

# DEENE & DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes - Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in Deene village hall at 7.30pm

**357. Present:** Stuart Barratt, Annette Blackmore, Robert Dolby, Brian Gretton (Chairman), and Graham Holding and plus the clerk. Apologies received and accepted from Mark Martin who was unwell.

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

**359.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meetings of November 2014 as a true record of proceedings.

**360.** There were no public questions or presentations to the council.

**361.** No neighbourhood watch or community safety matters had been received. There was a discussion regarding recent suspicious activity in the village and speculation about burglaries in other communities. The parish council is concerned that people maintain vigilance especially during the darker evenings.

**362. PLANNING MATTERS:**

**363.** 14/02272/LBC | Alterations of existing outbuilding to form additional toilets and alterations to existing internal WC, new internal doorway, door and lintel over. | Deene Hall Deene Park Deene – It was **RESOLVED** to submit no objections or further comment to this application.

**364.** Neighbourhood planning update: No further information regarding 'lighter touch' neighbourhood planning had become apparent since the last meeting. The council is very keen to implement a neighbourhood plan, but has very limited resources with which to do so.

**365.** The chairman advised that he would be attending the development control committee meeting to put the parish councils view of the proposed extension at 9 Deenethorpe.

**366. GOVERNANCE MATTERS:** There were no points to discuss

**367. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:** The clerk undertook to forward the necessary weblinks for contacting "Streetdoctor", the online reporting system for Northamptonshire County Council highways issues.

**368. COMMUNITY MATTERS:**

- Flooding issues – A meeting has been convened for 16th January between the parish council, the Environment Agency, the flooding consultants employed by Northamptonshire County Council and Deene Park. There was a wide ranging discussion regarding the fact that the 'new' houses at the bottom of Avery Hill, opposite the brook have been designated flood zone by the Environment Agency. The various causes of the run off flood water and the lack of drainage caused by the over silted lake were discussed at length. It is hoped that the meeting will prove positive and that constructive actions will result from it.

- Village Hall – there was a discussion regarding the village hall committee which is due for re nomination at the upcoming annual general meeting. There are relatively few committee members and regular fund raising activities, which means increased voluntary activities for those members and inconsistent support from the village because of people's commitments. The parish council concluded that it wants to support the village hall committee in its endeavours and will make a financial contribution in the coming financial year.

**369. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Goods / services / item	Payee	Nett	Gross (inc VAT)
Salary (Dec/Jan) S/O payment	S Rodger	348.27	348.27
PAYE (bank payment)	HMRC	130.40	130.40

b) **CONSIDER AND RESOLVE BUDGET** for 2015/16: There was a wide ranging discussion of all the factors that the parish council is facing in the future and the various cost factors. It was agreed that income and expenditure will be closely monitored against budget for the next year. It was **RESOLVED** to increase the clerk's salary in accordance with the NALC/SLCC agreement and by one increment point as per the contract of employment, in addition to a pro-rata one off payment of £100 (£12.73 gross). It was **RESOLVED** to demand a precept of £6,333 against the following budget:

Precept	6,333.00	Salary	2,735.00
VAT / other income		Premises hire	90.00
Interest	2	Charitable donations / Contingency	400.00
Totals less inc from reserves		NALC / Subscriptions / Misc stationery / exps	250.00
Anticipated reserves	3,100.00	Audit	50.00
		Insurance	185.00
		Election	700.00
		Misc	0.00
		Grass cutting	900.00
		General Admin	225.00
		To reserves	800.00

**370.** Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: The Horizon Data Centre project has finished, but the reinstatement of the grass verges and kerbsides has not been completed. The clerk is to contact the management agents to pursue the matter.

**371.** There were no announcements, notices, correspondence, reports or matters for referral.

**372.** Future agenda items: Highways – 30mph scheme and the one way system require an update and the matter of candidates for the election needs to be clarified.

*The meeting closed at 9.17pm*

**DATES OF 2015 MEETINGS: 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Approved by Deene & Deenethorpe Parish Council:**

**Signature of Chairman  
of following meeting:**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015**