

# DEENE & DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes - Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council Meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Deene village hall at 6:00pm

Councillors Present	Stuart Barratt, Annette Blackmore, Mark Coombs, Brian Gretton (Chair), and Graham Holding,
Also Present	4 members of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

Cllr Gretton opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

560. **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Upton and were accepted.

561. Cllr Coombs **declared** an interest, which was accepted.

562 Both Cllr Gretton and Cllr Holding explained to the meeting what had happened at the **Review of the Premises Licence for the Illusive Festival** and why it had been necessary to arrange this meeting. The sound levels were not made available for the meeting and ENC will not be making them available to the public domain. Cllr Holding spoke at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and explained that all the Parish Council/residents are looking for is curtailment of the noise and not to have the license withdrawn.

Cllr Gretton informed the meeting there has been a report since the meeting which states that the panel deliberated and considered:

The Licensing Policy

S182 Guidance

The legal test to be applied

The options available to the Panel

Licensing Act 2003

The Panel have decided to modify the following conditions:

Fixed noise monitoring locations to be established in consultation with the Parish Council

Noise propagation tests to be undertaken prior to the event

A dedicated telephone complaint line will be set up

Cllr Gretton also explained to the meeting that the Parish Council can appeal this decision and have 21 days in which to lodge the appeal via Northampton Magistrates Court. Cllr Gretton also explained that no matter what happens the Parish Council cannot make the same complaint next year.

563 The meeting was opened for public input. There were several questions which the Councillors tried to answer, which included “How much will the appeal cost and could the Parish Council afford it?” “Do you know who will be monitoring the telephone complaint line and what actions will be taken?” Residents in Laxton also have grave concerns about the lateness of music.

564 Cllr Gretton has already taken legal advice on appealing against the decision and has been quoted £650 per day for a sound consultant and the charges for a Barrister would be between £3000 and £5000. These charges are just appearing in court, there will be other costs also. If the Parish Council lost the appeal there would be costs to be paid which may be equal to the about costs.

Cllr Coombs will contact James from Illusive Festival to see if they can reach a compromise. Cllr Coombs believes that no contract has been signed for next year even though the tickets are already on sale. Cllr Coombs agreed to keep the Parish Council informed of the progress he makes.

It was suggested by a member of the public that in the meantime that the Parish Council appeal against the decision of the Licensing Panel to Northampton Magistrates. It was suggested that there is no barrister or sound manager engaged but that someone should represent the Parish Council.

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A vote took place on the above suggestion, which included the members of the public, with 5 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstaining.

Cllr Gretton agreed to start the process of lodging the appeal.

One member of the public thanked the Parish Council for their work so far.

565 **Date of the next meeting** will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

This being all the business the meeting closed at 9:10p.m.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**Approved by Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council:**

<b>Signature of Chairman :</b>		<b>Date: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>
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