

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL meeting

Held on Monday 8th February 2016 at 7.45pm in the Parish Council Office, Denham

Cllrs.	Mrs M Heath (Chairman)	Miss S Jefferys
	Mrs T Riley (Vice-Chairman)	Dr J Newby
	#Mr B Harding	#Mr G Hollis
	#Mrs K Bowen	Mrs S Williams
	Mr W Davey	Mr A Hans
	Mrs M Skelton	Mr S Sproul
	Mr A Pamment	
Clerk.	Mr J Coleman	
Co-Clerk.	Mr R Hill	

The Press and Public are entitled to attend the meeting. However, the Council may pass a resolution excluding them at any time or at any stage of the proceedings on the grounds that specified items of business may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

Members are reminded that they should declare publicly any interest that they might have in any matter (whether it is apparent in the agenda or not) immediately prior to any discussion on it. They should state whether it is a personal interest only, or a prejudicial interest as well, and what the nature of the interest is.

1. Public Session.
There were no members of the public present.
2. Apologies for Absence.
Apologies denoted by # above
3. Notification of any Other Business (to be taken under item 18)
Internet speeds in Denham.
4. Matters under Urgent Action since Last Meeting (11th January 2015)
None.

5. Chairman's Report
The Chairman had attended a Living with Dementia meeting on 26th January along with fellow councillors Skelton, Williams & Riley. It was felt that although the Parish Council is seeking to make Denham dementia friendly, the meeting focused more on what it was like to live with dementia. rather than how to set up a dementia friendly environment. We believed the content of the meeting would focus on how to set up a group to assist people living with dementia. There is a toolkit available and Cllr. Williams will contact SBDC to try to obtain. This item will now be moved to the Communities and Events committee.

The Chairman, vice chairman and chairman of finance attended an SBALC meeting on the 21st January, since then, the Chairman of SBALC has resigned and the vice-Chairman is still very ill.

The Chairman attended the BMKALC meeting on 27th January and reported that BCC are cutting funding to the organisation over the next two years. A new Chairman was voted in.

The Chairman attended a meeting of the Madeleine Paton Luncheon Club and met ex Cllr. Lines to show continued support from DPC. Cllr Heath spoke to several residents who attend the club. The resident's concerns were mainly the state of the A412 footpath and lack of lighting.

The Chairman reported that an interview panel had been set up to recruit a daytime administration assistant. A candidate has been invited back for a second interview which will take place on February 16th

6. Report from County Councillor

County Cllr. Reed had given apologies for the meeting and had nothing to report.

7. Reports from District Councillors

Neither of the District Councillors were present as they were both at a District Council meeting. Neither Councillor had filed a report.

8. Reports from Outside Bodies

The minutes from the SBALC meeting on the 21st January had been distributed to the members prior to the meeting and were noted.

9. Correspondence List

The Clerk had not received any requests for items on the Correspondence List prior to the meeting. Noted by the members.

10. Accounts

A set of income and expenditure accounts had been distributed to the members prior to the meeting and were noted.

11. IT Infrastructure

The move to the Nexus cloud based server system is almost complete. The new computer is due to be delivered on Thursday this week and the system is scheduled to go live on Friday 12th February.

12. BT Upgrade to Infinity Broadband

The upgrade to BT Infinity broadband was completed on schedule on the 19th January. The download speed is currently running at 38mbs. Cllr. Williams asked if County Cllr. Reed had been contacted regarding the rest of Denham; the CO-Clerk replied that BT had been consulted and it transpired that the Parish Council Office line is situated in a BT box whereas the rest of Cheapside Lane and other areas lines are connected at the exchange. It was agreed to email County Cllr. Roger Reed for an official request to be made for the parts of Denham going direct to the exchange thus missing out on Hi-Speed Broadband.

13. Office Redecoration

Quotes are currently being sought for the re-decoration of the Parish Council Office; two quotes have been received to date. It was noted that the cost rises significantly if the colour scheme deviates from the current colour range. Members were invited to contact the Clerk if they had any specific preferences or strong views regarding the colour scheme.

14. Contracts

The Street Lighting Maintenance contract expires at the end of March. An advertisement has been placed in the Buckinghamshire Advertiser Public Notices section inviting tenders. The current supplier has also been notified and invited to re-tender for the contract.

15. HS2

The following correspondence had been received since the last meeting and was noted by the members.

4956/16 HS2AA Notice of HS2 Ltd appearing in Parliament before the Select Committee.
4970/16 BCC News PR5700 HS” concedes more mitigation measures to Buckinghamshire
4971/16 HS2 Blueprint. Various HS2 updates including press releases.
4972/16 HS2AA Another notification of HS2 appearing before the Select Committee.
5017/16 Copy of letter from Julian Williams to Dominic Grieve MP regarding total destruction of Denham Park Farm by HS2.
5025/16 HS2AA Petitioning today against HS2.

