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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 30th May at Dunchurch Community Library commencing at 7.00pm**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr Marsh (Chair), Cllr Sly, Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Russell, Cllr Martin

**Staff Present:** Amy Cavendish (Clerk)(Online), Becky Maoudis (RFO)

1 **Welcome by the Chair**

2 **Apologies for absence and acceptance of apologies**
Apologies were received from Dunchurch and Thurslaston Trust, Cllr Dale Keeling, Cllr John Keeling and Cllr Simpson-Vince

3 **Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Resolved: Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 24th April 2023

4 **Dunchurch Parish Council**
Cllr Price provided a report on behalf of Dunchurch Parish Council. Dunchurch Parish Council had gained two new Councillors, Cllr Coomber and Cllr Waller. The Parish Council also lost two Councillors throughout the year after the resignation of Cllr Marlow. Cllr Waller lost his seat due to in attendance.

Cllr Price informed attendees that a new noticeboard had been purchased to promote the Parish Council and information to residents living on the edge of the Parish. The Clerk joined the Parish Council in August and will also be leaving the Council for a new role.

Dunchurch Parish Council is also responsible for street lighting, street furniture, speeding and traffic, speed surveys, Lord John Statue Repairs and Grant Funds for local community groups.

5 **Rugby Borough Council**
The Clerk read a report on behalf of Cllr Dale Keeling who acts as Rugby Borough Councillor and Warwickshire Borough Councillor. The report set out funding available to the Parish Council and Community Groups. Cllr Keeling also

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confirmed that bollards had been commissioned at Coventry Road and Adkinson Avenue crossing to stop cars parking on the verge from his delegated budget.

**6 Warwickshire Borough Council**

No further report.

**7 Reports from Community Organisations**

**Dunchurch Festival Group**

Guy Watts presented a report of activities from Dunchurch Festival Group. These included supporting organisations and charities in the village with funds in excess of £10,000. Events included the D Day Memorial Event. The fete is also upcoming on 23rd June 2024.

**Dunchurch Sports Field and Village Hall**

Paul le Poidevin presented a report of activities. The hall has been increasingly busy and it is difficult to keep up with the demand. Travellers occupied the field however were moved on without significant damage but resulted in approximately £1,000 of lost revenue and costs. The Trustees had barriers fitted to prevent this, partially funded with a community grant of £5,000 from Dunchurch Parish Council. Dunchurch Parish Council was also thanked for a 50% contribution to the cost of grass cutting.

Upgrade work has been undertaken to toilets and storage to keep up with additional usage. The storage garage has been refurbished. Further refurbishment to be undertaken in 2024 includes improved WIFI, improved security, CCTV and fire alarms, a new gas boiler and wiring at a cost of £50,000.

Thanks to the Trustees for their work keeping the hall in high order.

**Friends of Dunchurch Society**

FODS have held a number of events including the Spring Fair, a Jubilee Beacon Lighting, Social Evening, Fashion Show, Winter Wonderland.

FODS have encouraged residents to take part in Rugby in Bloom with troughs and displays. On 2nd June the annual trough gather will take place then be distributed around the village. Thanks were given to all that participate.

Two Duke of Edinburgh students have joined FODS to help in the village. Members of FODS also help with the Festival Group, Pantomaniacs, knitting toppers and raising funds deep cleaning the Village Hall. FODS also helped plant snowdrops on the Oak Tree Line.

FODS will also be commemorating the D Day Landings around the village with poppies and decorations.

FODS also welcomed Paul le Poidevin as Secretary and Jane as Treasurer. Julie Young also joined and deals with advertising and village magazine.

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FODS also thanked all of their supporters.

**Newcombe and Spire Almshouse Charity**
A report was read to the meeting by the Clerk on behalf of Walter Harvey. The report detailed refurbishment of the properties including a new roof, insulation, redecoration and replacement of some heating with modern alternatives. The houses are all fully occupied and there is no indication that any residents wish to move out. The Charity funds remain in good order.

**Pantomaniacs**
A performance of Pirates of Penzance was put on in January 2023. Treasure Island was chosen for 2024. Thanks were given to all of those backstage making props, backdrops, lighting, costumes, safeguarding, front of house, raffles, stage management, front of house and the bar.

Treasure Island was also chosen because it resembled the setting of The Pirates of Penzance. Our dear friend Kate Vaughan passed away so a play that required as a few changes as possible to the back drops. We missed Kate on and off stage and she was remembered throughout the run. Donations for Myton Hospice and the Arden Cancer Research were collected in Kate's memory.

619 tickets were sold, thank you for Wanda Fashions for acting as the Box Office. The bar made a profit of £890 and the raffle made £730.

Donations were made to Rugby Rotary, Leam Valley First Responders, The Air Ambulance, New Directions, Rugby and Myton Hospice, The Arden Cancer Research Centre, to Sandesh provide items for newborn babies and mothers at Dunchurch Park Hotel and to Paul Hayden Hart for bird boxes on the Cawston Greenway.

**8 Open Forum and Reports From Other Bodies**
A question was asked appointing a Councillor for FODS. It was confirmed that Ian Grogan was still appointed as the Councillor for FODs.

A member of public offered his apologies to Dunchurch as the only objector allowed to speak at the proposed Homestead Link Road planning meeting. The member of public noted that DPC did not exercise their right to speak at the planning meeting and wanted to know why this was. The Vice Chair noted that responses were submitted to the application. It was noted that none the Councillors felt confident to speak on such a complex planning matter and therefore commissioned a response.

A member of the public spoke about their wish for a memorial bench. This matter was resolved away from the meeting with a Councillor.

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A member of the public raised communication with the Parish Council. It was noted that the clerk was currently working on a temporary basis around a full time job to help the Council whilst they recruit a new Clerk.

Friends of Dunchurch raised their desire to work with the Parish Council as they felt they weren't able to. The stated that the Parish Council did work with FODS but also highlighted Councillor Vacancies if any members of Friends of Dunchurch wanted to become more involved.

A resident raised warehouse development in Thurlaston as a concern. The Clerk informed the resident that Dunchurch Parish Council would not be a statutory consultee for any development happening within other Parishes. The member of the public felt that they weren't being represented with regards to the South West Plan.

**9 Motion by Paul Waller 'That we the villagers have no confidence in Dunchurch Parish Council to act openly, be truly accountable and act without prejudice to applying the law.'**

The proposer did not attend the meeting and therefore the motion was not supported.

**10 Vote of Thanks and Formal Closure of the Meeting**

The meeting was formally closed at 7.47pm.

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