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## Dunnockshaw Parish Council -Newsletter April 2019

### Welcome to our 27<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 consists of 7 members and their names and addresses can be found on the back page of this newsletter together with the names of our County Councillor, District Councillors, Community Beat Manager and PCSO.

There has been one change in the membership this year as Mrs V. O'Reilly has now resigned after 30 years. We would like to thank her for her service to the community over such a long period of time. Our new Council Member is Mrs. J. Latham, who has kindly acted as our website co-ordinator for several years. The Parish 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. 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 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 serve everyone in the Parish, 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.

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

**This year the Annual Meeting will be held on Monday the 13th May, 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, insurance, subscriptions and stationery and this funding has been in place for nearly 50 years. Last year and the year before our grant was cut by just over 26%. This year once again the Parish has experienced a similar cut in income. Having fought against it for the last few years, the Council has had to concede that this year it would have to charge a levy or precept to maintain its existence. Of course, none of our income goes to Parish Councillors but on the items mentioned previously.

### **Police Matters**

Our Council meetings are attended, when on duty, by our Community Beat Manager, who is PC. Adam Gordon and our PCSO. Paul Nelson.

There has been very little crime committed in the Parish in the last year and all of these have been minor offences. However, of note, was a warrant conducted where a person was arrested and a room full of cannabis plants was seized and destroyed in the Parish.

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, about incidents occurring in the Parish and adjoining areas. This is then passed on to Councillors and residents who are members of the Neighbourhood Watch.

We would like to thank Mr. S. Bunney for volunteering to be a member of the Neighbourhood Watch.

### **The Mounds at Clowbridge**

Recently, a JCB has been seen excavating holes in both mounds. Several residents expressed concerns and Parish Council members visited the site. It appears that this was part of a feasibility study conducted by Burnley Borough Council (who own the land) to ascertain if it was a viable site for development. It seems that every Council, Nationwide, has had to explore areas for housing, due to a government directive.

This area has been designated for houses in Burnley Borough's local plan for over 10 years and the Parish Council has objected to this proposal twice in the past. It is a lovely area in the Spring with the blooming of hundreds of daffodils It gives an aspect of width to the village and is the site of two small valuable car parks for the residents of Burnley Road, Clowbridge.

This is one of many sites being explored by Burnley Borough Council and it is by no means certain that it will be developed. No planning application has been received and any proposal would only be in the very early stages. The Parish Council and our District Councillors will be kept informed on a continuous basis, if this project is to be taken further, in good time for any objections by residents and the Parish Council to be submitted.

### **Village Appearance**

This year, I think the daffodils in the Parish have been at their best ever, which is probably due to the dry sunny weather. Passers-by, either on foot or in cars cannot fail to be impressed. They make a welcome sight, after the winter. What a difference they make and we would like to thank all those that have planted them. These were Parish Councillor, Mrs. A. Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Ormerod of Lime Hill Bungalow, the residents of The Kestrels, Mr. and Mrs, P. Wilkinson, 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.

Recently the Parish council obtained £50 worth of plants from the Ward Opportunities Fund, for the planter at Dunnockshaw. Our thanks go to Mrs. J. Baguley, who has kindly volunteered to plant these.

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 has been the cutting of the grass verges in the Parish. This is done by the Lancashire County Council and we have at last managed to have them cut on time and on a more regular basis. The Lancashire County Council still do not trim around our planters, in hard to reach corners, or around the Boundary Stone. Fortunately, we have been able to obtain two trimmers from the Ward Opportunities Fund, with thanks to our District Councillors. We would also like to thank our Chairman, Mrs. A. Childs and Mr. I. Baguley for volunteering to do the trimming. Moorland View children's home has also volunteered to plant up the wall planter and stone planter opposite Alma Terrace

### **Planning Applications**

Clow Barn, Clowbridge ~ Change of land from agricultural use to form paddock for private equestrian use,  
The council had no objections.

Balmers Garden Machinery ~ Part demolition of existing building and erection of new extension to original workshop building.  
The council had no objections.

Lancashire County Council. ~ Adding to and upgrading sections of Bridle Ways over moorland tracks near Clowbridge reservoir.  
The council had no objections.

Clow Barn, Clowbridge ~ Appeal against removal of condition of timber windows, doors and external lighting.  
The council had no objections.

Oak Mill Dunnockshaw. ~ Variation of condition 5 on former planning application to allow direct access between the gym and Manchester Road.  
The council objected to this on the grounds of road safety and residential amenity.

Roughlee Terrace, Dunnockshaw ~ proposed extension and provision of single storey extension to rear. Also, provision of dormer/loft conversion to rear and demolition of existing rear extension.  
The council had no objections.

### **Village Defibrillator**

The village defibrillator has now been installed on the front of Moorland View Children's Home. This was obtained via the Ward Opportunities Fund and we wish to thank our District Councillor, Mr. W. Brindle and the Manager of the home.

### **HGVs at Dunnockshaw.**

Problems have occurred, with HGVs delivering to Calder Print. The vehicles are having to cross the main road to back into the delivery point and are also parking up near residents' properties while waiting to deliver.

Our District Councillors (Mr. W. Brindle and Mrs. M. Brindle) have visited the site and tried to find a solution to the problem, consulting with officials at Burnley Borough Council.

The Parish Council have contacted the Lancashire County Council and they have inspected and assessed the site. As a result of this inspection, it decided that the access being used was a private access with established access rights and the Lancashire County Council could not prevent its use. There had been no injury accidents in this area in the last 5 years, so no additional safety measures were considered necessary.

The Lancashire County Council also suggested that if there was significant congestion of traffic, due to vehicles entering the print works, that the police, may be able to act. Unfortunately, this is still an ongoing problem.

### **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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**District Councillors:** Mr G. Birtwistle, (Lib. Dem.), Mrs M. Brindle. (Lab.)  
Mr. W.Brindle.(Lab.)

**County Councillor:** Mr. A. Hosker. (UKIP)