

DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2019 in Deene Village Hall

Councillors Present	Stuart Barrett, Mark Coombs, Brian Gretton (Chair), Graham Holding and Chris Upton
Also Present	2 members of the Public, and Sue Cook (Clerk)

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting

- 866 **Apologies had been received from Cllr Copeland and were accepted. Cllr Holding apologised for arriving late.**
- 867 Cllr Coombs declared a **pecuniary interest** on all matters relating to Deene Estate's planning and development matters. Cllr Barrett declared an interest in the Village Hall Grant.
- 868 There were no questions from the public.
- 869 The Clerk gave the following **Neighbourhood Watch** report, there had been attempted break ins to several vehicles in Deene, and Weldon over the last few weeks. 5 properties have been broken, mainly outbuildings, into at Lower Benefield with several garden items being taken including a sit on lawn mower and sheep/lambs are being illegally killed across the county.
- 870 Cllr Coombs proposed that the **minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2019** were approved, with Cllr Barrett seconding the proposal and Cllr Gretton signed them as a true record.
- 871 **The following new Planning Applications were discussed**
- a) There were no objections to 19/01082/FUL – Timber fence to enclose oil tank, shed and kennels at Porter Lodge
 - b) There were no objections to 19/00846/FUL – Seasonal Wedding Structure at Deene Hall
 - c) There were no objections to 18/01088/FUL – Erection of a Marquee for weddings at Deene Hall
- Decisions on Planning Applications since 9th May 2019
- 19/00104/FUL – Conversion of farm buildings into 2 dwellings at Home Farm Lodge, Deenethorpe Airfield – Approved
- 18/01775/FUL (Change of use of redundant stone barn at Home Farm House) – awaiting decision.
- 872 The Clerk confirmed that she had delivered the petition for the Merging Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Councils to ENC with 81 signatures on it. The item is on the Agenda for the ENC Council Meeting on Monday 22nd, providing the Council approve it there will be a consultation period
- 873 Cllr Coombs informed the meeting that the planning application for **Tresham Garden Village** should be presented to ENC by October. There is every likelihood that the Board will be re-instated with representatives from ENC, NCC, Benefield PC and D&D PC along with additional representation from Corby Borough Council and Weldon Parish Council.
- 874 **Illusive Festival** – There has been no application to extend the license. Cllr Coombs informed the meeting that both noise and disturbance will be monitored closely as in previous years. Steps have been taken so that no one will be allowed to walk along the A43 towards Porters Lodge from the Deene turn. The event is on the same week-end as Burghley Horse Trials and therefore the A43 will be extremely busy.

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875 Finance Matters

- a) The Clerk confirmed that there is currently £16494.64 across both Bank Accounts, which includes a VAT return of £361.92 and interest on the deposit account of £14.30.
- b) It was resolved to grant the Village Hall a section 137 grant of £300.00 for the installation of the fly sapper once the invoice has been received.
- c) Cllr Upton informed the meeting that the mower has been fitted with locking nuts to the engine mounting free of charge.
- d) It was resolved that Cllr Gretton should purchase a smaller mower to cut in-between the grave stones at a cost of £140.12
- e) Cllr Barrett proposed that the following payments be made in accordance with the relevant legislation with Cllr Holding seconding the proposal.

Details	Value
Brian Gretton, Reimbursement for Petrol & purchase of Mower	£187.44
Sue Cook, Salary plus expenses	£397.40
Nigel Cook, Litter Picking	£72.00
Nigel Cook, Grass Cutting	£270.00
HMRC, PAYE on Clerks Salary	£81.90
Unity Bank Service Charge	£18.00
Community Heartbeat Annual Support	£324.00

876 Highways and Village Maintenance

- a) Grass cutting in the Churchyard is continuing. Cllr Coombs agreed to allow the Tree Surgeon to spend a day in the Churchyard tidying up the shrubs etc. It was also agreed that a tractor and trailer should be made available later in the year to remove debris. It was agreed to defer any decision about sheep in the Churchyard until later in the year.
- b) Concern has been raised with reference to the Clean Up in Deenethorpe Village as the grass on the Green has only been cut once. Cllr Coombs agreed to arrange for it be cut ASAP. Cllr Coombs also agreed to arrange for the young oak trees to be re-staked with new straps.
- c) Grass Cuttings are being Fly Tipped outside Deene Village Hall and along the A43. Cllr Coombs agreed to try to find out who is responsible.
- d) Cllr Gretton has attended another meeting at the Rockingham Forest Hotel along with representatives from NCC, CBC, Weldon Parish Council and members of staff from the Composting Site. A new Biomass has been fitted along with new Filters. It was resolved that the Clerk would e-mail with reference to the state of the grass verges, hedgerows and ask that the lorries should be using Gretton Brook Road and turning left into the site and not turning right into the flow of oncoming traffic.
- e) Osier Bed Lane Bridge, Sarah Barnwell has confirmed that the bridge has been inspected but has not had a report back. The red posts will be re-set in the Autumn by the Estate.
- f) Cllr Coombs will arrange a site visit with Cllrs Gretton, Holding and Barrett with the view of the state of the Deenethorpe to Benefield road.
- g) Cllr Coombs highlighted to the meeting that the Estate Solicitors are on standby to inform Persimmon Homes that legal action will be taken for still not taking responsibility for the drain off water on the unadopted road in Deenethorpe. The white lines at the junction on the unadopted road have worn away and as this is Persimmon Homes responsibility until the road is adopted it will be included in the letter.

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- h) Cllr Upton outlined his concerns about Flooding in Deene Village. A drain by the farmyard is full of mud and it is thought that tree roots have broken the underground pipework. Cllr Coombs to arrange for a CCTV to inspect the pipe.
- 877 It was agreed that to **improve communications to residents** the Clerk should continue to keep the web-site fully up to date, e-mail residents as and when necessary along with any leaflet drops that are required.
- 878 The following **Correspondence** received were all noted with no further action required:
- a) PFCC Newsletter
 - b) Joint Action Group Meeting held on 10th July
 - c) Town & Parish Council Bulletin – North Northamptonshire Joint Committee to hold first meeting
 - d) Extra Ordinary ENC Meeting
 - e) The Clerk read out a report from Mr. Goodfellow who attended the PCC Meeting at Kings Cliffe on June 11th
- 879 **There were no Matters Arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda, for discussion:**
- 880 **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) Parking issues in Deenethorpe, it was agreed that the Clerk should devise a flyer for all households in Deenethorpe informing them of the problems and reminding drivers of the Highway Code before getting the police involved. A notice will also be placed in the Noticeboard and on the telephone box.
 - b) Cllr Barrett is concerned about the amount of Fly Tipping that is happening around the lanes, it was suggested that the Clerk e-mail County Councillor Annabel de Capell Brooke.
- 881 Due to the change in Cllr Coombs working pattering it was resolved to change the **Date of next meeting to Tuesday 17th September**. Future dates to be confirmed at that meeting.

With no other business the meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

Approved by Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council as an accurate record of decisions made:	
Signature of Chairman:	Date: 17th September 2019