

Denham Parish Council

MINUTES

Wednesday September 26, 2018 at 7.30pm in St John the Baptist Church

1/260918	<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.</p>
2/260918	<p>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None</p>
3/260918	<p>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 25, 2018</p> <p>The Minutes were approved</p>
4/260918	<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>It was noted that an amended planning application for a grain storage and drying facility at Town Farm, Denham Road, Hoxne (18/03700) had not been notified to Denham Parish Council in spite of its proximity to the village; residents would however be able to comment as neighbours and members of the public. The application has since been granted.</p> <p>There were no reports from the District or County Councillors. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Elizabeth Gibson-Harries.</p> <p>Correspondence was noted concerning the much regretted closure of the Barclays Bank branch in Eye. Dr Dan Poulter MP had written to Cllr McGregor saying that while the closure is disappointing, "Barclays have done everything required of them considering the closure.... I am satisfied that they have taken the needs of the community into account."</p> <p>Members of the public and Parish Councillors did not agree and continue to feel a valuable banking service has been</p>

	unnecessarily lost.
5/260918	<p>To consider an update on the Village Hall project, including steps necessary to re-constitute Denham Community Council as a registered charity</p> <p>It was noted with gratitude that the sum of £2,000 has now been received from Cllr Gibson-Harries' budget and it was unanimously agreed to commission the proposed architect's report on the building. This report will form the essential basis of a further report by a quantity surveyor, the £500 cost of which is to be met by a grant from Cllr McGregor (the Clerk will pursue this).</p> <p>Cllr Tania Farrow reconfirmed that the Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee for the Village Hall, and therefore has the authority to re-establish Denham Community Council as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Community Council would act as fund-raiser for the Village Hall works and other projects of benefit to the village, and in due course would appoint a Village Hall Management Committee to run the Hall on a day-to-day basis.</p> <p>A meeting had been held on site with Gillian Hilder, Communities Officer (Grants) for MSDC and Tony Bass, Strategic Leisure Adviser for MSDC and both are in full and enthusiastic support of the project.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Community Action Suffolk recommends the CIO structure and constitution for the Council and will assist with its establishment. Cllr Tania Farrow will represent the Parish Council on the Community Council.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to reinstate Denham Community Council as a CIO.</p> <p>It was also agreed to arrange a working party for Saturday October 20 to help clear vegetation from the walls of the Village Hall, to discourage further damp getting in over the winter. Contact would be made with those who had indicated after the Annual Parish Meeting that they were interested in helping with the Village Hall project.</p> <p>It was agreed to open a Denham Parish Council Facebook page and to start a Mailchimp email list in order to keep people in touch with developments as much as possible.</p>
6/260918	<p>To consider recruitment and co-option of further Parish Councillor(s)</p> <p>There is still one current vacancy and volunteers will continue to be sought, bearing in mind that 2019 is an election year and Cllrs Reeves and Rose have indicated they intend to stand down after</p>

	<p>many years of service.</p> <p>It was agreed to continue with the Community Governance Review initiated with Mid Suffolk and that the preferred option for the Parish is to remain as a Parish Council, in order to see the Village Hall project through to completion.</p>
7/260918	<p>To consider any current or new planning applications</p> <p>None</p>
8/260918	<p>To receive a report from the Clerk on the current financial position and any payments due</p> <p>A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance after accounting for uncleared cheques of £6,660.91. The current year's budget performance was noted, £2,247.44 having been spent against a budget for the year of £5,040. Payments were made to: Ace Fire (Village Hall safety check of extinguishers etc. £95.16); HMRC (PAYE, £98.80); Ladywell Accountancy Services (payroll, £48); Rod Caird (Clerk pay, £197.82). 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>It was noted that at the November meeting consideration should be given to the budget for 2019/20.</p>
9/260918	<p>Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council</p> <p>None at this time</p>
10/260918	<p>To confirm venues for the Parish Council meetings on November 28, 2018 and January 30, 2018</p> <p>The November meeting will be held at the Church and the January meeting venue is to be confirmed.</p>