



Denham

PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Resident

February 2020

Well, what a wet month January has been! Let's hope the rain will have eased up by the time this edition is distributed. We can all hopefully look forward to better weather and the coming of Spring. It's also lovely to hear the birds begin to sing once again.

We have been extremely busy over the last couple of months pulling our **budgets** together to cover the period April 2020 to March 2021. Our deadline is with South Bucks District Council who require the information by the end of January in order to take our requirements on board when setting the rates. It is quite intense work for both councillors who chair committees and our office staff keeping track of current expenditure. At the time of writing this, it looks like the contribution from the rates for Denham Parish Council will work out as less than £0.05p a week increase. We hope we won't need to make a drastic change to this projection as our goal is to keep any increase to a minimum.

May we take this opportunity to remind our residents that in order to keep our costs down we very much rely on you to advise us of any issues you come across that are in 30mph areas, such as **streetlights** out, **overgrown hedges**, **trees** and **pathways**, and **graffiti**. For example, if there is a tree near you that is obscuring one of our streetlights, please inform our clerk, as we no longer pay for streetlight patrols but rely on residents to keep us informed. There is a number on streetlight poles which we ask you to quote if you can read it. However, a note of caution, whatever you report doesn't mean that the problem will be instantly resolved as in most cases we rely on contractors and need to get quotes for the fault to be remedied.

Unfortunately, our **Neighbourhood Plan** target of January has slipped. We are still refining it and waiting for a response from SBDC. However, we feel we are nearly there and have decided that all being well, our Annual Parish Meeting, now set for Thursday 19 March, would be an ideal opportunity to present it to you and go out for further consultation.

We met our new **MP Joy Morrissey** in early January when she popped in to see us and we offered to drive her around Denham so that we could point out matters that are of concern to residents. A

date has been set in February.

Please note below that we hope you will be delighted to see that we have arranged more Sunday dates for our popular **Social Tea Dance with Music & Bingo** in the New Denham Community Centre, for the months of May, June, September & November. If you could RSVP, ring booking number 01895 834709 or email clerk@denhambucks-pc.gov.uk, a few days before to let us know if you are attending, it would assist us catering for enough.

We understand the Denham **Dining Clubs**, now have some vacancies so please contact us if you wish to be put in touch with them. Aged Concern lunch held in New Denham Community Hall 3rd Friday of the month & Madelaine Paton held in St Marks Hall Denham Green on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month.. Transport can be arranged, so don't let that be a difficulty that might stop you joining in.

SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Parish Meeting Please note the date change below for our Annual Meeting

Thursday 19 March - Annual Parish Meeting, 7pm Denham Village Memorial Hall

Friday 8 May - VE Day Celebrations, Children's Tea Party Denham Village Memorial Hall

Sunday 10 May - Social Tea Dance with Music & Bingo New Denham Community Centre

Sunday 17 May - Beating the Bounds led by Paul Graham

Sunday 17 May, Music on the Green. Denham Village Green – further dates below

Sunday 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September Music on the Green DVG

Sunday 21 June, 6 September, 15 November - Social Tea Dance with Music & Bingo New Denham Community Centre

Get involved!! You are most welcome to attend our Monthly Parish Council Meetings that are held on the second Monday of every month (except August) in the Parish Office located at the rear of the Denham Village Memorial Hall off Cheapside Lane. If you are interested about the area you reside in and how we manage it, perhaps you would care to join one of our committees as an Associate to see if you are interested in a more permanent role?

Marilyn Heath
Chairman, Denham Parish Council