

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL meeting

Held on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, Denham

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies denoted by # above.

Apologies also received from Cllr. R Reed.

The Chairman welcomed Cllrs. Hans and Davey back on their return from sick leave.

2. Notification of any Urgent Other Business to be taken under item 17

None.

3. Matters dealt with under Urgent Action since the last meeting

None.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she, along with other Cllrs, had attended the Thames Valley Police (TVP) Forum hosted by Superintendent Yvette Hitch. The meeting had been interesting as it revealed that the police are now looking at things in a different way. It transpires that crime as such is less of a problem than other issues the police have to deal with like missing persons that can be schoolchildren, dementia sufferers and other persons with mental disorders. Much of this activity occurs after social services have closed for the day. To help counteract this problem, Buddy Bands are being introduced to enable the police to track them down more easily.

With regards to crime, bilking, (driving off without paying for petrol) is high on the list. One of the worst petrol stations to suffer from this crime is at the junction of the A412 and the A40 in Denham. Supt. Hitch explained that this crime could be stopped completely by petrol stations introducing pay at the pump, however the oil companies fear that shop sales and concessions would suffer. BCC are being encouraged to press the oil companies to resolve the problem.

Certain crimes are now dealt with on the phone; typically theft from cars as there is nothing that the police can do to stop it. With the planned reductions in police officers, the force as a whole need to work smarter. Overall, crime has fallen, however, in South Bucks it has risen. In Denham, crime has risen mainly in Denham Green and Oakside, New Denham. The Chairman urged that we should check the TVP website weekly to monitor reported crimes in the Denham area. It was suggested that the perpetrators of anti-social behaviour were juveniles aged fourteen upwards. Arson seemed to be the main crime with dustbins

being set alight. It was agreed to ask the police for more details and to see if they can step up patrols in problem areas.

The chairman has also attended a meeting of BALC which was mainly concerned with unitary matters.

The Chairman had forwarded apologies in advance for being unable to attend the HS2 workshop at SBDC.

The Chairman had attended the CIC Forum held at the Denham Water Ski Club. The Forum had been very interesting and the Chairman suggested that we could invite them to address the Parish Council and residents at the Annual Parish meeting.

5. Reports from County Councillor

None received.

6. Reports from District Councillors

None received.

7. Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr. Newby reported that a meeting of the Denham Aerodrome Consultative Committee had taken place and that the minutes from the meeting will be forwarded to the Parish Council as soon as possible. Cllr. Newby reported that for the first time, no complaints had been received regarding the aerodrome. He added that if vandalism is on the rise, it would pose a big threat to the aerodrome as every aircraft would need a complete check before being allowed to fly.

8. Correspondence List

Cllr. Walsh requested the following correspondence list references be forwarded to her:

2369/2488/2500/2512/2524/2531 All HS2 related.

2555 costs for shields on lampposts,

2573 Footway lighting design scheme update.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Jefferys had sent an email to the proposed working party regards setting up a meeting to discuss the way forward with the Neighbourhood Plan. The agreed date to be Monday 27th March at 7pm in the Parish Council office. The Chairman asked for an agenda to be drawn up for the meeting; the Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Jefferys on this matter. The Clerk to research consultants to assist with formulating the plan and to check what funding is available from central government.

10. HS2

The following correspondence had been received since the last meeting. Noted by the members.

2369 SBDC HS2 Community Workshops.

2488 SBALC HS2 Updates 30th March meetings in Quainton and Stokenchurch.

2500 Cllr. Hollis HS2 SBDC Council member's bulletin.

2512 Final publication of HS2 register of undertaking and insurance.

2524 SBALC HS2 Homeowner payment scheme guidance/info and application forms.

2531 HS2.org Royal assent information.

11. Review of Leases and Rents

The Denham Cricket Club lease discussions are ongoing. The Co-Clerk reported that the Chairman of the Cricket Club was returning from holiday in the coming week, a meeting

can then be set up. The Cricket club had now agreed most of the new lease agreement with just the reductions to agree.

12. Tablets for Councillors

The Co-Clerk gave a presentation on screen of the proposed use of tablets on which Councillors can receive emails and council papers. The Co-Clerk to set up the email addresses. It was agreed that the proposed 7 inch screen would be too small and that a 9.7 inch screen would be more suitable. Cllr. Walsh suggested that a trial needs to be done on whatever tablet is chosen to make sure of its suitability. Cllr. Newby expressed a desire to remain with paper documents; the Chairman replied that this is not an option if we agree to move to go on to tablet as paper costs and copying costs are high.

