

Denham Parish Council

MINUTES

September 28th, 2021, at 7.30pm in St John the Baptist Church, Denham

1/280921	<p>Apologies and Approvals of Absence</p> <p>Rod Caird. In addition to Parish Councillors Tania Farrow (in the Chair), Nick Farrow, Kerina Jane and Duncan McGregor, 10 members of the public were present.</p> <p>County Cllr Peter Gould also attended the meeting.</p>
2/280921	<p>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None</p>
3/280921	<p>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 27th 2021</p> <p>The minutes were approved with no amendments.</p>
4/280921	<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>Members of the public wished to make comment on the issues around Denham Mill and School Transport to Hartismere.</p> <p>Cllr Gould reported on the support that communities were offering to the small number of Afghan refugees that had arrived in the County. Information on support required was available via a page on the County Council website. Offers of financial support were of most value. The Government levelling up agenda was being discussed including the possible further delegation of powers to local government. Cllr McGregor raised the point around the low per capita funding for education in Suffolk and the impact they had on SENCo provision. Cllr Gould stated that an action plan was being produced with Short/Mid- and Long-Term actions which he would make available to the Parish Council alongside opening up channels to input into this.</p> <p>Members of the public raised the issue of HGV movements associated with Denham Mill. There is currently a countywide review including a community consultation questionnaire that is due at the end of October which will come out to Parish Councils for completion.</p>

	<p>After further spirited discussion Cllr Gould made the following commitments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To further investigate planning compliance at the Mill • To establish the possible cost to the Parish of a traffic survey to establish the volume and impacts of HGV movements <p>The Parish Council will complete the questionnaire once circulated.</p> <p>Cllr Gould was asked about the issue that changes in boundaries had created in relation to free school transport for children from the Parish to Hartismere. Hoxne Primary School is a feeder school for Hartismere High School but now travel to the school by bus would be charged at £600 pa per child. This was unaffordable for many parents, with no viable local alternatives available. Cllr Gould took away some information on the issue and agreed to follow up on this and report back at the next meeting.</p>
5/280921	<p>To consider an update on the Village Hall renovation project with particular reference to funding received towards the phase 1 target and applications made</p> <p>Cllr Tania Farrow reported that DCC currently had access to around £30,000 of funding for Phase 1, with applications currently in progress for an additional £110,000. The results of these applications will be known by October/ November, by which time it was hoped that we would have sufficient funds to at least complete Phase 1. This requires around £53,000 of funding in total. A further update will be given at the next meeting. A fundraising event was planned for October which was almost sold out.</p>
6/280921	<p>To consider raising a Planning Enforcement case with Mid Suffolk in relation to DC/21/02239 Non-Material Amendment to planning permission DC/20/03722 for the re-siting of the proposed new dwelling approx. 0.5m northwards and 1.0m westwards of the approved siting. Land Adj. Corner Cottage Denham Corner</p> <p>Due to a number of complaints in the Parish concerning the boundary treatment associated with this planning application, the Parish Council has raised the case with Planning Enforcement. Issues include the style of fencing, the position of the fence which reduces visibility at the road end plus removal of the original hedge. A further update will be provided at a future meeting.</p>
7/280921	<p>To consider updates on any other current planning applications</p> <p>It was noted that a decision notice relating to planning application - DC/21/04242 Corner Cottage, Hoxne Road, Denham, Suffolk IP21 5DN had been received and the application had been granted.</p>

8/280921	<p>To consider whether the increased HGV traffic to and from Town Farm demonstrates that a material change of use has taken place on the site, and whether the Parish Council should raise this as a legal challenge.</p> <p>As this had been discussed in some detail as part of agenda item 4, the Parish Council decided that they should make a formal complaint to Planning Enforcement regarding a material change of use at the Denham Mill site.</p> <p>Councillors also agreed to await further information from Cllr Gould regarding the cost of a traffic survey before making any further decisions. This would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting when a decision would be made about calling a public meeting to further assess the views of the Parish regarding possible next steps.</p>								
9/280921	<p>To discuss Denham's contribution to the celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022</p> <p>Councillor Tania Farrow updated the council on various communications the council had received about celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This included an update on plans for the Festival of Suffolk, which is being planned for next year, from May and throughout summer, encompassing the jubilee celebrations. It was agreed that we would look to celebrate this historic event and that Cllr Jane would approach members of the events planning team for the Community Council to discuss how organisations could work together to achieve this.</p>								
10/280921	<p>To consider issues raised by the SALC Internal Audit Report on 2020/21</p> <p>Councillors considered a report from Rod Caird, Council Clerk, on the issues identified as part of the Internal Audit report conducted earlier in the year. The appointment of the Clerk as the RFO was noted. Other actions were in hand or complete.</p> <p>Councillors discussed specific responsibilities to be published on the website and the following were agreed.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tania Farrow</td> <td>Planning and Highways</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nick Farrow</td> <td>Footpaths and fly tipping</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kerina Jane</td> <td>Community Support and Village Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Duncan McGregor</td> <td>Education and Transport</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Council formally adopted the Data Protection Policy provided by the Clerk.</p>	Tania Farrow	Planning and Highways	Nick Farrow	Footpaths and fly tipping	Kerina Jane	Community Support and Village Hall	Duncan McGregor	Education and Transport
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11/280921	<p>To receive a financial report from the Clerk, and to deal with any payments due</p> <p>The financial report had been submitted to Councillors prior to the meeting and was accepted</p>								

12/280921	Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council All correspondence from parishioners related to items already discussed on the agenda namely agenda items 6 and 8
	Date of next meeting: Tuesday November 30th at St John the Baptist Church, Denham

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