

DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021 in Deene Village Hall

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

- 1036 **There were no Apologies**
- 1037 Cllr Coombs **declared an interest** in all things Deene Estate
- 1038 There were no **Members of the Public** present
- 1039 **The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2021** were approved and signed by Cllr Gretton
- 1040 **Planning** –.NE/21/01007/FUL and 01008/LBC – Single storey extension, replacement windows and door plus adaption of outbuilding to annexe along with associated landscaping Deepings Lodge Deene Park – no objections.
- 1041 **Permissive Footpath** – Cllr Coombs reported Jane Kennedy may have found a grant for up to 10K which would be sufficient for the cycleway.
- 1042 **Defibrator Refresher Training** – Mr. Goodfellow has been in contact with CHT who have confirmed several dates in October, the cost for a 90 minute course will be £175 plus VAT up to a maximum of 50 people.
- 1043 **Illusive Festival** –both Cllr Gretton and Cllr Coombs attended the Safety Advisor Group (SAG) meeting on May 25th. The matter of the closing date and time was discussed, the closing time was midnight on 27th April however the decision was taken at 16:00 that day. The maximum people allowed in due to Covid restrictions is 9999. Cllr Gretton is waiting for the contact telephone numbers which he will pass onto the Clerk who will in turn forward them onto Weldon Parish Council. The matter of traffic coming into site will be addressed and the water supply has to be tested.
- 1044 **Email Account** – The Clerk reported that Cllrs Barratt, Gautrey-Prue, and Reading have all supplied her with separate email addressed purely for Parish Council business.
- 1045 **Rural Coordination Group Meeting 28th June** – the Clerk gave the report from extracts of the Benefield Parish Council attendee. The meeting spent almost 2 hours talking about the planning applications on the Cotterstock Road and Stoke Doyle Road in Oundle. With only a 2-hour meeting no other items on the agenda were discussed. Date of next meeting to be decided.
- 1046 **Joint Action Group Meeting 13th July** – Cllr Gretton had attended this meeting and reported that most of it was spent with the police talking about drugs and speeding traffic.
- 1047 **Police, Fire & Crime Commissioners Meetings 15th June & 12th July** – Cllr Gautrey-Prue attended both meetings, the first meeting dealt with Police and Crime most of the police forces time is spent on Anti-Social, County Border Crime and Domestic Abuse. In the future there will be mobile police stations, that communities can ask to attend their villages and beat officers will be wearing tracker devices. The second meeting dealt with the Fire Service, there are 22 fire stations across the county and each has a 10 minute response time, they still provide free visits to the elderly for fitting smoke detectors. Going forward one month there will be a meeting for the Police and Crime and the next the Fire Service.

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1048 Finance

- a. The Clerk reported that there is currently £24578.98 across both Bank Accounts, which includes a VAT claim of £171.57.
- b. The following payments were approved under current legislation

Details	Value
Brian Gretton – Petrol for Mowers	£44.50
Brian Gretton – Strimmer Cable	£15.00
Nigel Cook – Grass Cutting & repairs to Strimmer	340.00
Nigel Cook – Litter Picking	30.00
Sue Cook – Salary and Expenses	£385.13
HMRC – PAYE	£93.67

1049 Highways and Village Maintenance

- a) **Bridleway in Deenethorpe** – Cllr Coombs confirmed that work will start during the autumn.
- e) **Flooding in Deenethorpe/Deene** - The Flood Investigation Team has been on site awaiting the report. In the meantime, both Cllr Coombs and Cllr Reading will investigate digging out the ditch along Avery Hill.
- f) **Relief Road, Weldon** – The Clerk reported that Spine Road should be opened by Monday 9th August, the reason for the delay was that NNC failed to carry out the Road Safety Audit in time for the end of June opening.
- i) **Himalayan Balsam** – Cllr Coombs admitted that it is too late to do anything this year but will investigate the situation next Spring
- e) **Salt Spreader** – Cllr Coombs will have costs etc available for next meeting.

1050 Official reports or correspondence received as previously circulated with no action required:

- a) eUpdates from NCALC
- b) Inspectors Report on Part 2 Local Plan for Corby
- c) Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC
- d) Newsletter from Cllr David Howes

1051 Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda, for discussion:

- a) Cllr Gretton thanked Deene Estate for allowing Mr Cook to use their sit on mower to help with the grass cutting. Deene Churchyard is being cut once a fortnight at the moment and by using the Estate's sit on mower it is reducing the cutting time down significantly.

1052 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 Clerk reported that she is having trouble with the Parish Council's laptop, it is 5 years old and is finding it difficult to have two apps open at the same time. Cllr Coombs has a contact who supplies the Estate with refurbished ones. It was agreed that a new one should be purchased be that brand new or a refurbished one.

1053 The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 20th September 2021 in Deene Village Hall.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8:00p.m.