

# DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023 in Deene Village Hall

Councillors Present	Mark Coombs, Keith Gautrey-Prue, Brian Gretton (Chair), and Jonny Pepper
Also Present	1 member of the public, James Youatt (Interim Estate Manager) and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 1197 **Apologies had been received from** Cllr Copeland and Cllr Reading, both were accepted.
- 1198 Cllr Coombs **Declared an interest** in all things Deene Estate
- 1199 The Ward Councillor had not submitted a report
- 1200 A member of the Public asked if something could be done about the condition of Osier Bed Road.
- 1201 The minutes from the full Council Meeting held on 21st November were approved and signed by Cllr Gretton.
- 1202 **Grass Cutting** - it was resolved that Mr Nigel Cox and Mr Nigel Cook should cut the grass verges, Deenethorpe Village Green and the Churchyard 8 times at a cost of £20 per person using the Parish Councils equipment. Cllr Gretton will continue to cut the plantations free of charge. The Clerk to raise contracts for both Mr Cox and Mr Cook along with informing Weldon Parochial Church that the Churchyard grass will be cut again this financial year.
- 1203 **Finance**
- a) The **Budget** estimates had been circulated to the Councilors prior to the meeting, after discussing the proposals it was proposed by Cllr Pepper that the precept demand under s41 of the Local Government Act 1992 should be issued to North Northamptonshire Council for £10497, Cllr Coombs seconded the proposal with everyone in agreement.
  - b) Bank Statement - there is currently £18489.25 across both bank accounts, this includes £47.73 interest, £91.55 from NNC for the grass cutting grant and a VAT refund of £261.38
  - c) The following Payments were agreed in line with legislation.

Payee	Reason	Amount
Deene VH	Hire of Room for Meetings	£ 120.00
Sue Cook	Dec & Jan Salary + Expenses	£ 410.67
HMRC	PAYE	£ 125.73
Unity Bank	Service Charge	£ 18.00

- 1204 **Planning -**
- a) NE/22/01604/FUL Erect farm workers dwelling. - Home Farm Lodge, Deenethorpe - no objections
- Cllr Coombs informed the meeting that there will be two new applications submitted within the next few weeks. One for ground mounted solar panels to be installed at the Business area just off the A43, the other for Log Cabins in Dibbins Wood for short stay visitors.
- Outstanding Planning Applications**
- NE/22/01451/FUL | Install conservation rooflights, for window/door openings and internal alterations and new mezzanine floor | Buildings At Home Farm House Deene
- 1205 Government grant to supply a **charging point for electric cars** at the Deene Village Hall No progress has been made.

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- 1206 **Barratt Woods** - no progress has been made , it was suggested that Cllr Gautrey -Prue and Jane Kennedy (Deene Estate Office Administrator) should proceed with this.
- 1207 **Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Meeting** - Cllr Gautrey-Prue is now part of the working party who have been charged with forming the Agenda for the meetings. Areas of concern are Countyline crimes, Domestic Abuse, Rural Crimes and Fly Tipping. The Fire Services are concerned with flood prevention.
- 1208 **Tree in Memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II** - it was agreed to purchase an Elm Tree to be planted on Willow Brook Green. No progress has been made.
- 1209 **Defibrillators** - Webnos and EMAS (East Midland Ambulance Service) currently both look after the defibrillators. Webnos supplies the batteries and pads when necessary, however EMAS do not. It was agreed to continue with the contract from Webnos.
- 1210 **Highways and Village Maintenance**
- a) Bridleway in Deenethorpe - no further action required at this time.
  - b) Dog Fouling - the 3 bins, posts and straps, have been delivered, the estate will erect them.
  - c) Fly Tipping - It was agreed not to proceed with purchasing the CCTV cameras for the time being.
  - d) Noticeboard for the Village Hall - The estate office has had an apology from the company for failing to deliver, it is ready for delivery.
  - e) Osier Bed Lane - has a heavy layer of silt building up and the red posts have been damaged once again. It was agreed to obtain a quote from John Collins to remove the silt.
- 1211 **Vacancy for Parish Clerk**- the vacancy has been published by NCALC with no uptake so far. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on the Noticeboards, Parish Council Website, Facebook and distribute an email to the residents.
- 1212 The following items of **Correspondence** had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. All were noted with no further action:
- a) eUpdates from NCALC
  - b) Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC
  - c) Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner today launches Flare Report App
  - d) Integrated Care System, Integrated Care Northamptonshire (ICN)
  - e) Strategic Town & Parish Forum - East Northants & Wellingborough 7th December
  - f) Superfast Northamptonshire Newsletter - December 2022
  - g) Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Council Tax Precept Consultation
  - h) Peer Review on NNC Planning Service
  - j) Corby LCWIP stakeholder workshop 3 slides - request for further comment
- 1193 There were no matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with on the agenda
- 1194 **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) Cllr Coombs has tendered his resignation at Councillor, this meeting will be his last. The Clerk to start the process of finding a replacement. Mr Youatt will be attending the Parish Council meetings as representative from the Estate.

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Cllr Gautrey -Prue gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Coombs for all his work that he has given to the Parish and the Parish Council, he will be greatly missed by all.

1196 Date of Next Meeting

**Monday March 20th starting at 19:00**

This being all the business Cllr Gretton closed the meeting at 19:45

Signature	Date
	20th March 2023