Dunston with Coppenhall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17th September 7:30pm at Dunston Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllr. S. Barrow (Chair), J. Richardson, K. Lee and L. Pliva (from 7:48pm)

District Cllr. A. Adams

Clerk

APOLOGIES:

Parish Cllr. J. Perchard

ABSENT:

County Cllr. C. Large

1. Chairman's welcome and received apologies for absence noted above.
2. No declarations of interests or dispensations relating to items on the agenda received.
3. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 were moved for approval from the Chair, all present voted in favour and minutes were signed.

The Chair moved item 5 to before the Public Forum.

5. Matters arising from the last meeting;
   a. Speed Indicator Device (SID) for Coppenhall; the Clerk gave an update. Also received email of support from District Cllr. S. Harper-Wallis. The Chair proposed to meet with a member of Highways on 29th September in Coppenhall to discuss a suitable site. The Parish Council voted unanimous in favour.

6. Received report from District Cllr A. Adams. He reported that Central Government have paused the local reorganisation and the District Council elections in May 2027 could take place, should have a further update from South Staffordshire District

Council the end of October. All grants have been paused for District. Also spoke about local issues in the parish.

4. Public open Forum –
   A representative of Dunston Village Hall came in regards for the Parish Council to donate towards a Christmas tree, Clerk advised them to email regarding cost and return the grants form before the next meeting. They also raised that it took 3 weeks for the broken manhole to be repaired on A449, have repaired it well but there was no contact number to ring when the temporary light stopped working.
   A resident of Coppenhall came to discuss the speeding issue on Oliver Bank and the prospect of the speed being reduced to 40mph and if a vehicle weight limit be looked at as large HGVs are going through Coppenhall.

7. Financial matters;
   i. Cheques of invoices were approved and signed:
      1. Clerk Salary
      2. HMRC
      3. DM Payroll Services
   ii. The National Joint Council for Local Government Services have reached an agreement on the rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2026, an increase of 3.3%. The Parish Council to consider implementing the pay rise including the back pay. Current pay scale is SCP20 at the 2026 scale of £16.90, increase to £17.45. The Chair proposed to agree the pay rise and back pay for the clerk. This was seconded by Parish Cllr. J. Richardson. All present voted unanimous in favour.
8. No planning applications received. The Parish Council discussed the potential development at Catch Corner with District Cllr. A. Adams and has passed his concern about turning right out by McDonalds as a high risk to County Cllr. C. Humphreyson. The proposal of a Lidl in Penkridge has raised a safety issue of entering the A449 and is currently with County Highways.
9. Highways; The number of signs by Southan Antiques in Dunston noted by District Cllr. A. Adams who has informed County Cllr. C. Humphreyson.
10. Any Correspondence received.

a. Clerk received email from Dunston resident regarding the safety of walking to and from the First School in Dunston and the road signs outside the First School, which have been reported to Highways. The Clerk to write to County Cllr C. Large and County Highways if no progress has been made.

11. Any Other Business.

a. It was raised that the noticeboard in Coppenhall is falling into disrepair and will need replacing soon. The Clerk to look into quotes and designs to bring to a future meeting.

b. It was raised that the wall along Dunston House has been made safe but it still looks a mess. Potentially look in to writing to the resident and County Highways.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday 2nd November 2026 at Hyde Lea and Coppenhall Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 8:40pm

Chairman..... Date:.....