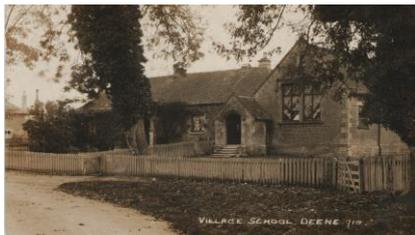


DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL



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Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council Annual Report- 2018/9

Chairman – Brian Gretton (Deenethorpe)

Deputy Chairman – Mark Coombs (Deene)

Deenethorpe Councillors – Graham Holding and John Goodfellow

Deene Councillors – Stuart Barratt and Chris Upton

Local Government and Elections

Due to the financial problems at Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) there will be significant change in the way local government is organised in 2020.

NCC along with East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) will be abolished in 2020 and in their place will be a single authority covering the North Northamptonshire region.

Accordingly, all County, District and Parish Council elections planned for 2019 have been postponed until 2020.

Due to the ongoing turmoil in local government in Northamptonshire your Parish Council believes it important that we maintain a strong financial position so that we, where appropriate, can take over some of the services abandoned by the County Council due to budget cuts.

We have a new County Councillor Annabel de Capell Brooke to replace Heather Smith who resigned. Rodger Glithero remains our District Councillor.

Crime

The Parish Council works closely with Northamptonshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch to monitor and report all criminal activity in the local area. Until recently our Parish has been a very low crime area.

Planning

The Parish Council (PC) is a consultee in the District Council planning process. During the year the PC reviewed and influenced 12 planning and listed building applications for Deenethorpe and 20 applications for Deene.

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Highways

The 30mph zone in Deene has been extended. Representations have been made to Northamptonshire Highways to improve the condition of Kirby Lane.

The PC requested East ENC to litter pick the A43 in April 2018. A request to repeat the exercise in 2019 has been made.

The PC has employed its own litter picker to ensure litter is removed from local lanes on a regular basis. This does not include the removal of fly tipping which must be reported to ENC on their website.

The PC consulted with local residents in Lower Deenethorpe regarding parking outside the pumping station. Parked vehicles had prevented Anglian Water from carrying out repairs and servicing.

Discussions have continued, without success, to get NCC to formally adopt the un-adopted road in Deenethorpe. There is currently a stalemate between Anglian Water, NCC and Persimmon Homes.

The Chippings Layby (on the Deenethorpe to Upper Benefield road) although not in our Parish, has been tidied following PC representations.

Concerns have been raised with Northamptonshire Highways about the impact of the new A43 – Weldon Park roundabout construction. In particular the increased traffic flows through Deene village. The work is expected to last 3 months.

The PC has invested in a Salt Spreader to help with Highways safety during inclement weather. The spreader will be operated in both villages by Deene Estate.

The PC are investing in a Dog Poo bin, to help with the amount of dog faeces we gather in Deenethorpe Village. We have also established that your dog faeces can be put into household waste bin bagged, if you are not anywhere near a Dog Poo bin See ENC Web site https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/info/200084/recycling_rubbish_and_waste

Parish Plan

This was ratified by the council on 12/4/18 and will be reviewed annually.

Tresham Village (Airfield Development)

The Master Development plan was reviewed and agreed by ENC on October 15th 2018. It is in the process of being adopted into the North Northamptonshire Core Strategy. It will be some time before a full planning application is submitted.

The PC remains closely involved in the development planning process. Our objective is to ensure the current “way of life” in D&D is protected through the planning process.

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Deene Churchyard

Discussions continue with local residents to find a cost-effective way to keep the churchyard tidy in 2019.

Heart Defibrillators

These were fitted in both D&D during the year followed by user training in Deene Village Hall (DVH). Further training is planned for 2019. Funding for the defibrillators was provided by the National Lottery.

Gigaclear

Many homes are now benefitting from high speed broad band. However, some of the cabling in Deenethorpe has failed and further work is needed before households can be connected. The PC worked with Gigaclear to properly reinstate damaged grass verges.

Deene Estate

A full review of all public and permissive rights of way across the estate has been conducted. A plan has been prepared to update signage and repair/replace stiles and kissing gates.

Significant tree planning has been undertaken by the estate in the last 2 years although many of the new saplings perished during the dry summer of 2018. These have subsequently been replaced'.

Licencing and the Illusive Festival

A special PC meeting was held to discuss residents' views regarding the extension of operating times for the Festival. A public vote was taken and a decision made to oppose the Licence amendment. The licence application was subsequently withdrawn by the Festival Organisers before being debated by the ENC licencing committee.

The PC will shortly be conducting a survey of all resident's views regarding the festival to help with future decision making. There were no formal complaints made about the 2018 Festival. The 2019 Festival is on 6-8 Sept.

Deenethorpe Village Maintenance

A new noticeboard has been installed in Deenethorpe. Work has commenced on both the Village Green and in Lower Deenethorpe with a view to enhancing the outlook and presentation of the village.

Flooding

There is external funding to help improve flood resistance in D&D. David Smith Associates have carried out an investigation and mapping of any possible flooding from both the Willow Brook and farmland. The report has gone to both the Environment Agency and NCC

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highways for consultation. Once the consultation period has ended the report will be made public.

Local Housing Development

Priors Hall – Zone 2 (Quarry Park) and Zone 3 (Badgers Wood) of the development are progressing. Phase 3 includes new housing in Deene Parish. Phase 2 will have access onto the A43 at the new roundabout currently being constructed for Weldon Park. There will be no access from Priors Hall onto Kirby Lane.

Grants

A grant of £300 was made to Deene Village Hall to help upgrade the heating system

Finance

The PC believes it is very important to maintain financial strength at a time when our County Council is in so much financial distress. Our financial reserves remain in a strong position and careful consideration is given to all expenditure. The Council Tax income due to the Parish Council for 2019/20 will be £9,912 up from £9,728 in 2018/9

Details of all approved expenditures agreed in PC meetings are also published on the PC website

<http://deeneanddeenethorpeparishcouncil.co.uk/parish-council-meetings/>

The PC welcomes suggestions from residents regarding improving our community.

Dates of Parish Council Meetings

- 9th May with annual Parishes meetings
- 11th July
- 12th September
- 14th November
- 9th January 2020
- 12th March 2020