

# Denham Parish Council

## MINUTES

September 24, 2020 at 7.30pm online

1/240920	<p><b>Apologies and Approvals of Absence</b></p> <p>None. In addition to Parish Councillors Tania Farrow (in the chair), Nick Farrow, Kerina Jane and Jane Gilmore, the Clerk Rod Caird, and County Cllr Guy McGregor were also present.</p>
2/240920	<p><b>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <p>Jane Gilmore declared an interest in planning application 03835 and will leave the meeting while that matter is discussed.</p>
3/240920	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 22, 2020</b></p> <p>The Minutes were approved</p>
4/240920	<p><b>Members of the public are invited to make any comments on items on the Agenda or to raise issues for consideration at future meetings. Reports may be presented by County Cllr Guy McGregor and District Cllr Matthew Hicks</b></p> <p>No member of the public was present. Cllr McGregor had circulated a written report. He noted that the District and County Councils had done very good work through the pandemic. The County Council had supported care homes in spite of the central government's failure to understand local conditions. Support for families is crucial and the Children's Centre in Eye is well run and needs support for all its outreach activities. The Cranswick plant planning permission in Eye was misguided and much more could have been done in relation to transport to and from the site. The disadvantages of the current EDF planning application for Sizewell C far outweigh its advantages. The site is not big enough for two reactors and transport access to the site is not satisfactory. Huge quantities of aggregates will have to be brought in by road as the structure is being built on marshland. The whole scheme and its financing are flawed. The government's planning White Paper needs to be carefully examined and parish councils are encouraged to make representations and to contact the MP Dr Dan Poulter. The failure to provide housing is not down to the failure of the planning process. It was agreed the Parish Council would draft some comments on this.</p>

5/240920	<p><b>To consider an update on Denham Community Council and the Village Hall renovation project</b></p> <p>There has been a very welcome offer of support from a local resident on project management and discussions are continuing. This would be a huge help in moving the building project and its funding forwards. Prints of local landmarks are selling well. The AGM of the Community Council will be held in early November on Zoom.</p>
6/240920	<p><b>To consider a quotation for the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device for the posts on Hoxne Road, and likely funding sources</b></p> <p>It was agreed to proceed with purchase of a sign from Westcotec for £3,200 as quoted, once funds have been received from the County and District Councillors, each of whom has committed £1,600.</p>
7/240920	<p><b>To consider updates on any current planning applications, particularly:</b></p> <p><b>DC/20/04036   Application for Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved, access and scale to be considered). Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of 2No single storey dwellings, garages and parking   Land To West Of Hoxne Road</b> The Parish Council opposes the application. The site is outside the settlement boundary of the hamlet of Denham and is unacceptably close to a grade 2 listed property. There is no pressing housing need or proposed architectural merit which would justify building two homes on the site. It is not a barn conversion. The site does not offer a sustainable opportunity for necessary housing.</p> <p><b>DC/20/03835   Householder Application - Erection of annexed accommodation for family relative.   Meadow End Hoxne Road.</b> It was agreed to comment as follows: Cllr Jane Gilmore was not present during the discussion, having declared an interest. No objection was raised. Councillors noted that references in the planning statement to a "cartlodge" should presumably all read "annexe", as the proposed structure is a residential annexe to the main building and not a non-residential cartlodge.</p> <p><b>DC/20/03722   Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No dwelling.   Corner Cottage Denham Corner</b> It was agreed to oppose this proposal. The Parish Council believes that the proposed building is not in keeping with nearby properties and is disproportionate to the available site. The site is outside the Denham settlement boundary and as such would require architectural merit or clear housing need in order to proceed. Neither is evident in this case.</p> <p><b>DC/20/03381   Householder Planning Application - Creation of vehicular access; Erection of garage.   Corner Cottage Denham Corner</b> It was agreed to make no objection to this proposal.</p> <p><b>DC/20/03973   Application for Listed Building Consent. To rear wing remove existing clay pantiles, replace lead to valleys, replace roofing underlay and re-fix tiles.   Vicarage Farm Hoxne Road.</b> It was agreed to make no objection to this proposal.</p>
8/240920	<p><b>To discuss an update on intensive poultry rearing units in the district and concerns about HGV volumes.</b></p>

	<p>Planned meetings on this had not been held owing to the coronavirus restrictions. It was agreed it is necessary to maintain awareness and pressure on this important question.</p>
9/240920	<p><b>To receive an updated financial report from the Clerk, and to deal with any payments due. To consider and review the report of the SALC Internal Audit for 2019/20, and to consider and adopt the standing orders, financial regulations, code of conduct and risk assessment for 2020/21</b></p> <p>An updated bank reconciliation was presented, showing available funds of £6,585.93. No payments were immediately due. The second instalment of the precept from MSDC has been received (£1,595.98).</p> <p>It was agreed to note all the recommendations in the annual audit report from SALC and to act on them as required. The standing orders, financial regulations, code of conduct and risk assessment were reviewed and adopted.</p>
10/240920	<p><b>Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held (probably online again) on Wednesday November 25, 2020.</p>

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