

Denham Parish Council

MINUTES

July 27, 2021, at 7.30pm in Denham Church

1/270721	<p>Apologies and Approvals of Absence</p> <p>None. In addition to Parish Councillors Tania Farrow (in the chair), Nick Farrow, and Kerina Jane, the Clerk Rod Caird and four members of the public were present.</p> <p>County Cllr Peter Gould and District Cllr Matthew Hicks both attended the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Duncan McGregor was not present.</p>
2/270721	<p>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None</p>
3/270721	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 26, 2021</p> <p>The minutes were approved with one typo correction. It was noted that the minutes were late as a result of time pressure from the annual audit process.</p>
4/270721	<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 Peter Gould and District Cllr Matthew Hicks</p> <p>It was agreed Tania Farrow would report long-standing and outdated diversion signs to Highways. The Clerk will report the overgrown footpath which runs behind the Church. Assistance will be given to a resident on a blue badge application.</p> <p>Cllr Gould reported he is making some progress on his long list of outstanding Highways issues. A county-wide review of lorry routes is in hand and will include a public consultation element. Details will be published soon. Cllr Gould will be able to make a contribution from his budget to the Village Hall restoration project.</p> <p>Cllr Hicks noted that bin collection problems are widespread across the district, caused by vehicle problems and a large number of staff self-isolating after being notified to do so by the NHS App. Bins will be collected, but not necessarily on the right day; they should be left out as normal. Stradbroke swimming pool has benefitted from £200,000 of District Council investment in improvements. The email many people have received from Mid Suffolk checking details for the electoral</p>

	register is not spam and can safely be completed.
5/270721	<p>To discuss the Quiet Lanes project. This is an opportunity for any member of the public who wishes to take part in the open consultation which is an essential part of the process of designating Church Road and Low Road as signposted Quiet Lanes. All are welcome to attend and take part in this part of the meeting.</p> <p>Residents present at the meeting took part in this final stage of the public consultation on the project, no other comments having been received since the community received leaflets about it. Questions were answered about how to raise awareness of the scheme and its significance, and also about further future extensions of designated lanes.</p> <p>After discussion it was formally agreed by the Parish Council to approve the present scheme for Low Road and Church Road (in association with Hoxne Parish Council) and to request that the designation be formalised and signage installed.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to the Quiet Lanes team at the County Council, who have done an excellent job of supporting the many Parishes involved in the project.</p>
6/270721	<p>To consider an update on Denham Community Council and the Village Hall renovation project.</p> <p>A successful and enjoyable fund-raising event was held at the Village hall on July 17. The events itself, combined with ongoing bric-a-brac sales have together raised around £1,262. The event reinforced the need in the village for a central meeting point and demonstrated the widespread commitment throughout Denham to complete the renovation.</p> <p>Mid Suffolk grants team has set aside £27,800 for phase 1 of the work; final authorisation is awaited. Grant applications have also been made to a large number of local and regional organisations, and a major application is in hand for the Lottery Community Fund. Denham Community Council has altogether so far raised around £6,000 from local efforts. Phase 1 will deal with the roof and exterior of the building as well as electrical works; phase 2 will work on the windows and internal fittings; phase 3 will deal with decoration and final internal improvements.</p>
7/270721	<p>To consider updates on any current planning applications.</p> <p>None had been received.</p>
8/270721	<p>To receive a financial report from the Clerk, and to deal with any payments due; to note the content of the annual SALC audit and consider next steps at the September meeting, to act on</p>

	<p>recommendations</p> <p>An updated bank reconciliation was presented, showing available funds of £5,461.88. No bills are currently due for payment. A VAT refund of £662.86 has been received from HMRC.</p> <p>The internal audit report on 2020/21 has been received from SALC and will be published on the website. The next Parish Council meeting will consider matters arising from the report so that all issues have been reviewed and any necessary improvements to process can be undertaken and published.</p>
9/270721	<p>Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at the Church on Tuesday September 28 at 7.30pm.</p>