

DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL meeting Held on Monday 10th June 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, Denham

Councillors Cllr M Heath (MH) - Chairman Cllr S Jefferys (SJ)
 # Cllr J Walsh (JW) Cllr M Skelton (MS)
 Cllr K Bowen (KB) Cllr S Sproul (SS)
 Cllr W Davey (WD) Cllr G Hollis (GH)
 Cllr A Hans (AH) Cllr S Williams (SW) - Vice-Chairman
 Cllr M E Hagon (MEH)

Associates # Edna Austin (EA) **Cnty Cllr** - Roger Reed
 # Jonathan Huntley (JH) **Clerk** - Jagjit Brar

Minutes Number	Meeting Minutes	Action
190610/01	<p>Apologies for Absence Cllr J. Walsh</p> <p>Cllr MH welcomed everyone and offered all Councillors the opportunity to get involved in the Kick-start meeting scheduled after this one.</p>	
190610/02	<p>Notification of any urgent other business to be taken under item 190610/16</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr MH – Denham United Nursery Cllr SW – Young Councillors – Moved to kick-start meeting 	
190610/03	<p>Approval of Parish Council Minutes Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 13 May 2019 presented by Cllr MH seconded by Cllr AH</p> <p>Approved</p>	
190610/04	<p>Approval of Committee Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Committee held on 14 May 2019 Presented by Cllr SJ, seconded by Cllr SS - Approved Communities Committee on 21 May 2019 Presented by Cllr SW, seconded by Cllr SJ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr KB suggested contacting Wenzels not Cllr SW. On investigation the action to contact Wenzels was for Cllr SW not the suggestion Services Committee on 3 June 2019 Presented by Cllr MH, seconded by Cllr SW - Approved 	
190610/05	<p>Matters dealt with under Urgent Action since Last Meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with TfB – requested for Monday 17th June 2019 Cllr MH, Cllr SW, Cllr SJ, Cllr KB will be in attendance, Cllr RR can make it after 10am. Cllr GH would like to raise the issues with Fix my Street closing calls Minutes of HS2 meeting attached 	Clerk

190610/06

Report from County Councillor

The remainder of Tilehouse Lane has now been resurfaced and Cllr RR has forwarded the urgency of flooding issues on the A40, A412 and Denham Green to TfB. Cllr MS suggested we write with issues and expectations before we meet with TfB on the 17th June, Cllr MH stated that it was already in hand.

Cllr RR confirmed that traffic management will be required for the repairs and all flooding works.

Local Plan

Current proposal is 5,200 homes for SBDC and Chiltern. SBDC is only 72% of the size of Chiltern but we are taking 59% of the combined housing allocation. Even though we are a smaller land area we are meeting the quota of Chiltern. Although the majority of the SBDC housing is earmarked for Iver and Beaconsfield, there will be a significant knock on effect of traffic which will be felt by Denham with the A40 and the Denham roundabout in particular. For example 1,600 new homes in Beaconsfield will mean a minimum of 1,600 additional car movements.

The removal of Greenbelt protection for Denham Village, Tatling End and Higher Denham will result in the land currently being used by the car boot sale having a hotel and office space right next to the entrance of the Colne Valley Visitors Centre.

There will be 60 additional traveller pitches in SBDC who already have the majority of existing sites. It is unfair dumping by Chiltern on SBDC with 15 pitches in Iver and 15 in Beaconsfield.

Cllr RR noted the delays in the publication of this document have been raised and Bucks County Council have already objected to the Plan but nothing has changed as a result. Bucks County Council will be making a major objection to the Local Plan as one of their own policies is the protection of the Greenbelt so they will oppose this plan.

A cabinet member suggested that it was the government that is forcing the Greenbelt release however when Cllr RR spoke to a government minister he was told that it is government policy to protect Greenbelt any release of it is a local decision. If the Plan does go ahead Denham will be collateral damage with the significant increase in traffic on the A40.

Cllr RR recommended that the Parish Council responds in detail and makes their views known as will neighbouring Parishes.

Cllr MH raised that at the SBALC meeting no other Councils raised the Local Plan and Denham requested that SBALC put a response in and all Parishes should contribute with Chairman Sandy Saunders leading the response. Six weeks of consultation is simply not enough for a document of such significance and impact.

