

Dunnockshaw Parish Council Newsletter – April 2023

Welcome to our 29th Parish Council Newsletter

As in previous newsletters we begin by reminding all residents especially those new to the area that the Parish Council consists of 7 members who are residents of the Parish. Their names, addresses and telephone numbers, together with the names of our County Councillor, District Councillor, Police community beat manager and PCSO can be found at the end of this newsletter. All Parish Council members are volunteers and do not claim expenses for the work they do on behalf of the Parish. Last year we lost 2 valuable Council members, Mrs.J.Baguley and Mr.W.Brindle, who was also our District Councillor on Burnley B.C. We are sorry to lose them but Mrs J.Baguley, will still look after the planter at Dunnockshaw, and Mr .Brindle will remain a friend of the Parish Council as a consultant, However, we now have three new members of the Council, Ms A. Heyworth, Mr. C.McEvoy and Mr. P. Dugdale, who are very keen to help the residents of the Parish. We do not have a lot of powers, but the Parish Council is the most accessible tier of local government, and any member can be contacted by residents with their concerns. Any issue is reported back to the Council, who make a joint decision on how to solve residents' problems.

Friends of the Parish Council

We have several residents that are friends of the Parish Council including Mrs J. Baguley and Mr. W. Brindle, who are mentioned above. Others include Mr.N.Cronshaw, who strims the verges, generally does painting jobs and has recently repaired the Parish Council notice board and Mr.A.Jones who looks after the large planter at Clowbridge. If any resident of the Parish wishes to become a friend of the Parish Council and help pick up litter, plant daffodils or help in any other way please let us know.

Every year the Parish Council holds an Annual Meeting which is open for any resident to attend.

This year the meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May 2023 at 8pm at Burnley Town Hall. All residents are welcome.

Parish Council Funding

The Parish Council is funded by a small grant from Burnley Borough Council. This funding has been in place for over 50 years, but the grant has gone down over the past few years from approximately £1000 to £66. At the present time our costs for the year amount to about £1000 and consist of money for insurance, the clerk's small salary, membership of NALC and stationery. Because of the current strain on household budgets the Parish Council decided that it would not increase the amount paid to us via the precept. We did not wish to increase any costs to residents at the present time. You will probably notice this on your council tax bill.

Police Matters

Our Council meetings are attended by our excellent PCSO S. Clarke. Our main problems have been speeding traffic on the A682, parking and off-road bikers and their associated vans accessing Hameldon Hill via Springfield Lane. The Parish Council works in Partnership with the Police.

We also receive a crime report from the Police every 2 months and we are pleased to report that this area has a very low crime rate.

Speeding on the A682 has always been a problem throughout the whole Parish and this year the Council have put in a lot of effort trying to solve the problem with not the greatest of success despite our PCSO conducting speed checks. The Council has written to the Police Commissioner and the Lancs CC. We have asked for a 30mph speed limit throughout the Parish. However, under the current regulations we do not qualify for this. We are still communicating with both the Police Commissioner and the Highways Dept at Lancashire County Council.

Parking can be a problem in certain locations in the Parish. We do ask that residents parking on footpaths or close to access points try to park elsewhere if possible or try to park so as not to obstruct the view for others joining the main road.

The Council have worked with the police to try to stop off road bikers accessing Hameldon Hill via Springfield Lane. These bikes churn up and spoil the unique moorland habitat. We have mainly been successful with this, although this area can still be accessed from Rossendale and Hyndburn over which we have no control.

We urge everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police on 101 or in an emergency 999. The Parish Council also act as the Neighbourhood Watch and receive information from the police on a regular basis about incidents occurring in the Parish and adjoining areas. This is then passed to the residents who are members of the Neighbourhood Watch.

The Children's Playground

One of the main problems we had concerned the litter bin, was rusty and had no lid. Crows regularly pecked through the rubbish and left an awful mess all over the playground. After contacting the Green Spaces Dept, we now have a new bin with a lid which looks so much better.

Village Appearance

The daffodils are at their best at the moment. They are a welcome sight after the winter. We would like to thank all those that have planted them, (Mrs. J Latham, Mrs and Mrs Ormerod, the residents of the Kestrels, Mr and Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Baguley, Mr. C. McEvoy, the children from Moorland View and the clerk). The Parish Council also look after four planters, and these are tended by Mr Riley, Mr Jones and Mrs Baguley. The tiered planters are provided by Burnley Borough Council who plant these with spring and summer displays. The children at Moorland View also plant up their own display near to the bus stop at Alma Terrace which always looks very

colourful. We thank them and all those residents who add to the appearance of the Parish with their hanging baskets, garden and window box displays.

This year, the Parish Council celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting some native tree species on the mounds at Clowbridge. The trees were provided by Burnley Borough Council. A representative from the Council demonstrated how to plant them. We would like to thank councillors Mrs J.Latham, MrsJ.Baguley ,Mr.P.Dugdale with children from Moorland View and the clerk for doing this. Also, thanks go to Mr. S. Counsell for allowing his staff (Tom) to help dig the holes. He was a great addition to the team.

Street scene and House Numbering

There has been some confusion with the repetition of house numbers on Manchester Road and Burnley Road in Clowbridge and Dunnockshaw. Street Scene visited the sites and as a result decided that 2 new road signs should be erected one near Limey Lane and one opposite Clow Farm/Cottage gateway omitting the words 'Parish of Dunnockshaw'. The new signs now say '*Welcome to Clowbridge Please drive carefully*'. This is an improvement as it helps to identify which village is which.

The Gambleside Trail

For a number of months the Parish Council have been speaking to United Utilities to see if they would replace the signage on the Gambleside trail. The signs showed the historic importance of several sites around Clowbridge Reservoir. Of late they have become very worn and illegible. United Utilities say they will replace the signs but is having difficulty because there is no record of the information that was on them. We are still waiting for further confirmation from United Utilities.

Parish Council Website

We have our own website, Dunnockshawpc.weebly.com . The site provides the minutes of meetings, dates of future meetings, the accounts, current planning applications (via Burnley Borough Council), useful contacts and photographs of the Parish. We would like to thank Mrs J Latham for the maintenance and updating of our website.

Parish Defibrillator

We would like to remind everyone that the Council obtained a Parish Defibrillator. It is situated on the wall of Moorland View Children's Home and there is a sign to indicate the location.

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