Denham PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday 27 October 2022 at 7.30pm at the Denham Bowls Club, Denham Way, Denham, UB9 5AX

Councillors:	Cllr S Williams (SW) - Chairman	Cllr S Jefferys (SJ) – Vice Chairman
	Cllr J Walsh (JW)	Cllr A Head (AWH)
	Cllr A Hans (AH)	# Cllr S Sproul (SS)
	Cllr M Heath (MH)	# Cllr M Skelton (MS)
	Cllr G Hollis (GH)	Cllr E Austin (EA)
	# Cllr ME Hagon (MEH)	# Cllr W Davey (WD)
Associates	Babs Keen (BK)	Martin Goonesekera (MG)
Clerk	Mr. Derek Wilson (Clerk)	# Apologies given ## Apologies not given

Agenda No	Agenda Item	Action
20221027/01	**Welcome and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence –** See above	
20221027/02	**Declaration of Interests –** No declarations made	
20221027/03	**Public Session – 10 mins –** No public attendance	
20221027/04	**Draft Response to Boundary Changes Proposal** - Cllr SW advised that within the pack was the draft response. Cllr AWH advised that this will need to go to Full Council and there are three issues to be considered, the separation of New Denham and Willowbank, Denham joining with Gerrards Cross, Fulmer and Hedgerley, along with changing the ward arrangements in this parish. - Cllr AWH stated as a group we need to take the approach that we don't want New Denham to join with Iver. DPC will join with Gerrards Cross and doesn't want to change the parish arrangements, as these were only changed in 2018. Keen to promote Denham going on its own keeping New Denham and Willowbank. The numbers don't work, and this scenario is unlikely to happen. To obtain a robust argument for a combined Denham and Gerrards Cross. - Bucks Council recommendation was for Denham to go with Wexham, Hedgerley and Fulmer. This will appear to be a non-runner as Wexham is split between Slough (Berks) and South Bucks. It was also turned down as it will only consist of a two-member ward and the road links are not clearly defined. - Cllr GH advised that the numbers are much closer to the Boundary Commission if Denham and Gerrards Cross are together as it will secure three councillors to represent the area. - Cllr GH said the Boundary Commission was bound by the Parliamentary Constituency Act 1986 that gives equal weight of getting the numbers right, community identity and convenient local government arrangements. All three have equal weight. - **AGREED:** To insert the reference to the Parliamentary Constituency Act 1986 within the draft response. - Cllr JW advised the meeting that the Parliamentary Act has been updated to 2020, so the latest amendment should be inserted. - **AGREED:** To insert that the Parliamentary Constituency Act 2020 - Cllr JW advised the 2023 Boundary Commission Guide are looking for a constituency of a 4% variant respected local ties rather than a 1% variant which might split communities, and this referred to the 2020	**AWH** **AWH**

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	Parliamentary Constituency Act. Currently Denham has an electorate of 5000 per Councillor. Bringing in Fulmer and Hedgerley is almost the same size as New Denham and that is why they have removed it to go to Iver.
	- **ACTION:** Cllr JW to send Cllr AWH some suitable words to be inserted.
	- Cllr AWH advised that this is a draft response that has to be sent to the Boundary Commission by 5th December 2022, available for the drop-in sessions and to circulate as DPC approach and circulate via email.
	- Cllr SW said it will be up to the three respective Parish Councils having a regular joint meeting to ensure equal representation by the three Councillors.
	- Cllr GH advised that David Brackin of Fulmer want to be part of Gerrards Cross as they could potentially be vulnerable.
	- **ACTION:** Letter to be shared with Denham from Fulmer about their representation
	- Hedgerley also want to be part of Gerrards Cross and will make representations
	- Cllr SW referred to the three churches being linked between Fulmer, Gerrards Cross and Denham
	- **AGREED:** Cllr AWH to make the necessary changes and include Fulmer and Hedgerley
	- Denham Parish Council representations will be available at the drop-in sessions:
	  ○ Wednesday 9th November 5pm to 9pm at the Parish Offices with councillors AWH, JW and EA
	  ○ Thursday 10th November 2pm to 5pm at the New Denham Community Centre with councillors MEH, SW and MH
	- **ACTION:** Flyers will be distributed 1st/2nd November to surrounding roads
	- 50 copies of our representations will be made available for the drop-in sessions
	- Copies of the Boundary Commission Report (76 pages) although only 6 pages are relevant to our area along with the introductory pages. AWH to supply the clerk with the relevant page numbers
	- Cllr JW said that this should be taken to Full Council as there was no resolution tabled so no vote can be taken and should be referred to the Full Council meeting on 14th November to give due notice
	- **ACTION:** Resolution to be considered at Full Council 14th November
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Signed: Derek Wilson – Clerk & RFO

Date: 27 October 2022