

# DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in Deene Village Hall

Councillors Present	Stuart Barratt, Steve Copeland, Mark Coombs, Keith Gautrey-Prue Brian Gretton (Chair) and Tom Reding
Also Present	Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 1022 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Pepper and were accepted
- 1023 Cllr Coombs **declared an interest** in all things Deene Estate
- 1024 There were no **Members of the Public** present
- 1025 Cllr Barratt proposed that the **minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021** be approved, Cllr Coombs seconded the proposal with everyone in favour.
- 1026 **Planning** – NE/21/00440/REM & NE/21/00441/REM – various works at Priors Hall. Concern was raised that both these applications have an address of Kirby Lane, Deene, The Clerk agreed to contact the Planning Department at NNC Thrapston Office to ask the question of the address.  
**Outstanding Planning Application** NE/21/00142/FUL – General agricultural produce and storage building (Straw) at Home Farm Lodge, Deenethorpe Airfield - Approved
- 1027 **Permissive Footpath** – Cllr Coombs reported that 4 applications for funding have been applied all have been refused stating that no funding is currently available. Funding applications will continue to be submitted.
- 1028 **Defibrator Refresher Training** - Clerk to contact Mr. Goodfellow
- 1029 **Illusive Festival** – an extension to the licence has been received, the Clerk had submitted an objection letter on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April (the deadline day) but this was refused has NNC Thrapston Office had already made their decision to extend the number of people attending. Cllr Gretton will be attending a Safety Advisor Group (SAG) meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### 1030 Finance

- a. **The Year End Accounts** have been audited by Mr. James, who found no anomalies. The Parish Council ended the year with an income of £10710 with an expenditure of £9629 leaving a balance of £16208 in the bank. Cllr Copeland proposed that the accounts be approved, Cllr Gautrey-Prue seconded the proposal with everyone in favour. Both Cllr Gretton and the Clerk signed the Certificate of Exemption, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement.
- b. The Clerk reported that there is currently £26120.36 across both Bank Accounts, which includes the precept of £9912.
- c. The following payments were approved under current legislation

Details	Value
NCALC – Annual Subscription	£179.39
Zurich – Insurance	£241.28
Heartbeat – Annual Support for Defibrillators	£324.00
Sue Cook – Reimbursement for 2 years Website	£102.00
Sue Cook – Salary and Expenses	£385.13
HMRC – PAYE	£93.67
Sue Cook – Reimbursement for ICO Renewal	£40.00
Brian Gretton – Stationery	£28.96

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Nigel Cook – Litter Pick	£40.00
Nigel Cook – Grass Cutting and Petrol	£198.29
Tom James – Internal Audit	£80.00

- d. Cllr Gautrey-Prue agreed to become a Signatory on Bank Mandate. The Clerk to amend the accounts.

### 1031 Highways and Village Maintenance

- a) **Bridleway in Deenethorpe** – Cllr Coombs reported that a contractor will start work on this mid to late June
- e) **Flooding in Deenethorpe/Deene** – Cllr Gretton has arranged for the Flood Investigation Team to visit the area next week. Cllr Coombs will also attend.
- f) **Light Pollution** – The Clerk reported that former Corby Borough Council can take no action on Morrison’s RDC as the light does not shine in anyone windows. The main contributor to the problem has been the removal of the trees at the site next to Morrison’s RDC which in turn has made the deer lose their habitat.
- g) **Motorcyclists along the A43** – nothing further to report
- h) **Relief Road, Weldon** – The Clerk reported that Spine Road should be opened by the end of June and then there will be a 6-week consultation on the proposed closure of Kettering Road
- i) **Litter and Dog Fouling** – both seem to be easing
- j) **Himalayan Balsam** – Cllr Coombs to investigate

### 1032 Official reports or correspondence received as previously circulated with no action required:

- a) eUpdates from NCALC

### 1033 Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda, for discussion:

- a) **Police Liaison Meeting** – Cllr Gautrey-Prue attended the first meeting and although a lot of time was spent talking about dog fouling it will be a worthwhile attending these meetings in the future. It is hoped that these meetings will be held bi-monthly.

### 1034 Future agenda items / business for future meetings. The nature of future agenda items can be openly discussed at this point, but no binding decisions can be made.

- a) The current **Salt Spreader** is not fit for purpose and has caused several issues over the winter. It was agreed to trial a much superior one with a view to purchasing on the basis of 50/50 with the Estate as before.
- b) All Councillors to have **separate emails accounts** from their personal one. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate Microsoft 365.
- c) Collapsed Badger Sett at the Deene bridge towards A43– it was agreed to contact Sarah Barnwell.
- d) The Clerk agreed to invite the new North Northamptonshire Councillors to the next meeting.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should contact the North Northamptonshire Councillors for the area to invite them to attend the meetings.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 7:20p.m.

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