

Dunnockshaw Parish Council Newsletter – April 2022

Welcome to our 28th 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 and 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 that they do on behalf of the Parish.

Up until the COVID-19 outbreak we held our meetings every two months on a Monday at Burnley Town Hall. The town hall has not been available for meetings since this time. The Council decided that with no venue available and with some Councillors being classed as vulnerable that we would hold our meeting online. This proved to be satisfactory once we got over the teething problems of the new technology. We have had no drop in numbers of residents wishing to report their concerns. Our powers are limited but we are the most accessible tier of local Government, and we feel it is to the benefit of the Parish that we exist and can speak up for residents and improve the area in any way we can. We are consulted on planning applications, are in contact with our District and County Councillors. We are member of the association of Local Councils (NALC) and subscribe to the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)

Each year the Parish Council holds an Annual Meeting. This year we have decided that this will be held via Zoom due the very high rates of COVID-19 infection in our area (at the time of writing). You can attend this meeting by requesting a zoom invitation by either emailing dunnockshawpc@btinternet.com or by telephoning the Clerk on 01282 411616 by 4th May 2022. If you have any issues that you wish to be discussed but cannot attend, please contact the Clerk who will bring them up for you.

This year the meeting will be held on Monday 9th May 2022 at 8pm via Zoom

Parish Council Funding

The Parish Council is funded by a grant from Burnley Borough Council. These costs include insurance, the Clerks small salary, audit fees, subscriptions, and stationery. This funding has been in place for nearly 50 years. Our grant has gone down over the past few years from approximately £1000 to £66 this year. At the present time our costs for the year amount to over £1000 and are rising. Therefore, we have had to reluctantly raise a precept over the last few years.

Police Matters

Our Council meeting are attended by our excellent PCSO S. Clarke. Our main problems have been speeding traffic on the A682 and off-road bikers and their associated vans accessing Hameldon Hill via Springfield Lane. The Parish Council has worked in Partnership with the Police over the bike problems, and we are pleased to say this issue has improved. They had become a hazard for walkers and were destroying the unique habitat of the hill.

Speeding on the A682 has always been a problem throughout the whole of the parish. This year our MP took the matter up with Lancashire County Council(LCC) and asked that community concern notices be installed. Due to complications at LCC these notices did not materialise. Our County Councillor is now dealing with this issue and chasing this matter up with LCC. Our PCSO and District Councillor have also had a meeting with the Deputy Police Commissioner to discuss this problem. LCC now has a website, www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk Any resident can use this to report speeding incidents. The more that are reported the more likely they will take notice of us. To report an incident, click on the 'Enforcement' tab.

Fortunately, we have a low crime rate compared to most of Burnley Borough. 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 Councillors and residents who are a member of the Neighbourhood Watch.

HRH The Queens Platinum Jubilee, Tree Planting at the 'Mounds' at Clowbridge

This grassed area has been designated as an area to build houses on by Burnley Borough Council in their local plan. This we have always opposed. However, this year Burnley Borough Council decided that further trees could be planted here. Last month member of the Parish Council, residents and some children from Moorland View Children's home planted saplings under the guidance of The Green Spaces Dept. We would like to thank everyone that took part. This area is lovely in spring with all the daffodils and provides valuable car parking spaces for residents.

The Children's Playground

This year the Parish Council decided that the playground was looking a bit tired and scruffy. The Green Spaces Dept. at Burnley Borough Council were informed, and they have now replaced sections of rotting fence and added two replacement roofs to the play equipment. Parish Council members painted the seat and woodwork on the climbing frame. One of the main problems we have had is with the litter bin which has no lid. Crows regularly peck though the rubbish and leave a mess. We have been informed that a replacement bin, with lid, will be installed soon.

Village Appearance

The daffodils are at their best at the moment. Passers-by either on foot or in their cars cannot fail to be impressed. They are a welcome sight after the winter. What a difference they make. We would like to thank all those that have planted them, (J Latham, Mrs and Mrs Ormerod, the residents of the Kestrels, Mr and Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Baguley and Mrs Riley). 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.

With the help of our County Councillor we have at last managed to ensure that the grass verges are cut correctly and on a more regular basis by Lancashire County Council. Thanks also go to Mr Cronshaw for the strimming work he does around the planters.

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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