

DEENE & DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes - Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 14th January 2016

1. Present: Stuart Barratt, Mark Coombs, Brian Gretton (Chairman) Graham Holding, plus the clerk. Apologies received from Mark Martin for business reasons. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Apologies received from Annette Blackmore.

2. Mark Coombs declared pecuniary and personal interests on all matters relating to Deene Estate's planning and development matters. There is a permanent dispensation in place as per minute 450.

3. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 2015, previously circulated, as a true record of that meeting.

4. **Neighbourhood planning:** The results of the survey in response to the questionnaire sent to all households have suggested that the issues of concern to residents are not those which could be readily addressed and solved by a Neighbourhood Development Plan. There is unlikely to be financial gain in terms of additional CIL¹ money from a Neighbourhood Development Plan, primarily because the plans for the large development in Deene as part of Priors Hall are well established (although outline and subject to detailed permissions for individual housing developments) and the S106² arrangements are already established in principal. In addition, East Northamptonshire Council has not replaced S106² arrangements with CIL¹.

It was felt that perhaps a Parish Plan might be a better way forward as it would give the parish council a clear picture of residents' concerns and would help build solid and cohesive community relations.

It was agreed that a working party would meet on 18th January to establish a meeting date at which the results of the survey would be presented and ideas as to how to proceed would be agreed by the wider community.

5. **Joint planning Unit Core Strategy** – There was a brief report on the submissions and discussion at the Hearing Sessions of the HM Planning Inspector's Examination of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy in November.

6. **Deenethorpe Airfield** – There has been no progress on the Deenefield Airfield working party appointees or schedule of meetings.

7. **Highways issues:**

a) The culvert under Deenethorpe Lane is not suitable to carry the volume of water from the ditch to the east side of Deenethorpe Lane to the brook. This is a highways issue and will be carried forward to Kier WSP.

b) Kirby Lane reinstatement had been carried out and deemed not to be of the highest standard. There were mixed views on this as the road is used as a 'rat-run'.

8. **Broadband issues:** The matter of would be left in abeyance for the time being and dealt with at a later meeting, following the Annual Parish Meeting where views from residents could be canvassed, but an amount would be budgeted for should a viability study necessitate specialist assistance.

9. **Personnel demands going forward:** The chairman explained that when he had taken on some of his roles within the council, it was at a time when there had been a different chairman. How that he was chairman, all responsibilities fell to him. It was agreed that Graham Holding would become Highways Warden, that highways matters in Deene generally get reported via the Estate Office which

¹ CIL = [Community Infrastructure Levy](#)

² S106 = [Planning obligations](#) under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended),

will deal with them, for issues such as drainage or runoff, or report as necessary and people would be encouraged to use StreetDoctor to report issues.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Details	Nett	Gross	Notes
Clerk's salary (Dec & Jan)	582.15	727.35	2 months, paid S/O
SLCC training course (planning)	29.00	34.80	
PAYE – 3 rd quarter		145.40	
Grasscutting		900.00	
Paid to S Rodger for website upgrade by MrSite webservice providers		99.00	(granted from DCLG)

b) Grass cutting requirements going forward were discussed, in light of due diligence. It was agreed that should it transpire that the parish council is responsible for the grass cutting, an allowance of £900 would stand and insurance measures would be investigated to allow for current arrangements to continue.

c) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following budget, it being considered appropriate to meet the capital and revenue/operating requirements for 2016/17. It was further **RESOLVED** to issue a precept demand of £9170 to East Northamptonshire Council:

Budgeted Receipts		Budgeted Payments	
Precept	9,170.00	Salary / specialist consultant	4,800.00
Interest	5.00	Premises hire	350.00
Revenue income	9,175.00	Donations / Contingency	1,500.00
Reserves	4,850.00	NALC / Subscriptions / stationery / exps	355.00
	14,020.00	Audit	100.00
		Insurance	370.00
		Misc	100.00
		Grass cutting	1,200.00
		General Admin	300.00
		planning projects	100.00
		Sub total	9,175.00
		Reserves	4,850.00

d) It was **RESOLVED** that the council will remain opted-in to the Sector Led Body arrangements for the procurement of external audit from 2018 onwards.

11. Official reports or correspondence received: Mark Coombs reported that Deene Estate would shortly be submitting a planning application for a bio-mass boiler and is also undertaking a rebranding initiative which will result in new signage.

12. Future agenda items / business for future meetings. Meetings through to the end of the next financial year will be booked with the village hall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10TH MARCH 2016

Approved by Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date: 10th March 2016