

# DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January via Zoom

Councillors Present	Steve Copeland, Mark Coombs, Brian Gretton (Chair), Graham Holding and Chris Upton
Also Present	5 members of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 987 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Barratt and were accepted.
- 988 Cllr Coombs declared a **pecuniary interest** on all matters relating to Deene Estate's planning and development matters.
- 989 **Members of the public** highlighted concerns about the recent flooding in Deenethorpe, several residents helped to divert the rainwater away from their properties, surely there is a better way to divert the water. Several residents along the unadopted road were concerned about the amount of water flowing from the field to the rear of the properties. Cllr Gretton explained to the meeting that there had been several meetings with Persimmon Homes, Anglian Water and NCC with reference to the unadopted road in Deenethorpe.  
It was also highlighted to the meeting that there is a lack of salt in some salt bins, Himalayan Balsam, and Defibrillator training.  
Cllr Gretton confirmed that he has been in contact with NCC with reference to the salt bins and these will be refilled.  
Cllr Coombs agreed to investigate the problem with the Himalayan Balsam. Some sort of on-line training needs to be arranged in order to maintain the governance for the Defibrillators.
- 990 Cllr Holding proposed that the **minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020** be approved as a true record, Cllr Coombs seconded the proposal, agreed by all.
- 991 There were no new Planning **Applications** to be discussed:  
Outstanding Planning Applications waiting for a Decision from since 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- 20/00033/WAS Kirby Lodge – Construction of a Non-Ferrous Metals Recycling Facility including the construction of 2no. fire water storage tanks, pump house, office/mess portacabin, attenuation pond and dust extraction system – Approved by NCC
  - 20/01158/FUL - Erection of maintenance unit, wash bay and further ancillary items for vehicle storage and refurbishment, including resurfacing works and the provision of car and HGV parking. at Rockingham Motor Speedway – Meeting arranged for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January
- 992 **Permissive Footpath in Barratts Wood** – currently there is currently no funding available to help with this project. Both Cllr Coombs and Cllr Holding will continue to work together on this project.
- 993 **Finance Matters**
- The Village Hall have recently upgraded the electrics in the hall which cost £450, the hall also been decorated and refurbished from grants obtained from ENC plus using some of their own funds. With no income from hiring the hall out since March 2020 Cllr Coombs proposed that the Parish Council should give the Village Hall a grant of £300 to help towards the cost of the electric work, this was seconded by Cllr Copeland and approved by everyone.
  - Benefield Parish Council have been Hiring of VAS for a maximum of 3 months at £50 per month, it was resolved that the VAS should be returned with Benefield

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Parish Council hiring it for a maximum of 1 month in every 12. The Clerk to arrange for its return.

- c) The Clerk confirmed that there is currently £18153.64 across both Bank Accounts, the grass cutting grant of £91.55 has been received along with a VAT refund of £117.18.
- d) Cllr Holding proposed that the following payments be approved and be made in accordance with the relevant legislation, with Cllr Coombs seconded the proposal with everyone in agreement.

Details	Value
Brian Gretton, Road Salt	£73.00
Sue Cook, Salary, & expenses	£233.25
HMRC, PAYE on Clerks Salary	£62.00
Deene Village Hall, Grant	£300
Nigel Cook, Litter Picking	£40.00
Unity Bank, Service Charge	£18.00

### 994 **Highways and Village Maintenance**

- a) Cllr Coombs informed the meeting that the **Bridleway** in Deenethorpe does require a lot of work doing on it. Cllr Holding agreed to remove some of the mud to see if that would help relief some of the problems.

#### b) **Flooding in Deene and Deenethorpe.**

The recent heavy rain caused many problems in both Deene and Deenethorpe. The ditches to the rear of properties in Deenethorpe have silted up and require digging out. Cllr Coombs confirmed that over the next week that the ditches will be cleared out, land will be excavated out above the 9-inch pipe to a depth of 1.2 metres and that the sluice gate will be opened prior to heavy rain.

The surface water drains in Deene are in urgent need of work by Highways, some of the drains are blocked, some are higher than the road. One property was flooded during the recent heavy rain and the occupant has had to be rehoused. It was suggested appointing a Flood Warden, this person does not have to be a Councillor. The Clerk will also register for Pathfinder III. The Parish Council will do all in their power to help with the situation.

- c) The Clerk believes that the **Light Pollution** from Corby may coming from the Morrison RDC and it was agreed that she should write to both Corby Borough Council Environmental Department and Morrison Head Office.
- d) **Motorcyclists on A43** – although due to lockdown very few motorcyclists are using the A43 it was agreed to keep this on the agenda for the time being.
- e) **Footpaths that are Blocked** – Cllr Coombs informed the meeting that the all the footpaths are now open with the exception of the one from the Obelisk to Bulwick as it is waterlogged.
- f) The Clerk informed that meeting that the **Relief Road, Weldon** once again Persimmon have failed to open the road. Both Corby Borough Council and Northants County Council are in contact with Persimmon over this.

- 995 The following **Correspondence** received were all noted with no further action required:

Updates from NCALC

Bulletin from ENC

Consultation on school terms dates for 2022/23 from NCC

North Northamptonshire Unitary Rural Working Party Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> October

East Northamptonshire Council formally objects to MCHLG planning system changes

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Notes of the North Northamptonshire Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)  
Focus Group – 21 October 2020

**996 There were no Matters Arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**

- a) **Election** – The proposed date is 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020, when 7 Councillors can be elected across both villages.
- b) **Litter** – deliberate littering has increased during lockdown
- c) **Dog Fouling** – has also increased during lockdown especially though the Plantations.

**997 Future agenda items/business for future meetings were raised.**

- a) **To consider appointing a Police Liaison Representative**, this can be a member of the public or a Parish Councillor

**998 Dates for the next meetings is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

With no other business the meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.