J. Perchard as Parish Councillor for the Coppenhall ward. There has been a lot of planning discussion with regards to the Solar Panels and Business Park. We are looking forward to launching the new Parish Council website this Summer.

Part 2; Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

1; Election of chairman; Councillor Barrow had expressed an interest in continuing as chairman. It was proposed by Councillor Hodgkinson and seconded by Councillor Richardson that he be re-elected chairman for another year.

2; Apologies from District Councillor Mr A Adams & Parish Councillor L. Pliva. Absent: Parish Cllr. J. Perchard

3; Parish Cllr. S. Barrow declared interest in planning application 25/00287/FUL and will not vote.

4; The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 2025 were accepted and signed as a true record.

5; Matters arising.

County Councillor elections took place on Thursday 1st May 2025, Cllr C. Large was elected from reform. The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to M. Sutton for his years of work and support for the Parish.

Website update: the gov.uk domain has been purchased and working with Teknet Ltd on the new website is currently happening. Changeover of website is planned for around 22nd June.

As raised at the meeting on 3rd March, there was a payment of £250 to the Contact Magazine noted as a grant in March 2022. The Parish Council deferred discussing the amount until the next meeting, but all agreed to donate to the Contact Magazine.

6; Financial matters;

A] Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

M Kidd

£25.00

Cheque No 300059

SPCA	£191.95	Cheque No 300057
Clerks salary	£491.45	Cheque No 300056
PAYE	£122.80	Cheque No 300055
Gallagher Insurance	£412.89	Cheque No 300060
Teknet Digital	£2068.80	Cheque No 300058

B] The Parish Council acknowledged the receipt of the first of half of 2025/26 Precept.

C]The annual accounts for 2024/2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting

RESOLUTION; accounts accepted unanimously

D]The Annual Governance statement for 2024/2025.

RESOLUTION: councillors agreed the statement and it was duly signed.

E] The Annual Accounting Statement for 2024/2025 was explained to the meeting.

RESOLUTION; councillors accepted the statement and it was duly signed.

F] The clerk explained that as the council's turnover was less than £25000 for the year ended March 2024 the council can consider themselves exempt from external audit.

RESOLUTION: councillors agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption.

7; Planning issues;

25/00380/AGR was discussed, and the Parish Council have reviewed and have no comment.

25/00287/FUL was discussed, and the Parish Council have reviewed and have no objection.

25/00308/VAR was discussed, and the Parish Council have reviewed and have no objection.

8; Highways matters;

It was noted that pot holes have been marked on Church Close, Dunston.

9; Correspondence.

The Clerk received a phone call from a Hyde Lea resident who reported of construction work happening in field behind their property, the Clerk was unaware of any work and recommended that the resident reported through the County Council website in case it was unlawful work.

10; Any other business.

It was noted that the hedges on the corner of School Lane and A449 were overgrown making it difficult to see out of the junction. Parish Council to discuss with District Cllr. A. Adams.

Meeting ended 8.45pm.

Next meeting is on Monday 7th July 2025 starting at 7. 30pm.Venue Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Anne Fletcher, clerk to the council