

Minutes of the MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL on Monday 8 November 2021 at 7.30pm at Denham Village School, Cheapside Lane, Denham Village

Councillors:	Cllr J Walsh (JW) - <i>Chair</i>	Cllr A Hans (AH)
	Cllr M E Hagon (MEH)	Cllr E Austin (EA)
	Cllr S Williams (SW)	Cllr S Sproul (SS)
	Cllr M Heath (MH)	# Cllr G Hollis (GH) (<i>Unitary Cllr</i>)
	Cllr W Davey (WD)	Cllr S Jefferys (SJ)
	# Cllr A W Head (AWH)	# Cllr M Skelton (MS)
Residents:	Charlene Haar	# Duna Alrudayni
Clerk:	Jagjit Brar (JB)	
Guest:	Stewart Pomeroy (SP) – Colne Valley Regional Park	

Agenda No	Agenda Item	Action
20211108/01	Welcome and acceptance of apologies for absence Accepted – See above	
20211108/02	Declaration of Interests None	
20211108/03	Public Session – 10 mins	
20211108/04	Presentation - Stewart Pomeroy – Colne Valley Regional Park (CVRP) SP gave an update on the background and work of the CVRP over the last fifteen years. – CVRP run projects including the successful River Rangers program – There have been major threats to the CVRP including HS2, the recent crematorium application and removal of Greenbelt. – Threats are constant and we need to a better approach with spatial planning going forward, some development is unlawful and must be challenged professionally – Our local MP is supportive however the CVRP is under resourced for the challenges ahead, it has a great board but sadly it doesn't benefit from funding and the status like the AONB of the Chilterns or Lea Valley. – SP thanked the Parish Council for supporting CVRP within the Neighbourhood Plan – The CVRP is grateful for the Parish Council contribution to core funding and would appreciate an increase to £5k so they can continue their good work – AGREED. ACTION – Clerk to work with CVRP to help raise the profile through Twitter, the DPC website and possibly the In & Around magazine	Clerk
20211108/05	Approval of Minutes & Committee Feedback Parish Council 11 October 2021 Proposed by Cllr JW, seconded by Cllr AH - AGREED with corrections: Finance Committee 11 October 2021 Proposed by Cllr AH, seconded by Cllr JW - AGREED Communities Committee 19 October 2021 Proposed by Cllr MEH, seconded by WD - AGREED Extraordinary Meeting 20 October 2021 Proposed by Cllr JW, seconded by Cllr SW – AGREED – Cllr JW thanked Councillors for attending Planning Committee 5 October 2021 Proposed by Cllr JW, seconded by Cllr MEH - AGREED	

	<u>Discussion of Minutes</u> Planning – The monetary fine for the Soin Lounge was too small to make an impact but future applications would not be supported by the Police who are a statutory consultee for any future licencing applications. Cllr JW advised that a lot of work goes into the responses to planning applications, recent submissions by Cllr AWH on the Court Farm applications have taken a great amount of research and time. Finance – Publicity for grants needs to go online and out to the Community.	Clerk
20211108/06	Report from Unitary Councillors Cllr GH gave apologies and the following update: – Three enforcement cases in Denham in progress including Old Rectory Lane and Hollybush Lane – There is a meeting with the new Local Area Technician on 22 November 2021 to discuss local highways issues – Community Boards are trying to raise their profile with local residents please urge applications and involvement Cllr JW thanked Cllr GH for his involvement and support to DPC	
20211108/07	Chairman's Report 1. Project Phoenix The Chair of South Bucks Planning Committee deferred the decision for the application for housing and is being chased by Cllr JW and Cllr GH 2. Scout Hut Update A pathway to the building has been cleared and it has now been acknowledged by the Devolved Assets team that the inside also needs to be cleared and made safe, before a survey can be completed. 3. Casual Vacancy The Clerk has submitted a Casual Vacancy to Democratic Services advertising that we have Councillor vacancies following the resignation of Cllr Bhinder-Dhonsi. 4. Remembrance Day Cllr JW and Cllr will attend the service and lay a wreath from the Council	
20211108/08	Neighbourhood Plan Referendum – 9 December 2021 Clerk - The leaflet has been approved and has gone to print ready for distribution on week beginning the 22 November 2021. Polling cards will be distributed to residents shortly	
20211108/09	Martin Baker Project - Clerk Clerk – Timeline was distributed at the last meeting, there was a slight delay in the delivery of the cabins but now on track for an early December handover.	
20211108/10	Way & Tillard Anti-Social Behaviour Cllr SW advised that the police recommended the roof of the teen shelter be removed however with the colder darker nights, anti-social behaviour has reduced so we will review in the Spring. CCTV is being progressed by the Services Committee. If necessary, the shelter will be removed not dismantled.	
20211108/11	Spring Bulbs Clerk – A Request from Kings Island for bulbs for another 150 spring bulbs has been received, does Council wish to provide them – ALL AGREED Cllr WD advised that he was concerned about planting as last year bulbs had rotted, but now that he has been given dates for installation he is reassured. Cllr	Clerk

