

Denham Parish Council

MINUTES

Wednesday January 30, 2019 at 7.30pm in Hoxne Playing Fields Pavilion

1/300119	<p>Apologies and Approvals of Absence</p> <p>None</p> <p>In addition to Parish Councillors Tania Farrow (in the chair), Nick Farrow, Margaret Reeves and Carol Rose, seven members of the public were present, together with District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries</p>
2/300119	<p>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None</p>
3/300119	<p>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 28, 2018</p> <p>The Minutes were approved</p>
4/300119	<p>Members of the public are invited to make any comments on items on the Agenda or to raise issues for consideration at future meetings. Reports may be presented by County Cllr Guy McGregor and District Cllr Elizabeth Gibson-Harries</p> <p>No matters were raised by members of the public. Cllr Gibson-Harries said she would like to see Mid Suffolk become a gambling-free area, with no new licences issued. She also noted there is still a lack of clarity on whether Mid Suffolk has the required five-year housing land supply. Money has been found to fund two Police Community Support Officers; residents with policing issues should raise these initially with their ward councillor who can contact the relevant PCSO. She was also keen to learn latest developments on the Village Hall project. The County Highways department is under pressure to improve access to the A140 from minor roads, where waits can be long and hazardous.</p>
5/300119	<p>To consider an update on the Village Hall renovation project, including a presentation of the architect's plans and approximate costs obtained from the quantity surveyor</p> <p>The likely cost of the refurbishment, following the quantity surveyor's report, is in the range from £175,000-£225,000. An</p>

	<p>Incorporated Charitable Organisation (ICO) will be established as a fund-raising vehicle; to attract grants it will need the support of the whole village, and it was agreed a public event would be held for residents so that plans can be inspected and opinions gathered. Cllr Tania Farrow is attending a CAS fund-raising briefing event and she and the Clerk will follow up with Jon Eaton, the CAS officer expert in this area. A number of members of the public present at the meeting expressed interest in being involved in this process and their enthusiasm was warmly welcomed.</p>
6/300119	<p>To consider recruitment of Parish Councillor(s) in the light of the local elections on May 2, 2019, and recruitment of Trustees for the proposed Incorporated Charitable Organisation to run the Village Hall</p> <p>Several residents have expressed interest in joining the Parish Council and supporting the ICO. Further discussions would be held and it was agreed to set up a WhatsApp group in order to keep people informed.</p>
7/300119	<p>To consider planning application DC/19/00136 - Corner Cottage, Denham Corner, Denham: outline application for erection of one dwelling and creation of vehicular access for existing building</p> <p>After discussion, no objection was made, though support was expressed for the Highways recommendation on access.</p>
8/300119	<p>To receive a financial report from the Clerk and any payments due, including confirmation of the budget and precept for 2019/20</p> <p>A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance after accounting for uncleared cheques of £4,376.79. The current year's budget performance was noted, £4,582.85 having been spent against a budget for the year of £5,040. Payments were made to: Rod Caird (Clerk pay, £197.82), CAS Insurance (renewal, £171.47), Hollins (architect's fee, £1,633.80) and Hoxne Playing Fields (room hire, £12.50). A further cheque was prepared for Hyams (quantity survey, £600) which will be sent when confirmation is received of the £500 grant from County Cllr McGregor. All payments were made under the General Power of Competence conferred by the Localism Act 2011, ss.1-8 and in the case of the Village Hall the Local Government Act 1972, s.133.</p> <p>An outline budget for 2019/20, projecting spending of approximately £4,285, was approved and it was agreed to set the precept at £3,090, an increase of £90 (which will appear on tax bills as an increase of 3.03%) to allow for inflation and other cost increases, including the potential of</p>

	election costs already advised by Mid Suffolk.
9/300119	<p>Correspondence and urgent matters to the brought to the attention of the Parish Council</p> <p>Clerk will contact Mid Suffolk electoral services to confirm this year's polling station arrangements for Denham voters; it is believed the Polling Station will be Hoxne Village Hall.</p>
10/300119	<p>To confirm the venue and date for the next Parish Council meeting</p> <p>Wednesday March 27 at 7.30pm at Denham Church. Plans will be confirmed at that meeting for the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM of the Parish Council, both to be held in May after the election of the new Parish Council.</p>