The Clerk to check with a neighbouring local authority to find out what size screen they use and the cost per unit if possible.

13. Payments & Receipts

i A list of payments made between the 9th February 2017 and the 8th March 2017 totalling **£7,458.35** excluding VAT (£7038.38 plus £419.97 VAT) had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

ii A list of receipts received between the 9th February 2017 and the 8th March 2017 totalling **£5,049.40** had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

iii Payments to Approve

A list of Payments to approve totaling £1,546.79 including VAT had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Bucks Association of Local Councils subscription for 2016/2017	£ 64.00
Christine Newell Office Cleaning February 2017	£ 40.00
Andrew James for two x 5ltr air pots for events	£ 49.98 inc VAT
SSE monthly streetlight maintenance January 2017	£ 357.12 inc VAT
SSE monthly streetlight maintenance February 2017	£ 357.12 inc VAT
Viking Office supplies various stationery	£ 63.83 inc VAT
Pine Cottage. Council office letter box fixing and blanking plate	£ 60.00
In and Around Publishing Clerks vacancy advert	£ 100.00
Solo Protect service charge for February 2017	£ 22.74 inc VAT Nexus
Nexus monthly hosting and web maintenance February 2017	£ 432.00 inc VAT

Total: £1,546.79

The Chairman proposed that the invoices be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr. Newby and agreed.

iv. Bank Balances

The Bank balances at 8/3/17 were as follows:

Barclays Current Account	Balance at 8/3/17 is	£108,430.71
Barclays Premium Business Account	Balance at 8/3/17	is Zero

v Budget Virements

A list of Budget Virements had been circulated to members of the Parish Council prior to the meeting.

The Chairman proposed that the Budget Virements for 2016/2017 be made, seconded by Cllr. Williams and agreed.

vi Council Debit Card

The Parish Council debit card had finally arrived from Barclays, noted by the members. A £10.00 credit had been received from Barclays as compensation for losing the original paperwork.

14. DULFC

The new changing rooms project is now completed and all building and associated costs have been paid. We await a final payment of £10K from DULFC which is payable on completion by the FA National Sports Centre Trust. This payment will address the overall current shortfall of £7456.00 (since received).

There remains some residual funding from the FA Foundation and the FA Stadia Improvement Fund that the FA will allow to be spent on refurbishing the clubhouse.

15. Approval of Parish Council Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on the 13th February 2017 and matters arising.

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 13th February 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Heath, seconded by Cllr. Newby with the following matters arising:

Page 1. Cllr. Walsh's name was missing from the list of attendees. The Clerk apologised to Cllr. Walsh and will amend the minutes accordingly

Page 1. Cllr. Sproul advised that any accident outside the KFC must be reported to Thames Valley Police.

Page 6. Cllr. Davey raised the issue of Councillors remuneration and suggested that it be discussed again in the next financial year. The Chairman advised 'testing the waters' before the budget meeting in October. Cllr. Newby stated that it would cost a lot of money and that parish councils could soon be capped. AH suggested discussing the issue at full Council in July. Cllr. Newby advised that the paper that he had put together previously on the subject was still current.

Cllr. Jefferys proposed putting Councillors remuneration' on the full Council agenda for July, seconded by Cllr. Newby and agreed.

16. Approval of Committee Minutes

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

Finance Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2017

The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 13th February 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Heath and seconded by Cllr. Newby with no matters arising:

Communities Committee Meeting held on 28th February 2017

The minutes of the Communities Committee Meeting held on the 28th February 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Sproul with no matters arising:

Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th March 2017.

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 7th March 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Jefferys and seconded by Cllr. Sproul with no matters arising:

Cllr. Walsh reported that there is growing opposition to the proposed new building at the Martin Baker Ltd. site in Higher Denham. Cllr. Walsh suggested that it should be a

condition attached to the planning application that Martin Baker Ltd. construct a relief road directly on to the A413.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had started discussions with Martin Baker Ltd regarding the use of the playing field at the Martin Baker Ltd. Sports facility.

The Clerk to forward to Cllr. Walsh, contact details of Peter Beckford at SBDC planning department and also District Cllr. Guy Hollis.

17. Any Other Business

No other business.

18. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting as **Monday 10th April 2017 starting at 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

John Coleman-Clerk Denham Parish Council.