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## Dunnockshaw Parish Council -Newsletter April 2018

### Welcome to our 26<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Newsletter.

As in previous newsletters, I begin by reminding all residents, especially all those new to the Parish, that the Parish Council has existed for over 120 years. Throughout that time local people have given up some of their free time, for no financial reward, to attend meetings and work for the overall benefit of the Parish.

We meet every two months on a Monday, at Burnley Town Hall. Notices of the meetings are on the Parish Council notice board, on the children's playground, at least three days 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. If you cannot attend a meeting and want a matter bringing up please contact one of the Councillors, who will do this for you.

Parish Councils are the smallest and most local layer of government and are lacking in some parts of the country. Some people probably think we have very little purpose these days and certainly our powers are limited. However, we feel it is to the benefit of the Parish that we exist and can speak up for the residents of Dunnockshaw and Clowbridge, both with Burnley Borough Council, Lancashire County Council and any other organisations that have an effect on the Parish. Our purpose is to look after the area and to try and improve it in any way we can. If you have any suggestions or grumbles, please bring them to our attention. The Parish Council consists of 7 members and there has been no change in our membership over the last year. Their names and addresses are at the back of this newsletter together with the names of our County and District Councillors and the Community Police Officers.

Each year the Parish Council holds an Annual Meeting. All residents are welcome.

**This year the Annual Meeting will be held on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> April, at The Town Hall, Burnley at 7.45 pm. 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 reasonably short so please come along if you can.

### **Parish Council Funding**

To reiterate what was said in the last news letter, the parish council is funded by a grant from Burnley Borough Council. These costs include insurance, the clerk's small salary, audit fees, printing and stationery and this funding has been in place for nearly 50 years. Last year our grant was cut by just over 26%. This year once again the Parish has experienced a similar cut. Unfortunately, we have been informed by an official of Burnley Borough Council that by 2020 we will receive no grant at all and will have to levy a precept on the residents to obtain any income. (A precept is an amount charged by a Parish Council to fund itself, which is added to residents' Council Tax).

This is something the Parish Council wished to avoid but may have to do so or cease to exist. Of course, none of our income goes to Parish Councillors but on the items mentioned previously.

### **Police Matters**

Our Council meetings are attended by our Community Beat Manager, who is PC. Adam Gordon and our PCSO. Jess Hind.

There has been very little crime committed in the Parish in the last year and all of these have been minor offences. But we urge everyone to be vigilant and any suspicious activity can be reported to the police on Tel. No. 101.

The Parish Council also act as the Neighbourhood Watch and receive information from the Police on a regular basis, especially about incidents occurring in adjoining areas. This is then passed on to Councillors and residents who are members of the Neighbourhood Watch.

There has been a problem with HGVs crossing the main road and reversing into an access to a company adjacent to Oak Mill, Dunnockshaw. Both PC. Gordon and PCSO. Jess Hind have visited the site and she has been monitoring the problem.

### **Wall at Clowbridge**

The retaining wall behind the mounds has now been repaired and made safe, thanks to our District Councillor Mr. W. Brindle and Mr. P. Gattrell of Burnley Borough Council.

### **Village Appearance**

When I write this newsletter, the daffodils throughout the village will be at their very best and passersby, either on foot or in cars cannot fail to be impressed. They make a welcome sight, after a very long cold winter. Last Autumn more were added. What a difference they make and we would like to thank all those that helped. These were Parish Councillor, Mrs.A. Childs, in Clowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ormerod of Lime Hill Bungalow, the residents at The Kestrels, Mr. and Mrs, P. Wilkinson, the resident of 8, Alma Terrace, and Parish Councillors Mrs J. Baguley and Mrs. A. Brannagan.

The Parish Council also look after four planters in the Parish and these are tended by Mr. R. Riley, the Clerk, Mr. A. Jones. and Mrs. J. Baguley. The three tier planters are provided by Burnley Borough Council Parks Dept. and they plant these up with both Spring and Summer Displays.

We would also like to thank all the residents who add to the appearance of the Parish, with their hanging basket, garden and window box displays.

One of our main problems this year has been the cutting of the grass verges. This is done by the Lancashire County Council. We considered they were cut badly and too late. Consequently, residents living where the verges were very wide and on bends on the A682, considered it dangerous when exiting their properties, because of the height of the grass. The Parish Council agreed with them. Also, several of our flower planters and the Boundary Stone were invisible due to the long grass and this did nothing for the appearance of the Parish.

We consulted our County Councillor Mr. A. Hosker, who made a site visit with County Councillor Mr. K. Iddon, and as a result, more money is to be spent on verge

cutting next year. Hopefully the cutting will take place earlier and a strimmer will be employed.

The single tier Jubilee planter at the junction of Limey Lane and the A682 was destroyed by a car. However, the Parks Dept. at Burnley Borough Council are replacing it and hopefully it will be in place, ready for the summer planting.

### **Playground Wall**

Several stones collapsed on the wall and this was deemed unsafe for the children using the playground. The Parish Council reported this to the Parks Dept. of Burnley Borough Council and they erected a barrier on the playground side of the wall. This matter was then reported to the Lancashire County Council who have agreed to repair the wall.

### **Planning Applications**

1. Oak Mount, Clowbridge, ~ retention of Stable Block and Garage.

The Parish Council did not object to this, providing that the development remained ancillary and did not constitute a change of use.

2. Nutshaw Kennels, Clowbridge ~ To reinstate an existing access to a field adjoining the property.

The council had no objections.

3. Clow Barn, Clowbridge, erection of stable block and muck midden. This has now been passed after being relocated further away from the River Limey.

The Parish Council had no objections.

### **Village Defibrillator**

The Parish Council have obtained a defibrillator for the Parish, from Burnley Borough Council's ward opportunities fund, thanks to District Councillors, Mr. W. & Mrs. M. Brindle. Mr. W. Brindle looked in to the matter of finding a suitable site and it will be situated on the wall of Moorland View Children's Home near Alma Terrace, which is in a central location. We hope this will be installed, in the near future and would like to thank Moorland View for allowing us to use their building.

### **New Bus Shelter at Dunnockshaw**

The bus stop and new bus shelter are now in place, a few yards nearer to the Rossendale Boundary. Previously, there was no bus shelter and the bus stop was originally located where the pavement was too narrow and unsuitable for a shelter.

The Lancashire County Council have not yet done the road markings and unfortunately vehicles are parking where the buses should now stop. Our County Councillor Mr. A. Hosker has brought the matter up at the County Council and the work has now been prioritised but has been held up by the bad weather.

### **HGVs at Dunnockshaw.**

Several residents in Dunnockshaw have complained about noise from cattle wagons and refrigerated vehicles delivering to Dunnockshaw Farm in the early hours of the morning and during the night. This, we have been informed has improved over the

last few months. However, a representative from the slaughter house has agreed to attend our next meeting, following a visit from our District Councillor. Mr. G. Birtwistle.

Problems have also occurred, with HGVs delivering to Calder Print. The vehicles are having to cross the main road to back into the delivery point and also are parking up near residents' properties while waiting to deliver. This has caused tail backs of traffic on the main road and the police are now monitoring this.

### **Parish Council Website**

The Parish Council now has its own website. The information on it, includes- Minutes of all our meetings, including date of the next meeting, previous meetings, the accounts, current planning applications (via Burnley Borough Council), useful contacts, and photographs of the Parish. The website can be accessed by typing in [dunnockshawpc.weebly.com](http://dunnockshawpc.weebly.com), or just Dunnockshaw Parish Council.

We would like to thank Mrs. J. Latham for the maintenance and updating of our website.

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