

Denham Parish Council

MINUTES

May 27, 2020 at 7.30pm online

1/270520	<p>Apologies and Approvals of Absence</p> <p>Kerina Jane sent her apologies and her absence was approved. In addition to Parish Councillors Tania Farrow (in the chair), Nick Farrow, and Jane Gilmore, the Clerk Rod Caird, and County Cllr Guy McGregor and District Councillor Matthew Hicks were also present.</p>
2/270520	<p>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None</p>
3/270520	<p>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 15, 2020</p> <p>The Minutes were approved</p>
4/270520	<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 Matthew Hicks</p> <p>Cllr McGregor asked whether, in the light of the time it will take to renovate the Village Hall, it might be possible for the church to become a meeting place for the village. This has been done in other villages.</p> <p>He also reported that the County Council has worked very hard during the coronavirus crisis to identify people in the county who need help and to make sure care homes have the right equipment. The District Council has done a very good job distributing government funds. The two new A140 roundabouts will be completed by the end of the year. There are still some issues on home to school transport. Efforts are being made to get ahead on road repairs and other services are still being provided.</p> <p>Cllr Hicks reported that support was available for anyone in real trouble over council tax. Grants are still available for small businesses. People should not be reluctant to come forward as money is still available. Grants are also available for community groups setting up food banks. Brown bins are now being collected again. The SnOasis development near Needham Market is back on the agenda and looks like going ahead. Cllr Hicks is also very willing to help with the Village Hall project.</p>

5/270520	<p>To consider an update on Denham Community Council and the Village Hall renovation project</p> <p>In response to Cllr McGregor's suggestion about use of the church, the Parish Council feels it should go ahead with renovation of the Hall because it is ideal for the purpose in terms of location, car parking and other facilities, and also because it is an important element of the heritage of the village. The Community Council now holds funds of £1,354.33, including a very generous donation of £1,000 from Easys. Fund raising work has paused because of the current crisis and will need to be kick-started as soon as possible, perhaps using Zoom technology to hold a general village meeting. An appeal will be made through the WhatsApp group for any resident who has time to spare which could be used for grant applications. The boundaries of the land behind the Hall also need to be identified more clearly. There was a good deal of momentum behind the project until the lock-down began in March and of course a further winter will see more damage to the fabric of the building.</p>
6/270520	<p>To consider any issues arising in the community as a result of the coronavirus pandemic</p> <p>The Home but Not Alone hub has been a considerable success. Supermarket deliveries now seem to be happening. Support is still available if needed and people should stay alert to residents who may need help, especially as the furlough scheme winds down and some jobs are lost. The Clerk will publish on the website a list of support phone numbers, especially for mental health issues.</p>
7/270520	<p>To consider updates on any current planning applications:</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>granted</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>granted</i></p> <p>19/04962 Low Farm, Low Road, erection of one dwelling with landscaping – <i>refused</i></p> <p>The status of the applications was noted.</p>
8/270520	<p>To receive a report on progress towards installation of posts on Hoxne Road for a Speed Indicator Device</p> <p>Cllr McGregor will help to progress this [NB since the meeting the posts</p>

	<p>have been installed]. It was also noted that local roads have been used frequently by speeding vehicles including motorcycles during the lock-down. Reports have been made to the police about specific incidents.</p>
9/270520	<p>To receive an updated financial report from the Clerk, to deal with any payments due and to approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019/20</p> <p>An updated bank reconciliation was presented, showing available funds of £5,574.78.</p> <p>A payment (£40) was made to the Information Commissioner for registration renewal.</p> <p>Payments were made under sections 111 and 112 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>The AGAR for 2019/20 was presented and approved and the Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the paperwork.</p>
10/270520	<p>Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 22, 2020, probably online again.</p>