

DEENE & DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes - Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 5th November 2013 in Deene village hall at 7.30pm

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| 263. There were no declarations of interest on items for discussion on the agenda | |
| 264. Present: Annette Blackmore, Robert Dolby, Brian Gretton, Robert Johnson (Chairman), and Mark Martin. Absent: Stuart Barratt. | |
| 265. It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 29 th August 2013 as previously circulated as a true record of that meeting. | |
| 266. Councillors' obligations – The matter of declaration of interest forms had been chased up by East Northamptonshire Council because failure to have submitted these is a criminal offence subject to a fine of up to £5,000. Brian Gretton undertook to furnish the members who had not submitted theirs with paper copies of the form to be completed and sent to East Northamptonshire Council. | |
| 267. PLANNING: | |
| a) There was an update on the working party meeting the proposals for 'New Deenethorpe'. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the promotor of the project and invite him to an evening meeting in the new year to present to the directly affected parish councils to present the scheme. | |
| b) 13/01777/FUL A temporary tarmac car park of 100 spaces with access from Gretton Road until 31 December 2015 and re-instated in line with extant planning permission 11/01535/FUL for planting in March 2016 Horizon Centre Gretton Road Deene – It was RESOLVED to submit no objections or further comments. The clerk is to contact the developers regarding the reinstatement of Kirkby Lane and off road parking for walkers to park. | |
| c) Emailed complaints had been received by the clerk and forwarded to the Horizon Centre regarding heavy plant traffic passing through Deene. It was acknowledged that the developers had dealt with these objections most satisfactorily. | |
| d) A further planning application had been received since the publication of the agenda. It was agreed that a meeting to discuss 12/01809/FUL would take place on Monday 11 th November at 7.30pm. | |
| 268. Highways matters | |
| a) It was resolved to appoint Brian Gretton as the parishes' highways warden. The clerk would pass on the details accordingly. | |
| b) There was an update on the new grit bin update and an agreement to monitor needs for an additional one over the winter period. | |
| c) Brian Gretton agreed to look at the Asset Management Strategy consultation which had been launched at the NALC agm. | |
| 269. Community matters Flooding – There was a discussion regarding problems with flooding in both villages, The issue in Deene is blocked gullies and runoff from fields and is in hand, The problem in Deenethorpe was caused by a mistake during the construction of the 'new' houses. There is a difference in bore size in the drainage pipes and a lack of grill in the field runoff drain, with the combined nett effect causing flooding. This is on private land but causing problems for everyone and the authorities involved are being supportive. There is no further news regarding highways or sewage treatment works adoption | |
| 270. Communications – It was noted that Nene Valley News is being disbanded in line with government legislation. It was agreed to set up information only social media pages in order to pass on information regarding updates to websites, planning and other matters of community importance. The new website is working well and will continue to be a way of getting information to people. In addition, every home receives a copy of the newsletter. | |

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| 271. FINANCIAL MATTERS: | |
| a) Ratification of expenditure under emergency delegation | |
| b) To approve invoices / accounts for payment: | |
| Clerks Salary (May Sept/Oct/Nov– Paid by S/O) | £266.68 |
| Grasscutting payment to G Barratt ?? Cheque 300014 | £875.00 |
| Donation re passing of Mrs Brudenell (held over from Aug meeting) Cheque 300015 | £20.00 |
| Office / Clerks expenses to end September Bank Payt | 163.74 |
| c) To consider draft budget for 2014/15 – this will be held over for final decision at the next meeting, but in the meantime there was a long discussion surrounding the clerk’s rate of pay. It was agreed that the clerk works in excess of the 2 hours per week for which she is currently paid. The current rates of pay agreed by the National Joint Council for local government employees and in turn approved and recommended by the SLCC and NALC had not been circulated to all councillors, but had been looked at in some depth by Brain Gretton who strongly recommended a review and an increase to 4 hours per week on a scale commensurate with the role of the post. | |
| 272. Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda – There was a discussion around the lagoon tanks and smell emanating from the recycling centre at the end of Kirkby Lane. Planning records would be investigated. | |
| 273. Official announcements, notices reports or matters for referral: | |
| a) Chairman – The chairman reiterated concerns regarding the road at the Horizon Centre | |
| 274. Future agenda items would include the budget and accounts, in conjunction with a review of the matters raised at the last audit plus a risk assessment and requirement for the next audit plus the recycling centre at Kirkby Lane | |

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7TH JANUARY 2014 (PLANNING MEETING 11TH NOVEMBER 2013 7.30PM)

Approved by Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date: 7th January 2014