

DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2024 in Deene Village Hall

Councillors Present	Keith Gautrey-Prue (Chair), Hannah Chambers (Deputy Chair), Stuart Barratt , Ian Briden.
Also Present	Tom James (Clerk)

1181 Apologies - Cllr Gretton and Cllr Hickling (Cllr Hickling provided written points on various agenda items, which are reflected in these minutes)

1182 Declarations of interest - No declarations of interest were stated.

1183 The minutes of the meetings held on 20th November 2023, were approved, and signed by Cllr Gautrey-Prue.

1184 No members of the public attended the meeting.

1185 Councillors Vacancy - The council currently has one vacancy. It was decided that residents would be contacted via social media and door to door flyers, to contact Clerk should they wish to express an interest to join the council. Interviews with such candidates would follow.

1186 Financial Matters

a) Following payments (previously circulated) were approved.

NCALC	Training - (Code of Conduct) Brian Gretton	£50.40
Neil's Plant Hire	Gravel for Village Hall Car Park	£837.48
Nigel Cook	Replacement Jockey Wheel for Trailer	£12.00
Tom James	Nov/Dec Salary	£392.96
HMRC	PAYE (for May > Dec)	£392.96
		£1,685.80

b) Balance across the two bank accounts totals 5 January 2024 **£ 22,916.68**

c) 2024/25 Precept Demand - Cllr Chambers proposed to maintain the existing level of precept at £10,497. Proposal was seconded by Cllr Barratt, and unanimously accepted.

1187 Planning Matters:

a) **NE/23/01245/LBC** - Deene Village Hall - Reinstatement of chimney - This application is supported by the Council. Cllr Hickling reported that discussions are ongoing to allow the reinstated chimney to be supported without the need to rebuild the internal chimney breast.

b) **NE/23/01250/FUL** - Rockingham Motor Speedway - Objections based on existing and potential further light pollution have been passed to Planning

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authorities.

1188 Deene Estate - Update on any new matters impacting locality - Nothing reported.

1189 Illusive Festival - Post event review (with Licensing Authorities) - Cllr Hickling reported that the Licensing Authority has no plans to hold a post event review as they are content with how the event went. It was agreed that at the pre 2024 event meeting, concerns already made by residents would be raised.

(Please note minute point 1164 from 18 September 2023)

1164 Illusive Festival - Key issues raised this year (a) excessive noise after “official” cut off times, caused by (it is understood) mobile sound systems in the camping areas, and (b) an individual (under the influence) attempting to gain entrance to a number of properties in Deenethorpe, and refusal of the organisers to attend to the complaint. Simon Hickling agreed to raise both points with organisers.

1190 Highways and Village Maintenance

- a) Deenethorpe - Benefield Road update
- b) Deene junction with A43 Junction - Flooding update
- c) Deenethorpe Cross Roads - “Give Way” signage
- d) Osier Bed Lane - Damaged Red Warnings Posts

Chairman will again raise above points (a-d) with the North Northants Council (NNC) and copy in local MP, Tom Pursglove.

e) Grass Cutting - Specification - Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Estate and Chairman to progress this.

f) Dog Bins - Reports of overflowing dog waste bins at entrances to the two plantations in Deenethorpe, have been reported. Clerk to raise this issue the NNC who have responsibility to empty these bins - Residents are reminded that NNC have a web site to report such complaints, and the more people who complain, the higher the likelihood that action will follow.

g) Deenethorpe Airfield – Dumping of garden waste. Cllr Hickling has advised that consent, given during the Covid pandemic to allow the disposal of garden waste on the airfield, whilst the local recycling centre was closed, is ending, given that the local council waste / recycling centre is fully operational. Meeting noted its appreciation of the facility, which proved extremely useful during the pandemic.

h) Salt Spreader - It was noted that during the recent spell of extremely cold weather and snow, areas previously treated by the Estate, appeared to go untreated. Chairman to follow up with the Estate to clarify the situation.

1191 Tree Commemorating King Charles III Coronation / Plaques - Quotes have been obtained for plaques already used on the Estate, at a cost (including stands / excluding VAT) of £257.50 each. It was agreed that four plaques would be ordered, covering the existing three trees and the new tree for King Charles. Wording to be agreed at the next meeting.

1192 Deene Village Hall Notice Board - The previous wooden notice board has been repaired and reinstated, for which the council is grateful to the Estate.

1193 Pupil Safety - Bus transportation between the two villages to Oundle. Concerns raised by the Chairman with both the school and transport provider have yet to achieve any change. Chairman to maintain pressure of the school, transport provider and council, and

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seek urgent support from local MP.

1194 Official reports or correspondence received as previously circulated:

- a) eUpdates from NCALC (Northampton's County Association of Local Councils)
- b) Newsletters from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC
- c) Northampton Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners Newsletter
- d) Priors Hall - Zone 3, arrival of first residents
Discussions as to the addition of new households into the existing Parish boundary could benefit from some knowledge as to the potential final number of households involved. Clerk to seek further information from the NNC to share with councillors.

1195 Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner meetings - Chairman to report at next meeting.

1196 Defibrillator key fobs - It was agreed that keyfobs for each household would be purchased covering the two existing villages / machines, at a cost of £235.99.

1197 GDPR - (General Data Protection Requirements) Cllr Hickling has received some messages containing “grumbles” about local communications that could raise some GDPR issues. Chairman to discuss this with Cllr Hickling. It was noted that the Parish Council does have a GDPR policy and is appropriately registered.

In conjunction with the door to door flyers to seek an additional councillor, the flyer would also be used to get residents consent to staying on the email lists used occasionally for Parish Council communications.

1198 Tresham Garden Village - Given recent press reports that the Tresham Garden Village Scheme has “stalled”, and has already received public funding, Parish Council is requesting that representatives from the scheme provide a formal response as to what is actually going on. Cllr Hickling is asked to pass this request to scheme sponsors.

1199 Dates of future meeting in 2024

Monday March 18th, 2024
Monday May 20th, 2024
Monday July 8th, 2024
Monday September 16th 2024
Monday November 18th 2024

This being all the business, Cllr Gautry-Prue closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Signature	Date
K Gautrey-Prue	18 January 2024