	MH requested better planting on the Village Green, Cllr SW advised that other areas are being targeted in the Village.																			
20211108/12	Hedge Flailing Cllr WD advised we are still awaiting hedge flailing. Cllr JW advised not to disturb winter protection for birds.																			
20211108/13	Meetings in the Office – Cllr SS requested that meetings are held in the office. Clerk advised that smaller committees such as Planning already taking place in the office, but for Full Council it is not possible to distance all the Councillors which is against recommendations from NALC. We need to be sensible and keep all Councillors and staff safe as Covid is far from over. Cllr EA advised Council not to be complacent, new variants are still emerging. Cllr MH raised that the Village School is not a suitable venue, the seating is too low. It was AGREED that Full Council meetings are to take place at St Marks Hall and heating to be requested.	Clerk																		
20211108/14	Financial Matters and Reports 1. Flagstone Finance Platform – See attached Motion: <u>Council to proceed with set up of Flagstone Finance Platform</u> – Proposed by Cllr AH, seconded by Cllr SW – ALL AGREED Council agreed to make an initial £250,000 investment on the Flagstone platform and come back to Full Council to choose the banks to invest in. 2. Budget Meetings – Noted and All Councillors to feedback any requests for projects via committees 3. To agree Bank Balances of Barclays Current Account - AGREED 4. To agree Budget report – AGREED 5. Payments to approve for November 2021 totalling £22,929.99 plus £1,464.70 - AGREED <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Payments over £500 November 2021</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Handyman Services D. Wardley</td><td>£1,025</td></tr><tr><td>R O'Connor Consultant and Expenses</td><td>£2,500</td></tr><tr><td>P. Newell – Grass Cutting (TBC)</td><td>£834</td></tr><tr><td>IBB Law – Cricket Club</td><td>£720</td></tr><tr><td>Festive Lights</td><td>£8,516.45</td></tr><tr><td>The Bull Hotel – Councillor Training</td><td>£705</td></tr><tr><td>Groundwork – Rights of Way Maintenance</td><td>£2,570</td></tr><tr><td>Groundwork – Rights of Way Maintenance</td><td>£2,113</td></tr></tbody></table>	Payments over £500 November 2021		Handyman Services D. Wardley	£1,025	R O'Connor Consultant and Expenses	£2,500	P. Newell – Grass Cutting (TBC)	£834	IBB Law – Cricket Club	£720	Festive Lights	£8,516.45	The Bull Hotel – Councillor Training	£705	Groundwork – Rights of Way Maintenance	£2,570	Groundwork – Rights of Way Maintenance	£2,113	Clerk Cllr AH
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20211108/15	Articles for In & Around Magazine None																			
20211108/16	Correspondence List Noted																			
20211108/17	Part II – Members only																			
20211108/18	Date of Next Meeting Monday 13 December 2021 at 7.30pm at St Marks Hall, Green Tiles Lane																			

Signed: Jagjit Brar - Clerk

Date: 3 November 2021

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20211108/17/01	Cllr Margaret Skelton Cllr JW confirmed that Cllr MS did hand in her resignation due to family circumstances and subsequently reconsidered. She has now formally given her apologies for the next five months. The minutes are public and we need to be mindful of this. Clerk confirmed that Cllr MS has attended more than the minimum number of meetings this year and can give apologies due to family reasons. Cllr MH – commented she was happy that Cllr MS is staying but was not happy with the way it was conveyed to Councillors and would like the minutes corrected to show that her resignation was accepted	Clerk
20211108/17/02	Associate Membership for Duna Alrudayni Clerk advised that Duna gave apologies for this meeting. Councillors AGREED that she would need to attend committee meetings to show her commitment to the role, Clerk to send papers.	Clerk
	Cllr A Hans Cllr AH addressed advised that he was disappointed with recent events and is considering his position as a Councillor. Cllr AH confirmed that he would see through the budgeting process after which he will decide his next steps.	
20211108/17/03	Staffing Cllr JW read a letter from the Deputy Clerk stating the reasons for his resignation, in particular the pressure and anxiety he experienced from Councillors. The Clerk followed up advising Council that we have sadly lost a very capable member of staff to reasons beyond her control as a line manager. The Clerk advised Council in September 2021 that staff felt stressed and unappreciated. The Clerk advised that she too has felt the same but has managed it differently. The Clerk advised that we should not recruit another member of staff until there is a culture change within Council. Cllr SW claimed the Deputy Clerk was stressed as he was working on his own for 3 weeks.	

	Post meeting it was confirmed that this was not the case, the Clerk was away for four days and was contactable throughout	
20211108/ 17/04	Councillor Training Monday 29 November 2021 at 1pm Cllr MEH distributed a framework for the training session with the disclaimer that she had done her best to accommodate everyone's needs and was thanked by Cllr JW for her dogged efforts	

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