

DENTON with WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - Cllr Terry Hodges

MINUTES

Of the meeting held on: **Monday 30th September at 7.00pm at Wootton Village Hall**

In attendance: Cllr Hodges (Chairman), Cllr Thomas (Vice Chairman); Cllr James and Clerk
6 members of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hodges welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Roberts and Cllr Akehurst.

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 were received.

3. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

The traffic signage by Selsted School was discussed. Cllr Hodges agreed to the school to offer PCs to support in support new signage. Clerk has spoken to KCC Highways and they are not able to put any signage by the Forest School. They can paint slow signs on road by existing school signs but this will need to be taken up by the PC as the school is not part of our PC boundary.

Woodside development was discussed. An enquiry regarding this has already been sent to Planning Enforcement at DDC. EH at DDC visited due to complaints of bonfires but it was not lit when they visited.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 29 JULY 2024

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

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

None.

6. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Thomas will consult with neighbourhood police officer to put new Speed Limit posters up and then do some speed enforcement afterwards.

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

None.

8. PARISH

- **Highways**

Village signs are still with Kent Downs National Landscape and we are awaiting the rebranding and new signs.

KCC speed limit posters, banners and bin stickers have been received. It was suggested that one banner be given to Selsted School which was agreed by all present. Cllr James to advertise the bin stickers on the villages' Facebook page, put up the A4 posters in the PC noticeboard and discuss when and where best to put up the banner with Cllr Hodges. Clerk to get A3 posters laminated.

The recent lorry that was stuck on Wootton Lane was also discussed. Dover Truss has agreed to speak to the delivery company and KCC Highways have been written to as it is their responsibility. Unsuitable for HGV sign reported to KCC Highways as has fallen.

The new 30mph sign in Denton has been moved off the gates to behind them as hedge will obscure.

- **Footpaths/Public Rights of Way**

None

- **Village Halls**

Wootton Village Hall had its AGM last weekend and have requested defib training. The PC confirmed they decided not to have any training as this is no longer necessary with the new defibrillators, so the hall will have to organise their own if they still require it. It was mentioned that the Village Hall was not registered on land registry but the final document to do this has now gone through. The land now belongs to Trustees of Wootton Village Hall. Pollarding of the large chestnut tree outside the hall has now been completed.

- **Wootton and Denton Recreation Ground**

There have been a number of booking and future bookings. It was confirmed that they can now hold up to 25 temporary licenced events per year.

- **New Noticeboards for Denton and Wootton**

Confirmation has now been received that Denton's new board will be delivered next week and a magnetic steel background has been offered as replacement to both boards. Cllr James to request the steel backgrounds are painted dark green. Clerk to order more magnets for both boards.

- **PC Files/Storage/Data Retention**

The files at Denton Village Hall were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Hodges, Cllr Thomas and the Clerk will conduct a review of them and look to archive/destroy/secure files.

9. FINANCE

The bank balance as of 29th September 2024 was £ 27,681.25 (£1,880.69 in current account and £ 25,800.56 in savings account)

Payments:

£184.00 – Ricky Edwards - INV 72

£23.40 – Stephanie Woods -Mileage

£50.00 – Julian Cranfield – Wootton Noticeboard Removal and Erection of New Noticeboard

The payments were proposed Cllr James, seconded Cllr Thomas – ALL AGREED AND SIGNED OFF BY CHAIRMAN.

10.PLANNING

a. LHRC

Consultative Committee meeting took place at the end of July and it was felt it was not well facilitated. Deputy leader of DDC not happy about the meetings which has been acknowledged by DDC and they are investigating. They only meet every six months and it is felt by the PC that they need to be more frequent until the group is well established. Some decisions of the meeting were Proposed and Seconded but then not included in the minutes of the meeting.

b. Deacons

Contract has now been signed. Keith Jones (Chair, Wootton Village Hall) to keep consulting with developer in hope they can attend the next/future PC meeting.

c. Woodside Development

Discussed in item 4.

d. Local Planning Matters – items of interest/updates

24/00767 – Comments on this application were submitted to DDC by the Clerk.

11.DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2025

Circulated to all Councillors to be agreed at next meeting.

12.Items for future discussion.

- Email received about church driveway and parking with potential £5-10k funding request.
- Remembrance wreaths to be purchased for both villages which was proposed by Cllr Hodges and seconded by Cllr James. All agreed. Cllr Thomas to purchase on behalf of PC.
- Six-month finance review will be circulated and discussed at next meeting. The Precept for 2025/26 will also be agreed at this meeting.

13.CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:55.

Next meeting: 25th November 2024 at 7pm in Denton Village Hall

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