

# DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Deene Village Hall

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| Councillors Present | Stuart Barrett, Mark Coombs, Brian Gretton (Chair) John Goodfellow, Graham Holding and Chris Upton |
| Also Present        | Sue Cook (Clerk)   |

- 805 There were no Apologies.
- 806 Cllr Coombs declared a pecuniary interest on all matters relating to Deene Estate's planning and development matters. This is a permanent dispensation in place as per minute item 450. Cllr Barrett declared an interest in item 818 c.
- 807 There were no public present.
- 808 Cllr Goodfellow reported that there have been no crimes in either Deene and Deenethorpe however this is the season for heating oil thefts so any unusual activity needs to be reported. The clerk also reminded the councilors that vehicle number plates in surrounding villages are being stolen.
- 809 The minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.
- 810 There were no new plans to discuss. Decisions on 18/02061/FUL, 18/02062/FUL (Rockingham Speedway), 18/01776/LBC (Change of commercial and Retail Unites at Home Farm) 18/01612/FUL (Demolition of existing agricultural building at Home Farm Lodge), 18/01775/FUL (Change of use of redundant stone barn at Home Farm House) and 18/0153/FUL (Conversion of farm buildings to dwelling at Home Farm Lodge) are all still outstanding.
- 811 Pathfinder II. The Clerk agreed to contact Jo Maddams for the link for the report. Cllr Coombs agreed that if heavy rain is forecast that a plank can be removed allowing water to flow more freely from the lake.
- 812 Highways Issues:
- a) Concern was raised about traffic using both Deene and Deenethorpe as rat runs while the traffic lights are along the A43 at Weldon. The Clerk agreed to write to Highways asking why the Parish Council had not been notified of this.
  - b) The Clerk also agreed to contact Sarah Barnwell the road sign at Weldon stating New Road Layout have not been removed and the large sign before the Deene turn has not been repaired.
  - c) Cllr Barrett informed the meeting that the road is beginning to subside just before the bridge into Deene as you approach from the A43. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways.
  - d) Cllr Holding asked if the A43 could be litter picked, the Clerk agreed to contact ENC.
- 813 The matter of the Action Development Plan will be carried over to the next meeting.
- 814 The Master Plan for Tresham Garden Village has been approved by full Council at ENC and is in the process of being adopted by the Joint Core Strategy. It will be some time before full planning application is submitted.
- 815 Cllr Goodfellow has been working closely with several residents in drawing up the Village Maintenance Plan for Deenethorpe.
- a) It was agreed that the schedule of work should start as soon as possible along with the workforce of Clive Corah, his neighbour and Brudenell Estate. Both Cllr Goodfellow and Cllr Coombs agreed to meet to decide on a start date.

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- b) It was agreed to purchase the Dog Litter Bin at an approximate cost of £270, ENC will charge £55.21 per annum to empty it weekly. ENC to stipulate that there is a consultation with residents if it is to be sited near property. It was agreed that it should be position on the right-hand side of the steps at the Village Green.
- c) Several questions had been raised about the Salt Spreader as to where it would be stored, who would be responsible for it, insurance, purchasing the salt and at what point would it be used. It was agreed that the Estate would purchase the one as recommended by Cllr Upton for £2338.80 which can be towed behind a tractor, insurance it, store it at Home Farm Buildings, purchase the Salt and use it in both villages on icy mornings. It was agreed to split the costs 50/50.
- d) Grass and Verge Cutting, it was proposed that Cllr Coombs should approach Mr Dolby about placing sheep in the Churchyard sympathetically to the graves. Cllr Coombs also agreed to acquire a brush cutter to give a demonstration to the Councillors and Mr Cook prior to purchasing one after the March meeting.

816 Cllr Holding has devised a short survey on the Illusive Festival for both villages. 5 Councillors were in favour of the survey with one abstention.

817 The Clerk reported that Mr. Cook has completed a litter pick today, ENC have requested to collect the bags. The Clerk also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Shelton for supplying Mr. Cook with a winter weight Hi-Vi coat.

818 Finance Matters

- a) After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Barrett that the Parish Council set the precept at £9912 for the next financial year, Cllr Coombs seconded the proposal with everyone agreeing.
- b) The Clerk confirmed that there is currently £18106.62 across both Bank Accounts.
- c) Cllr Coombs proposed that the Village Hall Committee have a Section 137 Grant of £300 to complete the updating of the heating system, Cllr Upton seconded the proposal. There were 3 abstentions.
- d) The following payments were proposed by Cllr Holding, seconded by Cllr Coombs and approved in accordance with the relevant legislation

| Details   | Value   |
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| Sue Cook, Part payment of Arnold Baker 11 <sup>th</sup> Edition | £53.99  |
| Sue Cook Salary and Expenses                                    | £373.10 |
| Hire of Deene Village Hall for 12 months                        | £160.00 |
| HMRC PAYE on Clerks Salary                                      | £75.60  |
| Nigel Cook, Litter Picking,                                     | £135.00 |
| Unity Bank Service Charge                                       | £18.00  |
| Cllr Gretton Expenses   | £23.42  |
| Deene Village Hall Section 137 Grant                            | £300.00 |

819 The following Correspondence received were all noted:

- a) Heather Smith's Resignation – Bye Election date believed to be in February
- b) Planning Management Committee Meeting
- c) ENC News
- d) Library Service Update
- e) NCC 2019/20 Budget consultation
- f) NCLAC Updates

820 Matter Arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda, for discussion:

- a) Cllr Barrett has provided the Clerk with photographic evidence of the Compost Site which have been sent to NCC Planning Department for their comments.

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- 821 Future agenda items/business for future meetings. The nature of future agenda items can be openly discussed at this point, but no bind decision can be made
- a) It was agreed that the Clerk's Salary should increase from £10.72 per hour to £11.25 per hour from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019
  - b) Council Activities Report for 2018/19 to be approved at the next meeting – Cllr Holding
  - c) New Woodland Planting – Cllr Coombs
  - d) Permissive Footpaths and extinguishing Footpaths – Cllr Coombs
- 785 Date of next meeting: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

With no other business the meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.

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| <b>Approved by Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council as an accurate record of decisions made:</b> |  |   |
| <b>Signature of Chairman:</b>  |  | <b>Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b> |