

DEENE & DEENTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes - Deene & Deenthorpe Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 4th November 2014 in Deene village hall at 7.30pm

Before the meeting commenced, there was a minute silence whilst those present remembered Robert Johnson who had been chairman of the council for many, many years and sadly passed away in September. There were a few minutes while people reminisced about Bob and expressed condolences to his family.

333. It was *RESOLVED* to elect Brian Gretton as chairman of the parish council.

334. Members had time at the start of the meeting for their individual thought about Bob Johnson and the council marked its regret at his passing. It was also noted that Mr Edmund Brudenell had recently died. Some members would be attending the funeral and a suitable donation contributed if appropriate.

335. Present: Stuart Barratt, Annette Blackmore, Robert Dolby, Brian Gretton (Chairman) and Mark Martin plus the clerk.

336. There were no declarations of interest on items for discussion on this agenda.

337. It was *RESOLVED* to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 2014.

338. There were no public questions or presentations to the council.

339. Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety matters:

The incidence of oil theft is on the increase as well as burglaries in rural areas – people should be encouraged to be extra vigilant.

340. PLANNING MATTERS: To consider and resolve response to following applications (click on link to view – members should acquaint themselves with the details of the application prior to the meeting):

- 14/01156/FUL | Erection of seventy cabins and associated buildings and infrastructure and construction of new access road | Fineshade Wood, Top Lodge, Fineshade – This is a significant planning application and is still ongoing.

341. GOVERNANCE MATTERS: To consider and resolve response to following consultations:

- The clerk advised on the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 change in legislation. It was agreed to include a standing agenda item requesting that people advise the meeting of intentions to record proceedings so that people exempt can be accommodated.

- Standing Orders – Draft standing orders had been circulated, altered from the last published model standing orders to reflect the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. It was *RESOLVED* to adopt the new standing orders as circulated.

342. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

- 30mph zone road traffic order – there were no objections to the proposals put forward by Northamptonshire County Council highways department to the installation of a 30mph limit in Deenethorpe.

343. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- The clerk is to pursue the flood specialist consultants who surveyed Deenethorpe earlier in the year due to ongoing flooding issues. The chairman would make arrangements to speak with the new estate management agent at Deene Park.

344. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following for payment:

Clerks Salary (August - Nov) Paid by s/o	696.52	S/O
Village Hall hire	45.00	Bank Payment
Office/Clerks expenses	82.24	Bank Payment
PAYE	130.40	Bank Payment
2 nd half of grasscutting	425.00	Cheque

b) The external auditor's report re 2013-14 accounts was received, noted and approved.

c) The budget for 2015/16, will be agreed at the January meeting. This was an opportunity to allow for potential items for inclusion to be raised. The council will ask the person who currently cuts the grass if he would like to continue next year and look at alternatives if he is unable to. The clerk will investigate election costs that need to be taken into consideration.

345. There were no matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda

346. There were no official, notices, correspondence, reports or matters for referral:

347. Future agenda items / AOB to be carried forward: Budget, election of a vice chairman, elections in May 2015

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6TH JANUARY 2015

Approved by Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date: 6th January 2015