

DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda for a SERVICES Committee meeting

Monday 24 April 2017

at 8.00pm in the Council Office, Village Hall, Village Road, Denham.

The Press and Public are entitled to attend this meeting. However, the Committee 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.

Aims and Objectives of the Services Committee

- To monitor street lighting across the parish
- To progress concerns raised on highways and footpaths
- To monitor provision of bus shelters
- To inspect and maintain play areas and open spaces
- To develop and maintain adult gym and exercise areas across the parish
- To develop a Community Enterprise Scheme for the maintenance of the parish greens, roadside verges, footpaths and bridleways
- To pursue any opportunities to increase devolved service contracts that are beneficial to the Parish Council
- Maintain and maximise usage of the allotments
- Maintain public seating and further develop as needs are identified
- Regular and adequate Training of Committee Members

1704/01. Apologies for absence.

1704/02. Notification of any urgent matters to be taken under item 1704/20.

1704/03. Matters dealt with under urgent action since the last meeting on 20 March 2017 not dealt with in the agenda.

1704/04. Correspondence List

To note correspondence since the last meeting. Please advise the Clerk in advance of the meeting of any item you require a copy of.

1704/05. Financial Report

An updated Financial Report will be available at the meeting.

1704/06. Devolution of Services Update

Blue Sky completed their last cut of their contract during the third week of March and First Service will commence their contract during the coming week. Everything is in place and we have had preparation meetings with the First Service management.

1704/07. New Denham Allotment

To receive a report from the Co Clerk.

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1704/08. Play Areas and Open Spaces

1. Play Area Inspection Reports
2. To receive a report from the Co Clerk
3. Alderbourne, Tilehouse & Old Mill Road Fields
4. Training Course for Councillors - Common Land and Village Greens, Aylesbury on the 14th June

A course on Common Land and Village Greens will be presented by The Open Spaces Society. This is not a subject that is not covered very often and it is not clear whether the resurgent interest is due to the work generated by Neighbourhood Plans or simply due to the time of year. The agenda looks comprehensive and will cover management, compliance, encroachment and local green spaces.

1704/09. Denham Cricket Club

To receive a report from the Co Clerk.

170410. Lighting Considerations

1. Please see Report on 'Fitting Shields to Streetlights'
2. To receive an update from the Co Clerk

1704/11. Highway Considerations

1704/12. Application for LAF Funding

To receive an update from the Co Clerk.

1704/13. Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

Please see Information from SBDC on Dog Fouling and discuss possible Parish Council involvement.

1704/14. Request to Re-site the Dog Bin in Orchard Close, New Denham

The resident at 20 Newtown Road wrote to the council some time ago asking for the Dog Bin placed outside his property to be removed and sited elsewhere, previously reported and discussed at Committee. Cllr. Pamment has visited the resident and has been monitoring the situation.

Cllr. Pamment has now requested that the bin be re-sited to the grassed area at the end of Newtown Road on the corner with Oxford Road, outside of the Gas Shop. This is not an ideal position because it is unlikely that Dog Walker will walk to this location to dispose of the waste – see map attached.

1704/15. Land behind the Maya Restaurant, Oxford Road, New Denham.

In 2015 we identified that this land was owned by SBDC and managed to get them to clear and tidy the site. SBDC indicated that they would be prepared to give us the land but we have heard nothing further. We now no longer need the land and are asking SBDC to clear the fly-tipping and also to take steps to keep the site clear.

1704/16. Denham Scout Hut

We have been in contact and have provisionally agreed to take responsibility of the scout hut and make Community use of it. Unfortunately it has not been possible to get a response from the scouts to 'diary' a further meeting to agree terms etc. The matter is still in progress and we hope to be able to report further at the next meeting.

1704/17. L&Q and DPC ownership of Grass Verges

There is a continuing conflict over grass verges in Lindsey Road and Priory Close as to who is responsible as regards to their maintenance which results in both us cutting the same area of Grass in a few cases. I have met with L&Q and have proposed that they take over responsibility for Priory Close and that we accept responsibility for Lindsey Road.

This has been provisionally agreed with the area manager and we are waiting for final confirmation from their head of Land Maintenance.

(See Map attached).

1704/18. Bus Stop in Moorfield Road by Links Way.

This bus stop is difficult to access as the verge it is on is on a slope with a high step and we have had several complaints from residents. We had received an approach from McCarthy & Stone to provide a solution, at no cost, as a recognition of the disruption to residents that had occurred during construction.

Unfortunately the work has not been provided and they have now vacated the site. We are continuing to try and get the job completed, by McCarthy & Stone but we may have to find an alternative funding source.

1794/19. Cricketfield Bungalow

The lease on the Bungalow is due to be renewed in June 2017. The committee is required to decide on the following:

1. Should we offer a new lease to the existing Tenants.
2. Gibbs Gillespie have suggested a rent increase of £10pcm or alternatively we could approach the Tenant with an increase of £40pcm (3%) under the Tenancy Agreement and obtain a feedback from the Tenants.
3. Remind Gibbs Gillespie to remind the tenants that they are responsible for minor matters ie removal of Ants.
4. Budget for us to replace all windows in 2018/19.

1704/20. Any other business notified at 1704/02 above.

1704/21. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the next scheduled meeting as **Monday 24 April 2017** at 8pm in the Council Office.

Roy Hill, Co Clerk

18 April 2017