Cllr RR responded that in 2011 the consultation period was much longer. Cllr MH noted that the first stage of Greenbelt consultation was not public and inadequate. Cllr GH agreed that the consultation was inadequate and was better last time with events taking place in the Village Hall.

Cllr RR recommended that we will need representation at the public enquiry but it will be expensive. Residents will feel that it is money well spent if we can keep the Greenbelt protection. We must convince the Planning Inspector that

	<p>this Plan is not sound and that it should be taken forward by the new Unitary Council instead of SBDC and Chiltern.</p> <p>Cllr MEH enquired who the representative for Denham at the Joint Committee that agreed the plan. It is likely that both Beaconsfield and Iver will object strongly, if successful it will have an adverse effect on Denham.</p> <p>Cllr GH confirmed that the group he sits on at the SBDC has no power and no terms of reference and therefore has very little influence. The Plan needs to be objected to on the basis of lack of consultation, lack of transparency and lack of source documentation for the traffic impacts. Despite requests from Dist. Cllr GH SBDC Officers are not supplying documentation.</p> <p>Cllr SJ – A banner has been put up in Beaconsfield to encourage residents to participate in the consultation, should we do something similar? Cllr RR said it is a matter of resource, professional representation should be a priority. The Plan appears to be Officer led and their jobs are at risk with the new Unitary Council and SBDC Councillors were given a 3 line whip to get it through.</p> <p>Cllr SS – suggested we team up with another Parish for an expensive Barrister? Cllr RR suggested that they will have their own issues and agendas and it is our duty to protect the Greenbelt in Denham.</p> <p>Cllr KB – We need professional legal representation. At the last Greenbelt meeting in London some Parishes have successfully fought removal of Greenbelt with legal help. Cllr MH requested Cllr KB to make contact to find out who their legal representation was, it would be good to get one with a track record of success.</p> <p>Cllr RR to also look into a potential barrister, if there is enough public opposition the Planning Inspector will have to take note, social media must play its part and Cllr MH said we will email residents and urge them to object.</p>	<p>Cllr KB</p> <p>Cllr RR Clerk</p>
<p>190610/07</p>	<p>Reports from District Councillor Dist. Cllr GH presented his written report on the Local Plan, please see attached.</p> <p>Cllr GH noted that Chiltern has a large amount of Areas of Natural Beauty (AONB) therefore cannot fulfil their housing allocation. It has been passed to South Bucks because as their neighbour we have a duty to cooperate to help. This is similarly the case with Aylesbury Vale is taking 6k of our housing allocation in the new Local Plan.</p> <p>Cllr MH suggested we have a standpoint as a Parish first before we go out to social media.</p>	
<p>190610/08</p>	<p>Chairman's Report SBALC and BMKALC both highlighted that there are numerous community events taking place in neighbouring parishes.</p>	
<p>190610/09</p>	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies None</p>	

190610/10	<p>Cricket field Bungalow Clerk – The increase of £25 to the monthly rent has been accepted by the tenant and a new agreement is being drawn up. A valuation of the property has been requested alongside new quotes for the work that needs to be done.</p>	Clerk
190610/11	<p>Annual Parish Meeting Draft Minutes to be circulated next month following amendments from Neil Homer and Cllr RR.</p>	
190610/12	<p>Local / Neighbourhood Plan It was noted that the SBDC Drop In sessions were coming up, please encourage all residents to attend and get involved.</p> <p>Cllr GH, Cllr MEH, Cllr SJ, Cllr SW, Cllr MS and Cllr MH would like to come together to form a working party for the Parish response to Local Plan. Clerk to propose dates</p>	Clerk
190610/13	<p>Office Opening Hours – Councillors and Public Clerk proposed new office opening times of <i>Tues 2-4pm</i> <i>Weds 10am to 12pm</i> <i>Friday 10am to 3pm</i> <i>Closed Mon & Thurs</i></p> <p>Cllr WD – Raised will the public still be able to call in by telephone? Clerk responded that the office would be operational and still be taking calls but would be closed for visitors.</p> <p>Cllr AH suggested that we open on Mondays as the weekend can throw up issues and to close on Wednesday instead?</p> <p>Cllr KB suggested that the public make an appointment to come in, the Clerk agreed that was a good suggestion and that this would also help when Councillors came in to the office, if they call ahead we will be expecting them rather than having to stop working unexpectedly.</p> <p>Agreed that new opening hours for Councillors and public will be: <i>Monday 2-4pm</i> <i>Tuesday 10am to 12pm</i> <i>Wednesday CLOSED</i> <i>Thursday 10am to 12pm</i> <i>Friday 10am to 12pm</i></p> <p>with the exception of the Chairman.</p>	Clerk
190610/14	<p>Training for Councillors Clerk updated BMKALC offer How to be a Councillor training, the cost would be £380 for the whole council and would take place between 6.30pm and 8.30pm at the Parish office. There was mixed feedback on the course but it was agreed to propose and date in September for the training.</p> <p>Clerk to request a September training date</p>	Clerk
190610/15	<p>Correspondence List Noted</p>	

