

DEENE AND DEENETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors Present	Keith Gautrey-Prue (<i>Chair</i>), Hannah Chambers (<i>Deputy Chair</i>), Brian Gretton, Stuart Barratt, Ian Briden,
Also Present	Tom James (<i>Clerk</i>) <i>NO MEMBERS OF PUBLIC ATTENDED</i>

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 20th May 2024 in Deene Village Hall

1216 **Annual Report for 2023/2024 from Chair presented.** (Copy attached)

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

- 1217 **Appointment of Chair** - Proposal for Cllr Gautrey-Prue to continue as Chair, made by Cllr Gretton, was unanimously accepted. Declaration of acceptance, duly signed by appointee and clerk.
- 1218 **Appointment of Deputy Chair** - Proposal for Cllr Chambers to continue as Vice Chair made by Cllr Barratt, was unanimously accepted. Declaration of acceptance, duly signed by appointee and Clerk.
- 1219 **Parish Policies were reviewed and accepted.** Duly signed by Chair, Deputy Chair and Clerk.

Minutes of the Parish Council

- 1220 **Apologies** - Cllr Hickling had advised Clerk and Chair, in advance, of unavoidable absence.
- 1220b **Declarations of interest** – No declarations were made.
- 1221 **Minutes of the meetings** held on 18th March 2024, were approved, and signed by Cllr Gautrey-Prue.
- 1222 **Councillors Vacancy** - The Council currently has one vacancy. Chair / Vice Chair and Clerk to meet to consider how best to fill vacancy. The vacancy is also mentioned on the Council Web Page.
- 1223 **Financial Matters**
- a) **2023/2024 Year End Accounts were approved / signed** (Having been previously independently audited)
 - b) **Annual Certificate of Exemption was approved / signed.**
 - c) **Annual Governance Statement was approved / signed.**
 - d) **Payments** amounting to **£3,129.97** previously circulated were approved.
 - e) **Bank Balance** across the two accounts 20 May 24 **£30,493.16**
 - f) It was agreed that funds would be concentrated in the interest bearing account, and transfers made to the current account in line with spending.

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1224 Planning Matters:

- a) **NE/23/01250/FUL** - Rockingham Motor Speedway - Objections based on existing and potential further light pollution have been passed to Planning authorities. Awaiting decision.
- b) **NE/24/00009/WASFUL** – Kirby Lodge Metal Recycling Facility. Concerns were made regarding the “Part Retrospective” nature of application. – *Cllrs to pass any comments to Clerk before 31 May 2024.*

1225 Village Hall D-day Event – Council confirmed prior approval for a contribution of £500.00 from Council funds.

1226 Parish Council Grants – New policy, previously circulated, was proposed by Cllr Gautrey-Prue and unanimously accepted. *Clerk to upload policy to Council web site.*

1227 Highways and Village Maintenance

- a) Cllr Gautrey-Prue confirmed ongoing discussions with NNC, including involvement of local MP, who had a recent eight mile drive around both rural and town road and the A43 with Cllr Gautrey-Prue. MP could see, first-hand the state of the roads in the area, and advised he would be seeking commitments from NNC to rectify same.
- b) Commemorative Trees (signage). Signage has been received and will be positioned shortly.
- c) Coronation Orchard (application deadline 28 July 2024) – *Chair / Deputy Chair and Clerk to meet on the 6th of June to complete application.*

1228 Environmental Incident Gretton Brook - relating to activities on Rockingham Speedway site (NNC. reference: ENV597416797). *Chair to follow up with Cllr Hickling and report at next meeting.*

1229 Community Governance Review. Awaiting next steps from North Northampton Council. Request (originally made 12th April 24) to NNC for clarity on how many properties on the latest phase of Priors Hall that will fall with existing Parish Council boundaries, remains outstanding.

1230 Official reports or correspondence received as previously circulated:

- a) e-Updates from NCALC (Northampton's County Association of Local Councils)
- b) Newsletters from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC
- c) NNC Events / Information Sessions

1231 Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner meetings – Cllr Gautrey-Prue read letter dated 16th May, from new Police and Fire Crime Commissioner. Further briefings are expected shortly.

1232 Defibrillator key fobs – These were shown to Council. *Distribution and covering letter will be arranged at the meeting between Chair, Deputy Chair and Clerk 6 June.*

1233 GDPR - (General Data Protection Requirements) Mailing list. *Arrangements for residents to “opt in” will be finalised at meeting between Chair, Deputy Chair and Clerk 6 June.*

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- 1234 Chair - E mail account** – Following recent (failed) scam attempt using similar e mail to that used by the Chair, and some issues related to transferring same, a new e mail account will be created. *Clerk to share details with Councillors in due course.*
- 1235 King Charles portrait** – This was passed to Cllr Gretton, as a member of Parish Hall Committee, to be appropriately positioned in the Village Hall.
- 1236 Parish Clerk** – Clerk, having previously advised Chair, told meeting that he would be leaving the Parish. No date is yet available. Chair confirmed that steps to recruit a replacement have already started.
- 1237 Other Business** – Cllr Gretton raised ongoing issues with the general state of Osier Bed Lane, including the deteriorating state of the ditches. *Subject to be included on the next agenda.*

Dates of future meeting in 2024 – Monday July 8th, September 16th, November 18th.

This being all the business, Cllr Gautrey-Prue closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

Signature	Date 8 July 2024
K Gautrey-Prue	