

Minutes of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL on Monday 12 December 2022 at 7.30pm at the Denham Parish Council Offices, Denham, UB9 5BN

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
20221212/01	Welcome and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence – See above	
20221212/02	Declaration of Interests – - Cllr AH gave a declaration of expenses - Cllr SW gave a declaration of expenses - Cllr SJ gave a declaration of expenses on behalf of Alpha Construction - The CLERK also had expenses on the payments list	
20221212/03	Public Session – 10 mins - Zemina Calder and Val Calder attended from Tilehouse Lane, Zemina raised three points 1) to be kept informed about the level of speeding in Tilehouse Lane. Neighbourhood petition 62 residents signing. This has now gone to the Community Board. 2) Documentation handed to the Services Committee Meeting on 7th November, still awaiting answers to the questions. ACTION: CLERK to provide responses to the questions - Cllr SW advised the data has now been downloaded, with under 10 cars reaching 50mph in a 30mph zone. The reason for purchasing this MVAS is the Police will take note of the data as it is more accurate. - Zemina had spoken with Sgt.Dan Ryder this week and once the MVAS is installed in Tilehouse Lane, he is keen to gather the evidence. 3) When is it going to be re-sited in Tilehouse Lane? The CLERK replied a response had been received this morning and information from the LAT has been provided to the contractor and now waiting for TfB to confirm when they are going to install the pole. Zemina Calder asked for a contact with TfB and Cllr GH replied he will be the contact. TfB have a significant workload and it will be amongst their priority list. - Cllr MH asked how the residents were getting on with their community speed watch campaign. Zemina has spoken with Lee Turnham of TVP they have 12 volunteers and has not been particularly straightforward to set-up and the MVAS is urgent. Zemina Calder raised the movable MVAS, but these	Clerk

	will still require approval for siting along the highway lane. Cllr GH referred the Community Board may well provide funding towards this and if residents contributed 50% match funding. The question then raised could Google maps blank off the road. This can only be actioned by Bucks requesting Google to blank off a road, as the Highways Authority. ACTION: Cllr GH will contact them to see if this is possible.	Cllr GH
20221212/04	Approval of Minutes • Parish Council Meeting – 14 November 2022 Cllr JW there is a small correction to the minute 20221114/13 Page 5 reference to the Scout Hut. It was mentioned that £90K had been granted to assist with refurbishment. This should read the budget for the Scout Hut is total £90K. • Cllr AWH asked about item 20221114/09 Page 4 Leaflet Costing if this item has been resolved. The CLERK informed Cllr AWH that this matter had been resolved with the £500 payment agreed at the last meeting. This means next time, we will need to get someone to produce the leaflet and another company to distribute the leaflet. • Cllr SW read out a statement from Mathew Bloxham of Bucks Council, thanking for a copy of our submission and their response to the Commission was approved at their Council meeting 30th November, relating to the Commission's proposed Gerrards Cross & Denham ward and Iver ward. "Proposed to the commission that the important point is to keep both Denham and Gerrards Cross Parishes whole, with their boundaries restored, in keeping with the Commission's approach generally, as to do otherwise would not reflect community identity. This should be the case even if variances would be exceeded. The greatest harm would be to split off New Denham from the parish (New Denham has no connection in practice with Iver Ward) and to compromise the parish boundary for Gerrards Cross. Ask the Commission to revise its proposals in light of these comments." Minutes Proposed by Cllr SW Seconded by Cllr SJ – Agreed • Communities and Events – 24 November 2022 Minutes Proposed by Cllr SW Seconded by Cllr SJ - Agreed	
20221212/05	Report from Unitary Councillors • Cllr GH referred to the levelling-up bill going on the statute 2024, 60 rebel MP's demand the Minister to end the top-down targets of 300K homes per year. The government minister has agreed that this legislation will hopefully reduce the desire to build on GB and having this Duty to Co-operate with neighbouring authorities.	