190610/16	<p>Financial Matters and Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of Chair of Finance Committee Cllr MH proposed Cllr AH for Chair, seconded by Cllr SW Agreed 2. Election of Vice-Chair Finance Committee Cllr AH proposed Cllr JW for vice-chair, seconded by Cllr SS Agreed 3. Internal Audit Report Cllr AH presented the Internal Audit report and noted that the Auditor was very happy and the feedback was positive. Agreed 4. Approval of the Annual Governance Statement Clerk presented the Annual Governance statement, agreed by Council and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman Cllr MH 5. Approval of the Accountability Return Clerk/RFO presented the Annual Accountability Return, agreed by Council and signed by the Chairman Cllr MH 6. Current Barclays Bank balance Income and Expenditure Report Cllr MH pointed out that the HS2 funding has finally come through along with the precept Noted 7. To note current Metrobank balance Cllr GH noted that we are holding over £85k in the Metrobank Cllr AH – 14k will be moved back into Barclays and we will be looking into a new FCA regulated account. Noted 8. Payments to approve Clerk presented additional payments, Cllr SW, Cllr MH and Cllr SJ declared interests as their expense claims were detailed. Approved 9. Signatories on Bank Accounts No changes in committee so signatures can remain unchanged 10. New financial management software being investigated RBS and Edge The Council gave authority to go with the decision of the Chair of Finance and the Clerk with the approval of the Chairman of Council. <p>Clerk presented a proposal to upgrade the telephone and internet provider contract with BT. The proposal would include a call package (which we currently don't have) and is half of the price we are currently paying. The VOIP system which will allow calls to continue to come in even if one member of the team is on the phone and increase our internet speeds and allow for 4G connectivity of there is a problem with the line at any point ensuring we are always connected. It has been recommended that there is benefit of staying with BT as they will provide the line and the service together and can resolve matters more efficiently than any other provider.</p> <p>Agreed by Council, Clerk to proceed with new contract.</p>	<p>Cllr AH</p> <p>Clerk</p>
190610/17	<p>Other Urgent Business (as agreed under 190610/03)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Denham United Nursery The nursery has requested to meet the Parish Council following the concerns we raised regarding the hosting of a nursery at the DULFC. They have highlighted that BCC are supporting them as there is a great need and they would ensure that they are fully compliant with the regulations. 	

	<p>The Council agreed to meet with the Nursery, Cllr MEH would be instrumental in her role as an Early Years Inspector, Cllr MH, Cllr SW and Cllr JW would also like to be involved.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange a meeting ideally before the 26th June.</p>	Clerk/ Co- Clerk
190610/18	<p>Date of Next Meeting To confirm the date of the next meeting is on Monday 8 July 2019 starting at 7.30pm with a Public Session in the Parish Council Office.</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr SJ and Cllr KB in advance</p>	

Upcoming Meetings and Events

7.00pm	Tuesday	18 June 2019	Communities Committee
7.30pm	Tuesday	25 June 2019	Planning Committee
7.30pm	Monday	1 July 2019	Services Committee
7.30pm	Wednesday	8 July 2019	Parish Council Meeting

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm
Jagjit Brar - Clerk