

DENTON with WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Of the meeting held on: **Monday 24th November at 7.00pm at Wootton Village Hall**

In attendance: Cllr Thomas; Cllr Hodges; Cllr Roberts; Cllr Welch; Clerk and 3 members of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Thomas welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr James.

2. COUNCIL - Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

None.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2025

Agreed as a true and accurate recording of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Roberts – ALL AGREED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

5. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No reports have been received. Councillors requested that the Clerk email them to say how disappointed the PC is to have not had their reports or attendance at our meeting.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS & REPORTS FROM POLICE/EQUINE POLICE VOLUNTEER

None.

7. PARISH

a. Highways

Clerk updated that KCC wishes to arrange a meeting to discuss the latest submission of the HIP. Cllr Thomas to attend with the Clerk.

b. Footpaths/Public Rights of Way

Clerk received a response from the footpath volunteer which was read to the meeting.

c. Village Halls & Wootton and Denton Recreation Ground

Wootton village hall now has a new chairman and requested the form to apply for a grant for new benches and noticeboards improvements.

Denton recreation ground reported that the new grass mats and concreted area have now been completed and the Christmas party will be soon.

8. FINANCE

The bank balance as of 24th November 2025 was £24,500.52 (£2,395.87 in current account and £22,104.65 in savings account)

a. Payments:

Unity Trust – Service Charge (September & October) - £12

Hugo Fox – Website Charge (September & October) - £23.98

Ionis – Email Charge (September & October) - £8.40
Stephanie Woods – Salary (September, October & November)
Stephanie Woods – Backdated Pay from NALC Pay Review (April to October)
R & CR Phillips (Farm Management) – Inv 9722 – Verge Mowing - £270.00
R Edwards – Inv 21 – Grounds Maintenance - £123.00
R Edwards – Inv 26 – Grounds Maintenance - £17.00
Denton Parochial Church Council – Reimbursement for Wreaths Remembrance Sunday - £40.00
Denton VH - £30.00

The above payments were proposed Cllr Hodges and seconded by Cllr Roberts – ALL AGREED AND SIGNED OFF BY CHAIRMAN.

b. Precept 2025/26

The account review was circulated and after some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Thomas to set the precept for 2026/27 at the same value as 2025/26 which was seconded by Cllr Hodges. ALL AGREED.

9. PLANNING

a. LHRC

Traffic management was discussed again following issues at the recent firework event. Cllr James is liaising with relevant organisations following this. There has also been no noise management meeting date agreed to date.

b. Deacons/Woodside Development

Site is quiet with not much works happening. No definitive answer from DDC on planning issues as existing planning permission has now expired. Cllr Thomas and Cllr James to arrange a meeting with DDC Planning to resolve these issues.

c. Ecology Monitoring

There is a forthcoming meeting at university of canterbury where Cllr Thomas (bees) and Cllr Welch (ecology) will be giving a presentation each.

d. Local Planning Applications

None.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

Salt bins

11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:46.

Next meeting: 26th January 2026 at 7pm in Denton Village Hall