

## PARISH OF THE DUNSFORTHS

### Ordinary Village Meeting Minutes

12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 following the AGM at St. Mary's Church, Lower Dunsforth

Present: Joan Holmes (Chair) and 16 electors

1. Declarations of Interest

1.1. None

2. Apologies

2.1. Toni Ramsey. John & Lois Painter, Caroline Sapwell, Stella Jones, Rob Windass

3. Minutes of the last meeting (11/12/19)

3.1. Proposed as a true record by Phil Jones and approved by the meeting

4. Matters arising

4.1. Emergency Planning

4.1.1. Joan reported on the meeting held with Ian Spiers and Ann Myatt in January and that two sandbag storage locations in Lower Dunsforth have been identified

4.1.2. The previously sanctioned purchases of a small back-up pump, hoses and sandbags are going ahead with delivery expected shortly

4.1.3. Action: JH to chase Ian Spiers for updates on the plan

4.1.4. Action: Rob Windass' response to email from Joan Holmes is outstanding.

5. The closure of the Hideaway Kitchen

5.1. Gareth Jones updated the meeting on the position following closure of the pub in Lower Dunsforth. Key points noted:

5.1.1. Communications network established across Lower Dunsforth

5.1.2. The freehold does not appear to be for sale but is being pursued

5.1.3. Responsibility for removal of signs on B6265 was discussed but is unclear

5.1.4. Planning approval constraints are being assessed re. conversion of building

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6. Tree and hedge management

6.1. A complaint about hedges and trees growing too close to the highway has been received. NYCC indicate that this is the responsibility of NYCC Highways if they are on the verge or of the adjacent landowner if the offending trees/hedges are on their land or where NYCC has granted a licence to an individual to plant and maintain trees on the verge. It was noted that this is not a local parish responsibility but the meeting agreed to highlight the issue (by way of these minutes) and ask all residents to be aware of their responsibilities to maintain their trees, shrubs and hedges where growth could impact road users.

7. Year to date financial position:

7.1. Receipts and Payments

Precept	HBC	2,269
Subscription	YLCA	-63
Rates	Swale & Ure	-2
Insurance	BHIB	-330

7.2. Payments Due

Donations	-200
Grass cutting	tba

8. Draft 2021/22 Precept

8.1. The precept noted below was approved and NH authorised to submit it to HBC

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**2021/22 Draft Precept Submission**

	2021/22 Proposed	2020/21 Actual	Change
Insurances	350	350	0
Drainage rates	3	4	-1
YLCA Fees	67	65	2
Local Charity Support BCC	100	100	0
BACLA	100	100	0
Expenses	50	50	0
Verge Cutting	650	600	50
Emergency Management	1000	1000	0
	<b>2320</b>	<b>2269</b>	<b>51</b>

Current cost less NYCC Highways support

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#### 9. AOB

9.1. A planning application for demolition of an old wooden barn and replacement with a double size metal clad structure on an adjacent site at Greenfield Farm was discussed. The meeting voted to object on the following grounds:

9.1.1. Impact on flooding through replacement of agricultural land with a solid structure and associated hard landscaping

9.1.2. Undefined access requirements

9.1.3. Location extending the built form of the village

9.1.4. Impact on visual amenity being on a new green field site in view of the church and other listed property.

9.2. Joan Holmes thanked Caroline Sapwell and Tamara Hartley on behalf of the parish for leading and organising support initiatives in the two villages during the lockdown.

9.3. No date was set for the next meeting but the aim to hold it in Spring 2021 was noted.