

DENTON with WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

www.dentonwithwoottonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Chairperson - Cllr Allyn Thomas

MINUTES

Of the meeting held on

Monday 27 MARCH 2023 at 7.00pm at Denton Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs A. Thomas (Chair), G. Bevan (Vice-Chair), T. Hodges, B. Akehurst and P. James.
DDC & KCC Cllr D. Beaney
Clerk – C. Skinner
2 members of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Thomas welcomed all to the meeting – there were no apologies

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

Adjournment of the meeting for parishioners' questions and comments limited to items on this agenda. (This is the opportunity during the meeting for residents to speak – 15 minutes in total)

Cllr Thomas began by outlining his recent discussions with DDC in relation to noise at LHRC. The key factor is the creation of a consultative committee which LHRC are required to do as part of their planning permission. LHRC are responsible for reviewing but it is noted that

noise monitoring equipment placement remain a core issue. The general feeling is that DDC are taking a watching brief to see what happens. Cllr Akehurst reported that he is aware of LHRC taking action and preventing vehicles from using the track if they do not meet noise limit requirements. A parishioner commented that they believed DDC may be confusing the noise issue, the community wish to see noise and planning as separate matters, Cllr Thomas will take the action to write to DDC.

Cllr James stated all that the noise limit is 50 decibels for Car Track Days and 'No Limits' days, she is further concerned that LHRC do not keep within the noise limits for most of their events as stipulated in the Noise Abatement Notice.

Cllr Beaney has looked at the retrospective application for the installation of ramps and has called it in.. Cllr Beaney will discuss this with DDC Planning Officers. Cllr Beaney added that he can speak for 3 minutes at the forthcoming Planning Committee Meeting, Cllr James would like to speak and will liaise with DDC..

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 Hodges, seconded Cllr Thomas- AGREED

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

6. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reporting papers circulated to members by email on 16 March 2023.

Cllr Beaney reporting as KCC Member highlighted the budget deficit and the need for KCC to fund special needs children and other statutory requirements could consume the entire budget. Additional funds may prevent further service cuts and a £6.2m pothole blitz is planned. Cllr Beaney asked parishioners to report potholes to KCC, it is easy to do via the website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

Cllr Beaney concluded by offering funding to support Coronation events.

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

No reports submitted however Cllr Akehurst confirmed that Neighbourhood Watch still feels the impact of Kent Police's online scheme, he believes that information gathering is negatively affected by this, local co-ordinators were more aware.

8. PARISH

- Highways
 - Cllr Bevan reported that pothole repairs were progressing, the A260 is an issue but is scheduled for repairs. Stephanie Waddams has been replaced Thomas Williams at KCC Highways
 - 40mph signs have been placed near Barham Crematorium.
 - Wootton triangle – Cllr Bevan is progressing this and looking at installing bollards.
 - Hardcore is needed at Wootton Lane
 - A new signpost is also needed at Wootton Triangle.
 - Cllr Bevan is working with Swingfield PC on the highways improvement plan.
- Footpaths
 - Now cleared on Wootton Bank.
 - Thanks were given to Cllrs Thomas and Hodges for repairing signposts most professionally.
- Village Halls
 - Denton Village Hall has plans to move the entrance and improve toilets.
- Cricket/Recreation Ground, Wootton
 - A new floor has been installed, double glazing is planned and a new carpet to be fitted shortly.
- Community Fast Fibre Broadband
 - Cllr Hodges has looked into Orbital's product and believes that they can provide a community solution. Cllr Thomas suggested arranging a separate meeting with them and aim to report back at the next meeting. He added that previously KCC had offered grants but now DCMS funding was not sufficient. In November 2023, tenders may be publicised for connecting rural communities. Cllr Beaney suggested looking at alternatives such as the EE enhanced aerial systems. Cllr Hodges took an action to progress this.
- Village plans for the Coronation.
 - Wootton plan a big screen for the event in the Village Hall with a BBQ on Sat May 7, on Sunday May 8 a picnic is planned at the recreation field for all Denton & Wootton residents. . Funding was agreed of £500 to each village, grant requests are needed from the organisers. Cllr Thomas will also look into suitable mementoes/gifts. Cllr Thomas will also discuss this with the hall committees.
 - It was agreed that the PC would also fund a bench or picnic table for Denton & Wootton Village Halls and the Wootton & Denton Cricket and Recreation Field.
- Sale of Denton Court
 - 4 families have been given notice due to the sale of tenanted properties, it is possible that Denton Court may be developed.

- Litter Pick
 - A successful event was held in both villages, at the next meeting a proposal to purchase litter picking equipment will be placed on the agenda. Clerk to action. Cllr Beaney offered to finance this project.

9. FINANCE

a. Payments

b. Finance Report

Approved and noted – proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Hodges - AGREED

10. PLANNING

Local Planning Matters – items of interest/updates:

- 6 The Street, Denton: Dismantle and rebuild part front elevation due to vehicle damage and internal repairs to roof and first floor. Application was supported – AGREED.

11. ELECTION

District and Parish Elections – 4th May 2023

12. CLERK RECRUITMENT

Ongoing.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Hedgehog Highways – circulated by email.

14. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2015.

Next meeting: Ordinary Parish Meeting at Wootton on 24th April 7pm
Followed by the AGM on 22nd May.