

# Minutes of Deanshanger Parish Council Full Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office

**Present:** Cllr Mullan, Cllr Collins, Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Fernandez, Cllr Higgs, Cllr Walker, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Trupia-Melluish, Cllr Greaves & Cllr Thompson

**Absent:** Cllr Norgett & Cllr Pereira

**Also Present:** Clerk Teresa Floyd, West Northants Cllr Ken Pritchard and five members of the public

## Agenda Point

### **126. Welcome, mobile phone reminders & fire exits**

Cllr Collins welcomed everyone, pointed out fire exits and reminded all to silence mobile devices.

**RESOLVED**

### **127. Declaration of office for new councillor**

Cllr Greaves read and signed the declaration of office

**RESOLVED**

### **128. To approve new councillor joining committees**

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Greaves join the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**RESOLVED**

### **129. To consider acceptance of apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Pereira & Cllr Norgett

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the apologies for Cllr Pereira & Cllr Norgett*

**RESOLVED**

### **130. To authorise signing of the minutes of the meetings held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

*It was proposed and seconded to agree and sign the minutes of the Casual Vacancy meeting and the Full Council meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.*

**RESOLVED**

### **131. To receive declarations of interest**

Cllr Higgs re agenda item 140, Cllr Stevenson re agenda item 138 both are employees of the respective grant applicants.

Cllr Spencer re 141 as a member of Deanshanger in Bloom

### **132. Public Open Forum**

The 5 members of the public were all in attendance regarding the brook.

One member of the public was not happy at the way DPC responded to the way he had removed a plank from the log stop without permission, which he did because in his opinion there would be further flooding to Patricks Lane.

He said that he had sent a letter to DPC but had not yet had a response.

The group noted that Aim 3 in DPC's 5 year plan was to lobby WNC to undertake its responsibilities as lead flood authority.

They asked that we lobby WNC with regards to the bridges across the Buckingham Road as they felt that these are not fit for purpose as they are no longer large enough to take away the water.

The group were also concerned about the number of cars that come through when the road is flooded as this washes water up to the houses in Patricks Lane. Can residents have cones and signs to close the road to prevent this?

The manhole on the High Street releases sewage when there is heavy rainfall, and this is a hazard.

Cllr Collins thanked those who had attended and advised the letter to DPC will be responded to in due course after further discussion by DPC.

Cllr Thompson advised that DPC have lobbied WNC over the last 4 years for improved works and DPC continue to have working parties to help alleviate the risk to flooding.

DPC also have a steering group which would be helpful if some residents from Patricks Lane joined to help with the continued effort to prevent flooding within the village.

Clerk advised that Anglian Water had tested the water coming out of the manhole cover and there was no ammonia coming out of it, to be able to prove that there is waste coming from this manhole they need evidence.

One member of the public asked what was happening with the drains at the moment.

Clerk advised that Anglian Water were flushing out the drains from Bridge Walk and will remove any silt that has built up.

West Northants Councillor Ken Pritchard will discuss with the person in charge of flood defences and get back to us.

5 members of the public left the meeting

### **133. Update from WNC Councillor Ken Pritchard and consider any action necessary**

Cllr Pritchard advised council that the Bell Plantation application has been refused and there will be a public enquiry starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and will last for 8 days.

Furtho pit has not moved forward as reports from National Highways & the Environment agency are yet to be submitted

Passenham One-Way system will have a public consultation before Christmas, just waiting for the process to be finalised and then it will be advertised.

Foxholes Close grass verges, repairs will be done this week, but he had not been advised what these repairs are going to be.

Cllr Spencer was disappointed that there were no specifics because if the plan was to just fill the gap with topsoil this would not resolve the issue and asked that DPC see the specifics of further work before it is carried out.

Lighting between Deanshanger & Old Stratford, there is no money for this so will not be done.

Home Office has opened up MK Hotel again for asylum seekers, WNC were not notified but have been in touch.

Clerk advised that Alan Burns the WNC liaison officer has been in touch with MK Hotel.

Cllr Pritchard left the meeting

#### **134. Highways & Planning Committee**

No meeting held in November

#### **135. Finance & general Purposes Committee**

- **To receive an update for information Purposes**

Update given, for full details see the minutes of the meeting.

- **To review and approve accounts for October 2024**

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the accounts for October 2024*

**RESOLVED**

- **To approve payment list for 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

*Clerk asked if a kettle and chopping board for the youth café could be included.*

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the payment list along with the Youth Café expenses.*

**RESOLVED**

#### **136. To receive an update from the police liaison representative (PLR)**

The PLR sent round the monthly report with four crimes recorded for this month, anti-social behaviour, criminal damage to vehicles and a theft.

PLR will set up a meeting with PCSO to discuss further.

**RESOLVED**

#### **137. To receive updates for the 5-year plan**

Cllr Walker advised that under Aim 1 To improve the Parish Council's communication with the residents of Deanshanger, that she has had a meeting with the Clerk and agreed the following:

- clerks out of office should give information advising on services that DPC cannot help with but give details on how to access these services.
- Facebook to be changed to a community page with admin access to other users
- Get an introduction pack together for the website
- Get an end of year good news roundup on Facebook
- Arranged the Annual Meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

**RESOLVED**

#### **138. To consider Grant Request form Deanshanger Primary School for road safety equipment for £762**

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the grant and ask Police to patrol the area at the start and end of the day.*

**RESOLVED**

#### **139. To consider quotes for the Multi Use Games Area in Jubilee Park**

Item withdrawn.

**RESOLVED**

#### **140. To consider Grant request from Deanshanger Conservative Club for pensioner Christmas Party for £500**

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the grant subject to revised advertising to include supported by the Parish Council.*

**RESOLVED**

**141. To consider Deanshanger in Bloom request for funding**

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the request subject to a suitable place for the polytunnel. Budget set at £550 and included in the budget for 2025/26.*

**RESOLVED**

**142. To consider Woodland Flower proposal**

The proposal was discussed but Foxgloves were not deemed appropriate due to the toxic nature.

The remainder of the proposal was accepted.

*It was proposed and seconded to set a budget of £150 for wild primroses, snowdrops and bluebells to come out of CIS funds.*

**RESOLVED**

**143. To consider the maintenance schedule ready for tender**

The schedules were reviewed, and some minor changes were made.

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the schedules and send to contractors.*

**RESOLVED**

**144. To consider budget for 2025/26**

Detailed draft budget with supporting documents was presented to Full Council.

*It was proposed and seconded to set the budget at £208,294*

**RESOLVED**

**145. To consider additional costs for Eve of Festivities event.**

Good Neighbours have secured a Santa Clause for the event and wanted him to give out chocolates.

*It was proposed and seconded to allow a budget of £100 from Christmas Budget for this.*

**RESOLVED**

**146. To consider dates for the May Full Council Meeting**

DPC's Annual Meeting has to be held within 14 days of the election so will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

*It was proposed and seconded to have the Full Council meeting on the same day.*

**RESOLVED**

**147. Close**

Cllr Collins closed the meeting at 9.03pm