

# Denham Parish Council

## MINUTES

**January 15, 2020 at 7.30pm in St John the Baptist Church,  
Denham**

1/150120	<p><b>Apologies and Approvals of Absence</b></p> <p>None. In addition to Parish Councillors Tania Farrow (in the chair), Nick Farrow, Jane Gilmore and Kerina Jane, seven members of the public were present, together with District Councillor Matthew Hicks. County Cllr Guy McGregor was unable to attend.</p>
2/150120	<p><b>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <p>None</p>
3/150120	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 20, 2019</b></p> <p>The Minutes were approved</p>
4/150120	<p><b>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 Matthew Hicks</b></p> <p>Cllr Hicks noted that December had been very quiet at the District Council because of the General Election. The draft budget for 2020/21 will result in a 1.66% increase in Council tax. £500,000 has been set aside for climate emergency measures. Council tax fraud will be combatted with the introduction of new fines, especially relating to wrongful declarations of single occupancy, although the Council will work with the Citizens' Advice Bureau to ensure the vulnerable are protected. A new visitor centre will be constructed at Needham Lakes. There is still some funding available from Locality grants which run out at the end of January. This is of interest to the New Reeding Woods group which looks after Pound Lane Woods, which is looking for funding for a new information board and other projects. It will also be of interest to the telephone box restoration project.</p> <p>A resident objected strongly to the reconsultation on application 19/04962, construction of a new dwelling at Low Farm. It was stated that the building will be obtrusive to neighbouring properties and has no genuine connection to the historic airbase. Parish Councillors agreed to consider the new paperwork on the application and to conduct a site visit if possible before the consultation deadline on January 29, in order to consider whether the Council's existing supportive comments on the</p>

	application need to be changed.
5/150120	<p><b>To consider an update on the Village Hall renovation project</b></p> <p>A meeting is being arranged with the Mid Suffolk grants and funding team in order to clarify the position on existing CIL monies which should be available for the project. A further public meeting is to arranged to develop new fund-raising ideas. The Chair is undertaking a 95-mile sponsored walk in the summer and volunteer help is being sought to set up a special website which will combine fundraising with a detailed account of the heritage of the building and its surrounding sites.</p>
6/150120	<p><b>To consider an update on any current planning applications, including</b></p> <p>19/05775 Hedgerows, Hoxne Road, Application for Full Planning Permission - Change of use of land for the continued use of a sited caravan to serve agricultural use for 5 years – <i>awaiting decision</i></p> <p>19/05699 Greenlands Farm, Hoxne Road, Erection of single/part two storey side extension. Alterations to fenestration and insertion of rooflights (with listed building consent application 19/05700) – <i>awaiting decision</i></p> <p>19/04962 Low Farm, Low Road, erection of one dwelling with landscaping – <i>awaiting decision</i></p> <p>The status of these applications was noted.</p>
7/150120	<p><b>To receive a report on progress towards installation of posts on Hoxne Road for a Speed Indicator Device.</b></p> <p>The County Highways team now has this in hand and progress is expected in the next few weeks.</p>
8/150120	<p><b>To confirm the proposed budget for 2020/21 and the precept requirement for 2020/21</b></p> <p>The Council's spending budget of £2,925 of basic running costs plus a potential £2,000 spend on Village Hall costs was approved. It was agreed to increase the precept from £3,090 to £3191.97 to reflect increasing costs and a 2% increase in the tax base in the parish.</p>
9/150120	<p><b>To receive an updated financial report from the Clerk and to deal with any payments due</b></p> <p>An updated bank reconciliation was presented, showing available funds of £4,995.66. The bank reconciliation was checked against printed bank statements and the figures were confirmed by Cllr Nick Farrow.</p> <p>Payments were made as follows: £202.88 to Rod Caird (Clerk pay);</p>

	<p>£176.36 to CAS for Parish Council insurance</p> <p>Payments were made under sections 111 and 112 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
10/150120	<p><b>Correspondence and urgent matters to the brought to the attention of the Parish Council</b></p> <p>Future Parish Council meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month – March 25, May 27, July 22, September 23 and November 25, 2020. The May meeting will also be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council</p>

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