



Dunnockshaw Parish Council -Newsletter May 2015

Welcome to our 23rd Parish Council Newsletter.

As in previous newsletters I begin by informing you that the Parish Council has existed 1894. Throughout this long period of peace and war residents have been willing to give their time voluntarily for the benefit of the Parish and the people who live in this area.

We meet once every two months, on a Monday, at Burnley Town Hall. Notice of the meetings is on the Parish Council notice board, on the children's playground, before they take place. Any resident is welcome to attend our meetings and time is set aside for residents questions. The meetings begin at 7pm and there is free parking on the Town Hall car park nearby

The Parish council exists for the benefit of parishioners and we do try our best to look after the Parish. If there are anything that you think needs to be done let us know The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the members are at the back of the newsletter together with the names of our County Councillor, District Councillors and Community Police officers.

The Parish Council consists of seven members plus a clerk. The clerk is paid a small salary of £300 per annum, as her role takes up quite a bit of time and effort. This year, we were sorry to lose two of our long serving councillors .Mr Ken Hamer was one of our longest serving members, having been on the council for 35 years. Mr Dave Latham was also a long serving member and was chairman for the last 15 years. They played an important role for the parish, through both good and difficult times and they will be sorely missed by the Council. Our sympathies go to their families at this sad time.

Dave and Ken have been replaced by Mrs J. Baguley and Mrs A Brannagan, who both live in Dunnockshaw. Notices of the vacancies were given to all residents and we are very pleased to welcome Jennifer and Anne. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

Each May the Parish Council holds an Annual Meeting, to which all residents are invited.

This year, the Annual Meeting will be held on Monday the 18th May, 2015, at The Town Hall, Burnley at 7 30pm. ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Entrance to the meeting is via the main entrance to the Town Hall on Manchester Road .The meeting is informal and fairly short so please come along if you can.

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The Parish Council have been trying to have some of the speed bumps removed in Clowbridge, for about a year. These didn't appear to be slowing the traffic down and were causing a lot of noise when heavy vehicles were passing over them, causing nuisance to residents, especially at night .A site visit was held and attended by our County Councillor and a representative from the Highways Department. We are pleased to say that they have now been removed.

We have now managed to obtain a permanent SPID (Speed Indicator Device), rather than the moveable one that required charging up every 4 days. The new SPID will be placed between Dunnockshaw and Prospect Terrace, for traffic travelling from the Rossendale area. The SPID will flash up SLOW DOWN to warn any traffic travelling at more than 40mph.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council is trying its best to see that the parish is free from dog dirt. It is one of the things that we get most complaints about. All residents know that it is an offence to allow dogs to defecate on roads, footpaths and grassed areas in the village. The dog warden has put up signs and is willing to pay visits and possible fine offenders.

Dog mess was a problem on the playground due to a broken fence which allowed dogs to wander on to it. The Parish Council have had the fence repaired and thankfully we have had no complaints recently. Please, if you walk your dog in the village, would you ensure you pick up afterwards and deposit it in one of the bins provided.

Grass Cutting

Last year the grass cutting was well done having been in the control of the Lancashire County Council as opposed to a private contractor as it was the previous year. Lancashire County Council are in control again this year and we feel it will be well done when the mowing season starts.

Balmers Ltd

Work is going on rapidly at the former engineering factory to convert it to the needs of the company which specialises in landscape maintenance and landscape products. They informed the Parish Council of their intentions with regard to their building proposals and the time scale of the changes..We would like to welcome them to the Parish and hope that their move is beneficial to them and to us. Certainly it will be better than a disused building becoming derelict as may have happened if Balmers had not come.

Village Appearance

Members of the Parish Council see to the planting up of the four planters in Clowbridge and opposite Alma Terrace. The one at Dunnockshaw is cared for by Linda Smith and we must thank her for keeping the planter looking so nice every Spring and Summer.

The two three tier planters are attended to by the Parks Department at Burnley Borough Council every Spring and Summer, as is the single tier one at the entrance to Limey Lane. This planter was obtained by the Parish Council, to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee

This year, is the centenary of World War 1 and to commemorate this and the millions who died, the Parish Council is planting up their containers with red poppies.

At this point, we should thank all the residents who care for their gardens and put out tubs and hanging baskets in the summer months. They improve the appearance of the village greatly. There are always beautiful displays at Cotton Row, Dunnockshaw, Prospect Terrace, and Clowbridge. This makes the parish look a good place to live, despite the inclement climate.

Utilities are due to begin work. at the reservoir.

Planning Applications

No Planning Applications have been received this year.

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