

Dunnington Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023

READING ROOM AT 7.30PM

MINUTES

Present

Cllr Gill Shaw (Parish Council Chairman), Ward Councillor Mark Warters and a hall full of electors/residents

Ward Cllr Rowley sent apologies.

Representatives from KCOM and Barratt Homes were invited but didn't attend.

Welcome and Annual Review – Cllr Gill Shaw

Cllr Shaw welcomed everyone for attending and explained the running order of the meeting.

Cllr Shaw advised residents that the Parish Council have taken the decision not to increase the Precept this year but are confident that they can maintain the services that residents have come to expect.

Looking back over the last year, the Parish Council have been liaising with City of York Council regarding the unauthorised encampment on the A166 with the support of the Ward Councillors. This resulted in City of York Council debating the issue in an open session last week. Cllr Shaw and Ward Councillor Warters spoke at the session. The outcome was that the Councillor for housing was charged with resolving the situation so that the layby can be scrapped and planted up with trees.

The allotment group have been working with allotment holders representatives to update the terms and conditions and now hold regular meetings. The Parish Council chose not to increase the rents for 23/24 with the current cost of living issues.

The Parish Council cemetery working group deals with the cemetery regulations and ensures the cemetery is kept tidy and maintained to a good working standard. Phase 1 of the cemetery is almost full and planning permission has been granted for phase 2. It is hoped that phase 2 will be open by early summer 2023. Anyone interested in purchasing a plot should contact the Parish Clerk.

In May, Parish and City of York Council elections take place. In order to vote you will need to take with you a form of photographic identity. If you would like to stand as a Parish Councillor then please contact the Parish Clerk who will be able to help you.

King Charles III Coronation Street Party – Cllr Zoe Rees-Gay

Cllr Rees-Gay apologised that there is no event time on the leaflets. The party is from 12pm until 7pm.

Road closures on Common Road will be put in place from 11am on the day.

The event will include food vans, zorbing, a cocktail bar and dog show. The WI will be offering refreshments within the Reading Rooms.

A National Lottery grant has been applied for, the Parish Council have put aside a small budget for the event and the working group have been seeking donations from private businesses.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Liz Turnbull

Cllr Turnbull explained that the Neighbourhood plan has been a long time in the making and that the plan has been developed through grant funding.

The 55-page plan is now ready for public consultation. It has been sent into City of York Council so that they can look it prior to consultation with residents in case they have any queries.

Once it is returned the Parish Council will publish the plan. It will be added to the website and a small number of paper copies will be printed and placed around the village at the Church, Reading Rooms, Sports Club, Library etc. If anyone would like assistance in obtaining a copy, they can contact the Parish Clerk for assistance.

There will be a period of four weeks for residents to view the plan before the Parish Council hold 2 open sessions where residents can ask Councillors any questions.

Another four-week period will then be given to allow time for feedback to be given and the Parish Council will then assess the communications and look at any required alterations.

A final draft will then be submitted to City of York Council and an Independent Examiner.

Once the final version is returned with any further comments from the City of York Council and the Independent Examiner, it will be updated, as necessary, and a final version will be published. A local referendum will then be held and residents will have the opportunity to vote for or against this final version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan is the village's chance to say what it would like to see and what it doesn't want in terms of future development in the parish. City of York Councils, planning department, would then have to take the Neighbourhood Plan into consideration when assessing planning applications.

Highway Initiatives – Cllr John Maggs

The Parish Council highways group are submitting repeated expressions of concerns relating to speeding to North Yorkshire Police which has led to a speed van being in place on Common Road on several occasions. Any resident can submit an expression of concern to speedconcerns@northyorkshire.police.uk or North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau, PO Box 809, York, YO31 6DG.

The Parish Council have been pushing City of York Council to implement a uniform 40mph speed limit along the A1079 from the from Grimston Bar Roundabout to just beyond the Common Road junction

The Parish Council have been pushing for York Road to be altered to a 40mph speed limit all the way into the village.

The Parish Council have been repeatedly trying to push for a cycle track along York Road, but have been pushed back by City of York Council.

The Highways Group have conducted many meetings and site visits with Ward Councillors and City of York officers to discuss the issues.

The Parish Council continue to push highways matters that are important to Dunnington residents with Dave Atkinson, Head of Highways and Transport, City of York Council by continuing to request his attendance at further Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Council have discussed the junction at the end of Church Lane where it meets York Street as this can be a dangerous junction to exit. There has been a site visit from City of York Council and the highways group are pushing for the introduction of a one-way system

Cllr Maggs mentioned the future consideration of reducing the speed limit within the village to a blanket 20mph for safety and environmental reasons.

A resident raised the possibility of speed humps. Cllr Maggs advised that this had been considered and discussed previously but was unable to be taken forward due to the roads being major bus routes.

A resident stated that when the traffic lights were installed on York Road several years ago, the Parish Council requested lights at the end of Common Road. City of York turned the request down but the Parish Council agreed at the time to keep pushing for the installation of lights and should look to request them again.

Residents mentioned that there are also other dangerous junctions within the village that should also be addressed.

A resident requested the introduction of double yellow lines on York Street as double parking makes the road very congested and even prevents the bus for getting through. Parking outside the pizza shop was specifically mentioned as an issue. Cllr Maggs advised that the Highways group have spoken to City of York about the situation previously but will speak to them again. Suggestions were given about the introduction of back racks outside the pizza shop to prevent pavement parking.

A resident suggested that thought needs to be given as to how car usage within the village could be reduced and people could be encouraged to walk or cycle to Costcutter. A resident suggested the introduction of resident parking permits for York Street with a 10 minute time limit for any other user. The Parish Council said they would welcome any resident suggestions as to how they could tackle the issue. Residents should submit their suggestions to the Parish Clerk.

Residents concerns were raised about the verges around the village being destroyed with extra traffic, parking and large vehicles from the industrial estate turning round in the road after leaving in the wrong direction.

Eastfield Meadows (H31) Housing Development

It was noted that Barratts homes had not responded to an invite.

Cllr Maggs advised that the contractor is required to complete a statement which will detail how construction traffic will get in and out of the location. This still has not been produced and the Parish Council and Highways group continue to push for it.

Open Session

A resident asked for an update on the Bull Balks field purchase situation.

The Parish Council advised that they were waiting for a further response from the landowners. The landowners had advised the Parish Council in October 2022 that they were looking to register the land with the Land Registry. No further communications have been received. No further progress will be made in respect of the matter until any subsequent communications are received.

A resident asked what is happening with the Hagg Wood footpath.

A recent City of York, Rights of Way team email to Ward Councillor Mark Warters was read out to the meeting.

Cllr Gill Shaw thanked everyone for attending