The Chairman had spoken to County Cllr. Reed regarding the relocation of HOAC and the possibility of a youth facility on the site; Mr Reed had been less than confident that the scheme would get approved. The Chairman commented on an email highlighting that High Wycombe were to receive a large amount of money for lorry movements in their area; when asked about this, Mr Reed asked what Denham had applied for and why we had not applied. Cllr. Hans enquired if this was actually within the remit of a Parish Council. Cllr. Williams stated that some Parish Councils had made their views clear to HS2 and that she would be going to the Aston Clinton meeting. Cllr. Skelton noted that Mrs Lines used to go to the meeting when she was a councillor along with Cllr. Reed. The Chairman advised the members that Mr Reed was going to send an email with addresses of persons to contact. Cllr. Pamment enquired if it would be possible to look into the Disabled Shooting Club relocating to the proposed HOAC site in Denham; the Chairman advised Cllr. Pamment to speak to the Co-Clerk regarding this matter.

16. Approval of Parish Council Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 11th January 2016 and matters arising.

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 11th January 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Heath and seconded by Cllr. Newby. There were no matters arising.

To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting on 25th January 2016 and matters arising.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held on the 25th January 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Heath and seconded by Cllr. Newby. Cllr. Skelton enquired as to item 4 and if there had been feedback from residents regarding the SBDC and Chiltern District Council’s Local Plan; Cllr. Williams advised that there had been a big response on the local Denham Facebook page with 192 residents responding. The Clerk advised that four members of the public had come forward and offered to help the Parish Council respond to the proposed plan. It was agreed to invite the four members of the public to the Local Plan Working Party meeting on the 22nd February.

17. Approval of Committee Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Committees below and matters arising.

Communities and Events Committee Meeting held on 12th January 2016

The minutes of the Communications Committee Meeting held on 12th January 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Jefferys and seconded by Cllr. Williams. Cllr. Riley pointed out that on page three, item 12 under 'Christmas Lights' the matter of unsafe lighting columns should have been referred to the Services Committee. The Clerk to ensure that this is included on the next services agenda.

Finance Committee Meeting held on 18th January 2016

The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 18th January 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Skelton and seconded by Cllr. Riley. Cllr. Riley asked that on page 6, under 'Denham Cricket Club' 4th line down, delete the word 'at' The Clerk to action. Cllr. Williams asked if we state on the Grant application forms that the Parish Council do not contribute towards running costs; The Clerk advised that at present the form does not state that running costs cannot be included for a grant. This omission to be rectified for grant applications in 2017/2018.

Planning Committee Meeting held on 26th January 2016

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 26th January 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Jefferys and seconded by Cllr. Williams. Cllr. Heath enquired as to the BCC Scoping Opinion document for the New Denham Quarry Northern Extension and if BCC had been replied to. Cllr. Jefferys replied that the HOAC relocation scheme document had gone to County Cllr. Reed. Cllr. Heath was aware of this but stated again that a reply should have gone to BCC. Cllr. Williams replied that we had nothing to report over and above what we sent to Cllr. Reed. Cllr. Jefferys to look into sending a reply to BCC.

Services Committee Meeting held on the 1st February 2016

The minutes of the Services Committee Meeting held on the 1st February 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Heath and seconded by Cllr. Williams. Cllr. Heath asked if any councillors had informed the Clerk of any overgrowth of trees or shrubs on to footpaths or causing obstruction. The Clerk confirmed that no one had reported any such issue. Cllr. Riley wished to report greenery overgrowing the footpath from the last house at the end of the Way and Tillard footpath that leads to Old Mill Road.

18. Any Other Business

Internet Speeds:

An email had been received at the Parish Council office from Dorney Parish Council regarding a competitor to BT Openreach who were installing superfast fibre broadband at competitive rates. Cllr. Williams advised the meeting that this was fine providing that fibre was available in the area and unfortunately in Denham, much of the area still does not have access to fibre and relies on lines at the local exchange. Cllr. Williams added that competitors to BT can only operate where fibre is available as they rent space from BT.

Cllr. Hans announced that he is a member of the New Brentford Lodge, a group that supports charities, He advised they will be donating either £95 or £100.00 to the Denham First Responders. The members thanked Cllr. Hans for this donation. The Clerk to request that the cheque is made payable to the Denham First Responders

19. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 14th March 2016 in the Parish Council Office starting at 7.45pm with a Public Session.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

John Coleman – Clerk Denham Parish Council