Denham Parish Council

MINUTES

May 26, 2021 at 7.30pm in Denham Church

Apologies and Approvals of Absence
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.
County Cllr Peter Gould was present; District Cllr Matthew Hicks was unable to attend.
Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
None
To co-opt additional Parish Councillor(s) as appropriate
It was agreed to co-opt Duncan McGregor as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect.
To approve the minutes of the meetings held on March 24 and April 13, 2021
The minutes were approved.
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
Members of the public raised concerns about overgrown vegetation, especially on the road between Shingle Hill corner and Church Road. This would be reported to Highways for attention.
Questions were asked about the Quiet Lanes project and it was explained that the designated roads were Low Road, Church Road and the extension of Low Road to the school in Hoxne (so the project is jointly proposed with Hoxne). The idea is to install signage which draws drivers' attention to the fact that the rads are also used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The aim is to make the roads safer for all users. A public consultation will take place leading to the next Parish Council meeting on July 27, when any final public comments can be made. Official designation of the roads would take place in late summer. There is no cost to the Parish Council.

Other Highways issues were also raised which would be reported on the County Council website. Concerns were also raised about recycling collections being missed and the suggestion that some recyclable rubbish is simply going to the incinerator. Cllr Peter Gould introduced himself as the newly elected County Councillor for the division. He said he is committed to addressing Highways issues and would do his best to improve matters for Denham residents. He said he is aware of concerns about HGV traffic from the feed mill at Town Farm and also the consequences of intensive poultry businesses. A County-wide review of HGV traffic is being undertaken. It's important that planning applications are not taken in isolation but that consideration should be given to wider implications. He hopes that he and the Parish Council can work together to make improvements. Cllr Guy McGregor, who stood down from the County Council at the May 6 election, was thanked for his service and commitment to the community. 6/260521 To consider an update on Denham Community Council and the Village Hall renovation project. A Community Council meeting last week looked at further grant applications. Mid Suffolk has earmarked £28,000 for the project. Bids are going to the Lottery Community Fund and to smaller grant-giving organisations. Local building firms are being approached for quotes and schedules, breaking the work down into three separate phases. A local fund-raising event is being planned for July 17. To consider updates on any current planning applications, 7/260521 particularly: Environmental permit for Crown Chicken Limited at Denham Feed Mill, Town Farm, (and related historic planning matters) – permit granted DC/21/00997 | Full Planning Application - Erection of 4no. Poultry Breeder Sheds with capacity for up to 36,500 birds and ancillary development. | Castle Hill Farm Castle Hill Thorndon - granted DC/20/05406 | Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of 2No dwellings (following demolition of outbuildings). | Hedgerows Hoxne Road – *refused* Updates on these applications were noted. It was emphasised that any complaints arising from the activities at Town Farm are properly recorded and sent to the Environment Agency, Highways and the District Council planning department. 8/260521 To discuss data collected on traffic speeds from the SID on Hoxne Road

	Fresh data is not currently available.					
9/260521	To discuss next steps on the Quiet Lanes project This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.					
10/260521	To receive a financial report from the Clerk, and to deal with any payments due An updated bank reconciliation was presented, showing available fund of £5,095.38. The following payments were agreed:					
	April 22, 2021	SALC	Bank payment	£ 143.98	Subscription	
	April22, 2021	Rod Caird	Bank payment	£ 209.16	Clerk pay Apr/May	
	May 1, 2021	CAS Ltd	Bank payment	£ 392.57	VH Insurance	
	June 10, 2021	HMRC	Bank payment	£ 52.20	PAYE	
	June 18, 2021	Rod Caird	Bank payment	£ 209.16	Clerk pay Jun/Jul	
11/260521	Correspondence and urgent matters to the brought to the attention of the Parish Council Gratitude was expressed to Sue Ives for the extent and detail of her					
	work on the intensive poultry farming issue.					