

DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2020 in Deene Village Hall

Councillors Present	Stuart Barrett, Steve Copeland, Mark Coombs, Brian Gretton (Chair), and Chris Upton
Also Present	6 Members of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 930 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Holding and were accepted.
- 931 Cllr Coombs declared a **pecuniary interest** on all matters relating to Deene Estate's planning and development matters.
- 932 Residents from the **Unadopted Road** had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the next steps. Cllr Gretton explained to the meeting what the Parish Council had done to try to push this forward along with the Estate's solicitor writing to Persimmon Homes with no response. It transpired that the adoption papers were missed by Persimmon Homes at the time of construction. The problem of the flooding came to light some 5 to 4 years ago when a drain lid lifted during a heavy storm. It would seem that Persimmon Homes have not designed the drainage system correctly. Indemnity Insurance may cover flooding and road adoption. The Parish Council feel that they have got as far with this matter as they can however, they will support the residents in their quest. It was suggested that perhaps the residents should consider digging their own drainage along with writing to Tom Pursglove MP. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward all the information that the Parish Council has onto to the residents.
- 933 There were no questions from **Members of the public**.
- 934 The **minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020** were approved and Cllr Gretton signed the minutes.
- 935 There were no new **Planning Applications** to discuss
Planning Applications waiting for a Decision from East Northamptonshire Council since 13th January 2020
- 19/01820/CND – The use of land for automotive logistics, ancillary auctions and condition 8 – Lighting at Car Park and land Rockingham Speedway. Approved with conditions.
 - 19/01889/FUL, 19/01890/LBC and 19/01936/ADV – Installation of defibrillator and internet box, defibrillator signage, removal of existing Village Hall sign and installation of new Village Hall sign at Deene Village Hall. Approved.
 - 19/01283/EXT – Details Pursuant to Conditions 4 and 12 of 19/00084/DPA Priors Hall Zones 2 & 3 – Awaiting Decision
 - 19/01219/OUT – development of up to 3500 dwellings 2 local centres and 2 primary schools – Awaiting Decision
 - 19/00682/FUL & 19/00683/FUL – Change of use of North Barn, West Barn and the Old Dairy at Home Farm House – Approved
 - 19/00706/FUL – Convert and extend existing stables to form new offices at Lodge Farm Buildings Deene – awaiting decision
 - 18/01088/FUL – Erection of a Marquee for weddings at Deene Hall- awaiting decision – awaiting decision
- 936 The Parish Council Elections will take place on Thursday May 7th. Nomination forms have to be with ENC by April 7th. It is still unclear how many Parish Councillors there will be for Deene & Deenethorpe. The Clerk will notify the current Councillors when the forms have been released by ENC and keep the web-site up to

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date with all the details. Both the Clerk and Cllr Gretton will be attending the briefing on Thursday evening when more details will be made available to them.

937 Finance Matters

- a) The Clerk confirmed that there is currently £15737.93 across both Bank Accounts. NCC grant for the Parish Council cutting the grass verges in Deenethorpe and a VAT have been received. The following payments have been made in accordance with the relevant legislation since the last Parish Council these payments had been agreed at that meeting.

Details	Value
New Trailer for Parish Council use	£1289.00
Servicing the Strimmer	£101.96
Servicing the Mower	£202.02

- b) Cllr Barrett proposed that the following payments be made in accordance with the relevant legislation with Cllr Coombs seconding the proposal.

Details	Value
Sue Cook, Salary plus expenses	£385.70
HMRC, PAYE on Clerks Salary	£81.90
Cllr Gretton expenses including Ink, number plate for new trailer	£137.25

- c) It was resolved that the Clerk should approach Mr. Tom James to carry out the internal audit on the accounts for a fee of £80.

938 Highways and Village Maintenance

- a) Grass cutting in the Churchyard was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should approach Peterborough Diocese to try to find out who owns Deene Churchyard and ask the Diocese, if it's the Parish Council responsibility for a contribution of £600 per annum towards the cost.
- b) Cllr Gretton thanked Mr. French who did a sterling job on Saturday on working on the Deenethorpe Village Green along with Mr. Nick Sansom and Mr. Barry Sansom for the using their tractors and trailers to take the branches etc. to the airfield. 10 residents were thanked for turning out to help. Work has been suspended until after the nesting season when a chipper will be hired.
- c) Some work has been carried out along Osier Bed Lane, with several Red posts being found. The remainder of the work has to be planned in around other estate work.
- d) Cllr Coombs reported that the work to extend the gateways along the Benefield Road will take place before the end of June. The Clerk agreed to write to Highways with reference to the state of the road in Benefield Parish.
- e) Rain water is still flowing down the hill into Deene Cllr Barrett to try to find out what the problem is although the land is saturated with rain.
- f) The Clerk has been in contact with CBC with reference to the Light Pollution. It is thought to be coming from the old TATA steel office site as they are currently removing some office blocks. The Clerk advised the meeting that as CBC have no powers to stop the lights to report it on the CPRE website has they have a Starry Night Campaign. Cllr Upton believes that the light is coming from somewhere else and Cllr Copeland agreed to try to find out where it is coming from.
- g) The Large Road Sign just before the Deene turn coming from Stamford has got a spelling mistake, Welton instead of Weldon. The Clerk has written to Sarah Barnwell pointing this out and asking for it to be rectified.

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- h) Chippings Layby is to be used again this year but not necessarily with chippings as there is a new material available. The problem being is that the people staying on the site, Steve Wilkinson from the Traveller Unit would like them to be evicted and are asking both D&D Parish Council and Benefield Parish Council to put it in writing to the Head of the Traveller Unit who is also the Head of Highways.
- 939 The following **Correspondence** received were all noted with no further action required:
- a) Town and Parish Council Election Briefings. Both Cllr Gretton and the Clerk will be attending.
 - b) ENC Council Meeting on March 2nd including Deene & Deenethorpe Community Governance. The Clerk has chased for an update.
 - c) Future Northants Engine Room Tours – Cllr Gretton attending
 - d) eUpdates from NCALC
 - e) Joint Standards Complaints Committee meeting 19th February
 - f) Councillors Membership Survey from NCALC
- 940 **There were no Matters Arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**
- 941 **No Future agenda items/business for future meetings were raised.**
- 900 **Dates for the next meetings is Monday 11th May 2020, which will be the Annual Parish Meeting, The Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the 1st Parish Council Meeting of the new Councillors**

With no other business the meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Approved by Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council as an accurate record of decisions made:		
Signature of Chairman:		Date: 11th May 2020