



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 since 1894. Throughout this long period, in 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 usually 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 is 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 about 15 years. They played an important role in 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Dave and Ken have been replaced by Mrs J. Baguley and Mrs A Brannagan, who both live in Dunnockshaw.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. We hope that it will help to keep traffic speeds down in this area.

Police Matters

Fortunately we live in a low crime area and the police's monthly crime report often shows that there has been no crime at all. However incidents do occur and we ask residents to be vigilant at all times. Occasionally there are problems at the children's home, which result in the police having to be called out. These incidents are not common and the staff do their very best to deal with what can be difficult situations.

During the year our police officer (Community Beat Manager) left the area and we had PCSO Jackson who did a very good job for a short period of time until he was replaced by PCSO Astin, who has also been solely responsible for our area over the last few months. Recently a new police officer has been assigned to us and we now have both PCSO Astin and CBM J. Cowley. Their details appear at the end of this newsletter.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council is trying its best to see that the parish is free from dog dirt especially the grassed areas opposite Alma terrace and at Clowbridge. It is one of the things that we get most complaints about. 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. The dog warden has supplied the parish with some new metal dog warning signs which will be erected in the near future.

Village Appearance

Once again the Parish Council obtained daffodil bulbs last Autumn to plant in the Parish. Alan and Ann Childs planted on the mounds at Clowbridge. Joshua Riley and his friend Rob planted opposite Alma Terrace and Jack and Joan Ormerod were given bulbs to plant near Lime Hill Bungalow. Many thanks to these people. The bulbs have looked magnificent this year and have been commented on by both residents and people passing through the Parish. Please don't pick the daffodil flowers as has happened on one occasion this year and try to stop them being damaged, as we have also had an incidence of children trampling on them.

The three tier planters provided by the Parks Department and the single tier planter at Limey Lane have also looked really well and brightened up the area. The other planters are maintained by Parish Council members Ann and Alan Childs and Ron and Olwen Riley .Linda Smith looks after the large planter at Dunnockshaw and we must thank her for keeping it looking so nice every Spring and Summer.

Again, we would like to 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.

Planning Applications

Unusually there have been no new planning applications this year. We are pleased to say that since our last newsletter Balmer's is fully up and running. Residents were invited to its official opening and several went along to view the interior and have a guided tour of the various sections.

This year Burnley Borough Council has been producing its new local plan and documents were sent out for the Parish Council to comment upon. Part of their consultation was concerned with areas to be set aside for housing developments. The Parish Council decided that they did not agree with large housing developments being built in the rural areas for a number of reasons including traffic congestion, the demand on services and spoiling the character of villages. It concluded that new housing developments would be better restricted to derelict and brown field sites within the urban boundary.

The Council was also surprised to find out that Burnley Borough Council was considering building a number of town houses at Clowbridge on the grassed mounds area, which it owns. The Council agreed that this was a totally unsuitable site for many reasons and wrote into Burnley Borough Council accordingly after consulting nearby residents. We have not heard anything for a number of months and have not received a planning application but are keeping a close watch on the situation.

Children's Playground

The Millennium bench on the children's playground is suffering from rot after 15 years. It appears that it will have to be replaced within the near future.

Superfast Broadband

Lancashire County Council has initiated a Superfast broadband programme for rural areas in Lancashire and now 97% of the county receives it. Unfortunately, as usual, our parish is in the 3% that has not yet been covered by this programme. There is to be a Superfast extension programme, which we have asked to be a part of. This is for the hard to reach areas such as our own, but additional funding has not been secured yet. The council is to be kept up to date on any developments by the Superfast Lancashire team.

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