- The budget for the Unitary Authority is still being determined along with the cost-of-living crisis there is a big black hole in the Council's financial plans but there is now a capability to raise Council Tax by 5%, which is likely to happen. Every 1% generates an additional £3M in grant from Central Government. In addition, Bucks are also making savings from 5 Councils joining into one authority, and using some reserves. The budget for Bucks Council will not be available until January 2023 for public scrutiny.
- Road's material costs have increased Bitumen up 24% Aggregates up 14%. Our LAT has now left the authority and the Team Supervisor's name is Michael Raven responsible for all the LAT's and will keep an eye on Fix my Street queries. There is only limited funding available to fix all the potholes in Bucks.
- The Community Board budget of £2M has not been axed, along with the budget for enforcement issues. Cllr GH also referred to a number of roads that he has requested to be repaired. Cllr EA referred to uneven pavements in Denham Green.
- Rights of Way (RoW) from Higher Denham to Denham Green, there was £8K grant which the RoW Team will take and going to repair it themselves, as the cost is between £24K - £40K to fix. It has been designated a Bridleway. Cllr JW said it should never have been designated as a Bridleway and who is going to maintain it in the future. This issue also applies to Tatling End, Bakers Wood and Broken Gate Lane. A list has been provided before to the RoW team and each year the funding has been rolled over.
- Holybush Lane has applied for an extension of 12 months before the land being returned to Green Belt. If we simply said No, the land will not be returned as was originally. It will remain as an old waste site and enforcement are looking at applying sanctions to get the job done properly. Another contractor may need to get involved to reinstate the land as Green Belt. Currently, materials are being brought on to the site to back-fill prior to capping. The Strategic Sites committee is reviewing this request. Cllr GH has said No and it should be returned to its former land.
- Cllr SW read out a quick report from Cllr PB about Denham Care Centre in Tatling End. He has received an update from the officer who attended the site on 29th November.

He advised that the premises were compliant with the Community Protection Warnings served by the previous officer, there was no evidence of repairs being carried out in the road, no evidence of oil in the road and no bits of a car, batteries lying around where they shouldn't be. There were 7 cars parked across the frontage of the garages, but no obstruction was caused. Unfortunately, the carvery was closed during his visit. He noted that they had a parking system whereby customers are required to register their vehicle when using the car park and the premises has CCTV.

	However, there were a number of cars parked on the grass verge, when the site was visited only three were parked on the verge. He has been in contact with parking services, who tell him that there are no parking restrictions such as yellow lines, they have no enforcement options. He has asked them to let him know the process for yellow lines. He will make a further visit on 13 December and if the situation is the same as the site visit on 29 November, he will remind the parties of the provisions in the Community Protection Warning notice to continually comply.	
20221212/06	Chairman's Report Cllr SW reported to the members present that within their pack there is a report from the Community Board Meeting 16 November. No comments were made and noted.	
20221212/07	SBALC Membership Cllr SW advised nominating 1 Voting Member and 2 Observer Members	
20221212/08	Spark X Quotation Cllr SW stated within the Council agenda pack there is a quote from Spark X for priority works for approval. Cllr SW Proposed and Seconded by Cllr SJ – all in agreement	
20221212/09	Village Green Garage Quotes Cllr AWH advised not a lot to report now. The anonymous quote belonged to a company in Iver Heath. Cllr AWH is confirming prices on the quotation, as material costs have significantly increased and the other company may well have the same issue, which means both companies are comparative around £25K	

