

## DUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Chairman's Annual Report Annual Parish Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

#### Introduce all councillors & New Clerk (outline responsibilities)

- Resignation of Serena Danby, longest serving councillor who has worked hard for the village especially in maintaining & supervising the playground
- Thanks to Amy Harte
- Presentation

#### Village Events

- Village Fete held in July raising over £4000. Louise Hartley who is standing down has masterminded this for the last 10 years. Thanks to all, massive task.
- Restored bell
- 5<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks. Great success, thanks to Martin Fleetwood, & John. This year will be on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Highways

- Speed and noise along the A285 and through the village, particularly at weekends still a major problem with less police activity to enforce speed limits.
- No progress has been made on getting a speed watch team up and running- as no volunteer has come forward to take it on.
- Work carried out under Operation Watershed to improve drainage outside school and the entrance to Willet Close.

#### Broadband

- Success!

#### Minerals & Waste

- The Heath End quarry remains the dominant issue. SDNP have been very active in trying to enforce a closure order, however Dudmans have appealed and the appeal is due to be heard on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Du
- The Draft Minerals Plan for SDNP & WSCC has been published and approved by the SDNP Planning Committee. It is now out for public consultation. The good news is that all proposed sites in the Duncton area have been removed from the Plan. Duncton PC will continue to keep a very close watch on the plan.

#### General Matters

- Revising web site
- A new system for looking at planning applications has been put in place. If necessary the PC will meet to discuss any planning applications once a month. Dates are on the Village Notice Board.
- Increase in our precept, first for 5 years
- Maintenance of footpaths – thanks to John Mayes. Outline responsibility of landowners to deal with vegetation on sides of paths.
- Seaford College Community Drinks Event 30<sup>th</sup> June at Seaford.
- Thanks to councillors

## Village Design Statement

- Councillors have attended two meetings with SDNP to look at the benefits of conducting a Neighbourhood Plan or a Village Design Statement. These meetings were for the villages in the Bury Ward
- Strong recommendation that small villages such as Duncton do not adopt a Neighbourhood Plan especially as there is no mention of any land within the settlement marked for development. Of the villages in the ward only Bury is going forward with a plan, it is a much larger village with land marked out for development.
- The latest meeting has centred around Village Design Statements  
(Presentation form Chris Patterson to be displayed)
- The PC is still debating whether it should go down this route. There would be a cost of approx. £3000. It will involve a lot of work by team of volunteers and it would need someone to come forward to lead it. Some neighbouring villages seem to be coming to the decision that the work and cost involved would be a burden and they are unsure of the benefits and value of a VDS. The SDNP Local Plan is still to be published although we have seen the draft. There will be a level of protection in that plan.

Marie Bracey, Chairman Duncton Parish Council  
May 2016