

DEENE & DEENTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes - Deene & Deenthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th January 2013 in Deene village hall at 6.30pm

221. In attendance: Robert Johnson (chairman), Annette Blackmore, Robert Dolby and Mark Martin. Apologies were received from Mr Brian Gretton as he was unwell. Apologies accepted. Stuart Barratt had been delayed by a personal issue. Northamptonshire County Councillor Heather Smith was in attendance for the initial items.

The chairman gave a welcome to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year

222. **Proposals for development at Deenthorpe Air.** Robert Johnson thanked Cllr Smith for coming to the meeting. In Brian Gretton's absence, Annette Blackmore and Robert Johnson updated on recent meetings with developers and planning officers. The most recent meeting had been in the form of a presentation by a team of planning consultants. It had been a forceful presentation putting forward plans for a stand alone village on the old Deenthorpe airfield. After discussion, it was generally agreed that the parish council would form an unofficial cluster group with other local parish councils in order to keep abreast of progress pertaining to this particular matter and to share information. Cllr Smith undertook to feed back some information to the highways department and to ascertain its level of involvement to date and general views on the proposals

223. **Osier Bed Lane** There was an update on the alleviation precautions installed by the highways contractors to stop people inadvertently driving off the road. Appreciation was expressed to Cllr Smith for the contribution from her 'empowering communities' fund. The matter of the one way system was discussed, with the conclusion being that the parish council will take this forward if it is something that the community is in favour of.

224. **Other matters pertaining to County Council Matters** Cllr Smith had to leave due to constraints on her time. There was a brief discussion regarding the grit salt bin being only half full. The clerk would report this via Streetdoctor, which anyone is at liberty to do at any time.

225. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th November 2012

226. **PLANNING / LICENSING / HIGHWAYS MATTERS :**

- a. Land opposite the pumping station – there was no progress to report
- b. Update on land ownership issues surrounding the pumping station – there was no progress to report, although the meeting did express surprise that the land had not changed hands.

227. **JUBILEE TREES** The trees have all been planted and fenced with stock resistant railings. Plaques would be procured to mark the sites and the clerk would enter the commemorative planting into the online QEII diamond jubilee tree book. The record would indicate that a Black Walnut had been planted in Deene, opposite the Church, in Rectory Field and a Conical Oak in Deenthorpe on the village green.

228. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- a. To approve invoices / accounts for payment:

Salary and expenses – S J Rodger chq 300013	£441.70
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- b. To agree budget for 2013/14 and set precept: An in depth discussion ensued taking into account people's financial circumstances in the current economic climate and the forward

needs of the community. It was agreed that there was to be some additional expenditure with regard to the jubilee trees, that the parish council wished to continue to build reserves to ensure the ability to meet future needs and the parish council wished to strengthen ties with Weldon Parish Council and possibly contribute towards advertising in its parish magazine. It was **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £3,750

229. Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda – there were none

230. Official announcements, notices reports or matters for referral – there were none

231. Correspondence of note received – all correspondence of note had been forwarded by email as it was received

232. Future agenda items / AOB to be carried forward – None, although it was agreed that in the future meetings would commence at 7.30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.13pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5TH MARCH 2013

Approved by Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date: 8th March 2013