20221212/10	Martinsfield Update • Cllr SW advised the members that contained in the pack where the normal booking form, a block booking form, along with terms and conditions. • Cllr AWH queried the costing being charged. Research was done on comparative site locations. We are offering a grass pitch, with no flood lights, whereas in High Wycombe in some cases they can offer either a 3G or 5G Astro turf pitch with flood lights. A typical grass pitch is approximately £35 with £85 (Brunel 5G Pitch) with flood lighting. • Cllr SJ queried the liability insurance having question marks. The CLERK reported that we are waiting to hear back from the insurance company to receive a form of words that can be inserted. • Cllr JW asked about a Caretaker now that it is up and running, who we want from Friday to Sunday. There is also an issue with Events and Cllr MH had discussed this with Cllr MEH, advising that the tables and chairs to put out for the memory café. Music on the green, Friday to Sunday. ACTION: Clerk to speak with the HANDYMAN to see if he can cover the last Friday of the month for the memory café. • We have a cleaner that has assessed the facilities and is agreeable to do the cleaning after the football matches have taken place. • Cllr MH referred to The Falcon are collecting the keys but need to try and obtain a key safe to place on the outside of the building. Currently, there is a signing sheet for issuing the keys out and back again.	Clerk Clerk
20221212/11	Report from Outside Bodies • Denham against HS2 – Meeting 23 November No comments on the report • Denham Aerodrome Meeting – Meeting 7 December Cllr JW referred to the meeting that took place last Wednesday and gave a verbal update. Cllr JW asked for Unitary Councillors to attend their meetings.	
20221212/12	Project Phoenix • Awaiting a reply from Bucks to note ACTION: Cllr JW will chase up after Christmas	Cllr JW
20221212/13	Scout Hut • A working party meeting was held in the morning over zoom. Contact Bucks over the access issue to and from the site to receive confirmation. Cllr SW is also going to contact the adjacent landowner to see if access is granted by Bucks, whether we can have access over her land as previously when the Scout Hut was in operation. It will effectively double the size of the plot. Cllr AWH will put forward a programme showing the sequencing of events, before progressing with designs. There is doubt whether the footpath can be used for vehicular access and the nearest parking will be the shops.	

	The business plan will need to be reviewed, Cllr GH should advise Bucks that this will take time to resolve as we await further information. David Amison is aware of our position as we move forward. Cllr AH asked whether we have got a Land Registry document. We are still trying to source a document that details the Scout Hut. ACTION: CLERK to source Land Registry document for the Scout Hut. Cllr SW will contact the adjacent landowner for confirmation of access over her land, similar to the Scouts facilities.	Clerk/CllrSW
20221212/14	Financial Matters and Reports - Cllr AH advised £350K sitting in Flagstone, roughly earning £50 per day and budgeted approximately £10K interest for the year (Nett after expenses have been paid). - A finance meeting has been held and proposing at the next Full Council meeting to transfer further funds to Flagstone. - Currently, there are three accounts Nationwide, Metro and Utilities with about £100K in each account earning a small amount of interest. - A comparison financial report is appended to the papers, and we are currently in budget mode 3 meetings held already with a further 2 scheduled. Last one in January will determine the precept number for consideration by the Council 9 January 2023. DPC can submit to Bucks up to 31 January 2023. - Extra payments for approval list have been circulated, plus an additional invoice that has already been agreed at the communities meeting for festive lights. Cllr AH asked for approval, all Agreed to the payments list and additional invoice formally approved. - Cllr AH referred to Chairs and Vice-Chairs being present at the budget meetings. It was generally agreed that these meetings should be 5.30 to 6.30 pm, due to Councillors availability. Cllr JW suggested placing some advance dates in the calendar for next year, just as preliminary dates, which could be cancelled if not required. It is best that the dates are set after the annual council meeting has taken place. - Cllr MH referred to Spark X item 8 has been agreed but advised another quote was required. Upon further investigation £15K had been spent earlier in the year to SparkX . £30K per year is a lot of money to do our streetlights. - Cllr MH has requested the CLERK to set-up a meeting with Spark X to discuss the on-going costs and services. Originally the priority work was done earlier in the year and this is the next batch of work to be done. It is the columns that are the issue not the actual light unit. The quote has been agreed, but there needs to be a separate conversation with Spark X. ACTION: CLERK to set-up a meeting with Spark X	Clerk

20221212/15	Articles for In and Around Magazine - Article for the next edition about the Christmas Memory Café - This magazine has gone through a change of ownership. Prices have increased - Cllr SS asked whether they distributed to the boats, but this is not on their distribution list and only gets delivered where they have distributors to deliver.	
20221212/16	Correspondence List Correspondence is listed on Sharepoint	
20221212/17	Part II – Members only	
20221212/18	Date of Next Meeting Monday 9 January 2023 at 7.30 pm at Denham Bowls Club, Denham Way, Denham UB9 6AX	

Signed: Derek Wilson – Executive Clerk & RFO

Date: 15 December 2022