

Dunnington Parish Council

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018
READING ROOM AT 7.30PM**



AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **Annual Review**
- **Community Policing**
- **Emergency Plan**
- **Neighbourhood, Local Plan**
- **Parish Council Vacancy**
- **Questions and Answers**

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So What Is A Parish Council?

First for the boring bit:

A Parish Council is a corporate body, a legal entity separate from that of its members. Its decisions are the responsibility of the whole body. The Parish Council has been granted powers by Parliament including the important authority to raise money through taxation, the precept, (more about that later) and a range of powers to spend the public money.

A Parish Council is an elected body in the first tier of local government. They have the legal power to take action, but they have very few duties and greater freedom to choose what action to take. They can play a vital part in representing the interests of the communities they serve and improving the quality of life and the local environment. They influence other decision makers and can, in many cases, deliver services to meet local needs.

Now the bit relating to Dunnington:

The Parish comprises some 1,350 homes with a population of around 3,300 people.

The Parish Council has thirteen elected members, including the Chairperson, all of whom are volunteers, representing the interests of the Parish. Councillors are elected every four years at the same time as the City of York Local Council Elections, the next election is in 2019. The Councillors bring a range of different skills and experience to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is supported by a part time Parish Clerk who is an employee and is the only person who receives any remuneration.

The Parish Council meets monthly (except August) usually on the second Monday of the month. The meetings are open to the public who are welcome to attend and speak if they wish. The Parish Council must arrange an open Annual Parish Meeting when it reports back on the previous years activities to the residents and provides an opportunity for residents to raise any issues which they may have.

The Parish Council is involved with providing and supporting many activities including providing allotments, running the cemetery and supporting the activity park, sports complex, Hassacarr, in-bloom, the school, the scouts and guides and local businesses as well as many other different local community organisations.

The Parish Council has a website www.dunningtonparishcouncil.org.uk which contains a host of information including the details of all the Parish Councillors together with copies of all the meeting agendas and minutes. Information can also be found on the Parish Council notice board next to the bus shelter on York Street.

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Now the bit about money:

The Parish Council is funded primarily by a Parish Precept which is payable by all householders in the Parish. This is agreed and set annually by the Parish Council and is collected on behalf of the Parish Council by the City of York Council. If you look at your latest council tax bill you will see an item relating to the Parish precept. This year 2017/2018 the precept for whole of the Parish was in total £16,575 which equates to approximately 23 pence per household per week.

The Parish Council is keen to support the many and varied activities taking place in the Parish, although the precept at the current level is insufficient to meet our present expenditure for the benefit of the Parish, and consequently this year we have had to draw upon our reserves. We expect to draw upon our reserves next year as well. Sooner or later these reserves will be reduced to below an acceptable level which will mean either, having to take some very hard and perhaps unpopular decisions probably resulting in being unable to support some of the Parish activities, or increasing the precept significantly, a challenge to say the least.

Now about the current vacancy:

Since Christmas one of our long serving Councillors has decided to leave the Parish Council creating a vacancy and we wish the person well in the future.

This means that there is an opportunity for you to consider standing as a Councillor. You will be able to get involved in many rewarding aspects of Parish life, meet a lot of interesting people, and utilise your experience and knowledge, whatever that may be, for the benefit of the community. There is plenty to get involved with and become hands on to suit your particular forte. In fact why not attend a Parish Council meeting to see how it all happens.

Alternatively if you want to find out more you can contact the Chairperson or any Councillor who will be more than happy to assist. Details of the vacancy will be advertised shortly informing you of the process both on the Parish Council notice board and on the website.

Now about the website again:

There are a whole host of items which can be found on the Parish Council website, www.dunningtonparishcouncil.org.uk, which is a very useful source of information.

And finally:

With your support we can continue to make Dunnington Parish a sustainable community for the benefit of everyone and of which we can all be proud.

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