

Dunnington Parish Council

(www.dunningtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019
READING ROOM AT 7.30PM**

AGENDA

Welcome

Annual Review

Neighbourhood Plan

Playing Fields Association

Our Environment

Parish Council Elections

Questions and Answers

WHAT IS A LOCAL COUNCIL?

Local council is a universal term for community, village, neighbourhood, parish and town councils. They are the first tier of local government and are statutory bodies. They serve communities and are elected by residents. They can raise their own precept (a form of council tax). There are 10,000 local councils in England and 120,000 councillors who serve on these local councils.

WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?

Your local council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services.
- Improve the quality of life for residents.
- Give communities a democratic voice.

ABOUT 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 soon in May 2019. A number of current Councillors have indicated that they will not be standing in this election.

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 year's 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.

Can you help to make a change, become a parish councillor?

Do you care about where you live? Are you passionate about your community? If so, you could make a great parish councillor. Stand for election and make a change.

BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor, you can become a voice for your community and make a real change. Local councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve.

Local councillors have three main responsibilities:

- Decision-making.
- Monitoring.
- Getting involved locally.

GETTING ELECTED

To stand for election to the Parish Council you must:

- Be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.
- Local councils welcome and are committed to the inclusion and recognition of all regardless of race, culture, ability, ethnicity or gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, religious affiliation, and socioeconomic status.

KEY DATES

These are the three main dates:

- Notice of Election is to be published on Tuesday 26 March 2019.
- Applications to be submitted after the Notice of Election by Wednesday 3 April 2019.
- Election day is Thursday 2 May 2019.

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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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PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chairperson:

Stuart Kay

Vice Chairperson:

Jenny Brooks

Councillors:

Andrew Brooks

Andrew Dykes

Josette Farmer

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