

Denham Parish Council

MINUTES

**March 27, 2019 at 7.30pm in St John the Baptist Church,
Denham**

1/270319	<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, 15 members of the public were present, together with District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries and County Cllr Guy McGregor</p>
2/270319	<p>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None</p>
3/270319	<p>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 30, 2019</p> <p>The Minutes were approved</p>
4/270319	<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>Cllr Gibson-Harries said the current District Council is winding down ahead of the May elections, and she is not standing again for election. She is very happy however to help with projects including the Village Hall during her last few weeks as Councillor. She also emphasised how important it is to report potholes when they appear; anyone can use the Highways website reporting tool for this. Meanwhile there will be a new round of CIL funding available to apply for. Asked about District Council funding priorities she said local problems were not prioritised as they should be, though the Council is now funding two Police Community Support Officers.</p> <p>Parish Councillors thanks Cllr Gibson-Harries for her very hard work for the village and she would be invited to the re-opening of the Village Hall in due course.</p> <p>Cllr McGregor reported that council tax bills are now out and the severe reduction in the government's support of local authorities has squeezed provision of all key services. On the plus side</p>

	<p>however the new and excellent library in Eye is now open.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about the work going on to clear land at Shingle Hill, where current leases to commercial tenants appear to be running out without renewal proposals. No planning application for the site has yet been submitted but concerns were expressed about loss of employment and also serious infrastructure inadequacies if housing is planned.</p>
5/270319	<p>To consider an update on the Village Hall renovation project, including establishment of a new charitable body to raise funds and manage the process, and plans for the public meeting on March 30 at 10.00am at the Red Feather Club.</p> <p>A village survey is in hand to test opinion about plans for the future of the Hall, and it is hoped the results will be discussed at the March 30 meeting, where a presentation will also be made about a Village Hall renovation project at Westhorpe. Draft paperwork is in hand to establish a new charitable Community Council with three trustees; membership of the charity will be open to individuals and local organisations.</p>
6/270319	<p>To consider planning application DC/19/00883 - Hedgerows, Hoxne Road, Denham: Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3). Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q(a) - Conversion of 2No agricultural buildings.</p> <p>No objection was raised.</p>
7/270319	<p>To confirm the timetable and nominations process for the Parish Council elections on May 2, 2019, and the date and arrangements for the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting (currently scheduled for May 15).</p> <p>The date of the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed as May 15 in the Church. Both Margaret Reeves and Carol Rose are standing down from the Parish Council this time and they were warmly thanked for their service over 13 and four years respectively. Other nomination papers will be delivered by the Clerk by the due date and it is anticipated the Parish Council will have four nominations, leaving one vacancy which can be filled by co-option.</p>
8/270319	<p>To receive a financial report from the Clerk and any payments due</p> <p>A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance after accounting for uncleared cheques of £4,320.74. The current year's budget performance was noted, £5,491.97 having been spent against a budget for the year of £5,040. Payments were</p>

	made to: Rod Caird (Clerk pay, £197.82), SALC (£3.76, share of election briefing) and HMRC (£98, PAYE). A VAT refund claim for £471.90 has been submitted. 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.
9/270319	<p>Correspondence and urgent matters to the brought to the attention of the Parish Council</p> <p>The village litter pick will be held on Saturday April 6 and Mid Suffolk will be asked to clear the fly-tipped sofa from the Village Hall car park at the same time as other collected rubbish.</p>

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