

DENTON with WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairperson - Cllr Allyn Thomas

MINUTES

Of the meeting held on:

Monday 24 April 2023 at 7.00pm at Denton Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs Thomas (Chair), Cllr Hodges (Vice-Chair), Cllr Akehurst and Cllr James.
Clerk – Steph Woods
4 members of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Thomas welcomed all to the meeting – apologies for the Clerk handover were made as due to illness it didn't go as smoothly as hoped.

No apologies for absence to record.

2. COUNCIL

Declarations of Interest:

a) Declaration of any councillor's interest in agenda items other than those registered at previous meetings. b) Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests and Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests (other than those previously disclosed), and a reminder to think of any changes to the DPI Register held at DDC, such as a change of job or home. c) Voluntary Declaration of other non-significant interests. d) Review of Councillor Responsibilities

None to record.

3. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

The potholes around the villages was raised especially around Lodge Lees Road and Agester Lane. Residents are reminded to keep reporting these to KCC so they are repaired.

The Wootton Village Hall committee expressed their gratitude to the Parish Council for their donations for the coronation.

The recent planning committee meeting on the retrospective planning permission at Lydden International Race Circuit was raised and thanks to Cllr James were extended. It was felt by the some of the community that DDC Planning Committee and Planning Officers have not conducted this application correctly and were ill informed of the facts to enable them to make an informed decision.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2023

Agreed as a true and accurate recording of the meeting, proposed by Cllr James, seconded Cllr Hodges – ALL AGREED.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (WHICH ARE NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA)

None to record.

6. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None to record.

7. COMMUNITY MATTERS & REPORTS FROM POLICE/PCSO/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Thomas has managed to secure future involvement in policing matters and all councillors have been invited to a meeting on 30th April 2023 to discuss the review of the Policing Plan.

8. PARISH

- Highways
Following Cllr Bevan's decision to not stand as Councillor at the next elections, it was agreed that Cllr Thomas would contact him to arrange a handover of the Highways responsibility, Highway Improvement Plan, documents, outstanding issues and contacts.
- Footpaths
The previously reported damaged stile in Wootton has now been repaired.
A tree down on Wotton banks was reported and Cllr Thomas will report to Denton Court.
- Village Halls
Nothing was raised.
- Cricket/Recreation Ground, Wootton
The floor is now in the new pavilion and the new double-glazed windows and doors will start to be placed from 25 April 2023. Once these are installed the new carpet will be laid all in time for the Coronation celebration on 7 May 2023. The installation of solar panels is being considered and future funding contributions for further works might be sought from the Parish Council. The Queen's Green Canopy is now also in bud. The official opening event of the restored Pavilion is proposed for 30 July 2023 with free entertainment.
- Community Fast Fibre Broadband
Cllr James informed the meeting that people can now register an interest for Community Fast Fibre but this needs to be done by individual applications to Open

Reach. Cllr Hodges is about to have an alternative solution installed at his property and will report back on this once installation is complete and the service is up and running.

- Coronation Celebrations/Purchase

Flyers are going out for the events taking place during the coronation weekend. Clerk will ensure these are put onto the website. Saturday 6th May is the Coronation Screening in Wootton Village Hall and Denton Village Hall. Wootton & Denton Decorate Your Home competition will also be chosen. Sunday 7th May is the Joint Villages' Picnic at Wootton & Denton Recreation Ground. Monday 8th May is Volunteer Day at Denton Village Hall.

The recent improvements to Wootton village hall were also mentioned which includes improved audio-visual equipment that can be controlled by Bluetooth and mobile phones and all the speakers are now operating make the screening of the Coronation on 6th May 2023 more enjoyable.

Selsted Primary School has been in contact to see if a Councillor from the Parish Council can attend their Coronation Celebrations on Friday 5 May 2023. Cllr Akehurst will let the Clerk know if he can attend and this will be confirmed with the school by the Clerk.

All receipts for the agreed costs to be paid by Parish Council must be sent to the Clerk as soon as they are available and these will be reimbursed (as previously agreed the PC will contribute £1,000 to cover the Screening at Wootton Village Hall & Coronation Picnic (£750) and Denton Community Day (£250).

It was agreed that a seat for Denton village Hall and a picnic bench for both Wootton Village Hall and Wootton & Denton Recreation Ground would be donated by the Parish Council. The relevant benches/tables will be purchased by the halls/recreation ground and the receipts will be given to the Clerk to have the costs reimbursed at next meeting.

Commemorative coins are also going to be purchased for all children in the village and these will be given out at the Joint Villages' Picnic on 7th May.

- Litter Pickers

The bid for the litter picking kits for both villages needs to be submitted soon to Cllr Beaney. The Clerk will get quotations for the equipment and submit this to Cllr Beaney for his consideration.

- New Village sign for Wootton

A new AONB sign for Wootton was discussed previously and needs to be procured. Potentially two will be required but this will be dependent on costs. Clerk to get some quotations for the signs for the next meeting.

- Items for consideration on next agenda

The noticeboard in Denton is in wrong place and is rotten and needs to be replaced as well as re-sited. Defibrillato is currently in the Jackdaw and is not accessible during the closure of the pub. Alternative locations to be discussed at next meeting.

9. FINANCE

- a. Payments – were proposed Cllr Hodges, seconded Cllr Akehurst – ALL AGREED

The bank balance as of 24th April 2023 was £38,460.46

Unity Trust Service Charge	£18.00 (paid 31/03/23)
KALC Annual Membership	£228.66 (agreed to be paid)
Denton Village Hall Hire (Mar/Apr 23)	£50.00 (agree to be paid)
Stationary	£30.17 (agreed to be paid)
Clerk Salary/Expenses – April 2023	(agreed to be paid)
Dover District Council Precept	£13,900.00 (credited 11/04/23)

- b. Finance Report – The new Clerk has requested change of details with Unity Trust Bank and is awaiting access. The previous Clerk will also be removed from the account.

10. PLANNING

Local Planning Matters – items of interest/updates:

- Lydden International Race Circuit - Granted.

11. ELECTION

The election on 4th May 2023 is uncontested and there is one space on the Parish Council. All newly elected Councillors will be in office from 9th May 2023 and a new councillor can be co-opted from this date. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on 9th May for 7 days and then appoint the successful candidate for the AGM and Annual Parish meeting on 22nd May 2023.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

13. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:57.

Next meeting: AGM Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting at Denton Village Hall on 22nd May 2023 at 7pm.