

DENTON with WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Of the meeting held on: **Monday 27th July at 7.00pm at Denton Village Hall**

In attendance: Cllr Thomas; Cllr James; Cllr Hodges; Cllr Welch; Cllr King; Clerk and 4 members of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Thomas welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Roberts.

2. COUNCIL - Declarations of Interest:

None

3. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

None

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 20th MARCH 2026 AND AGM HELD ON 18th MAY 2026

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

5. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Broadband correspondence from Cllr James was discussed and Cllr King suggest to keep expressing interest to broadband companies. The application from Denton VH for a new floor polisher has been approved. The recent LGR announcement was discussed and Dover will become a new Unitary Authority with Canterbury and Thanet with elections due to take place in 2027 and implementation to commence in 2028. It was agreed to add LGA as a standing item on future agendas.

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

None.

7. PARISH

a. Highways – inc. Selsted Bends Update

Cllr Thomas will update HIP with recent Selsted Bends enquiry with KCC. Clerk has requested an update of outstanding HIP items from KCC. It was also raised that it has been quoted in Swingfield's PC minutes that DwWPC supported a resident's proposals which is not correct, as recorded in our March 2026 minutes where we agreed to investigate the concerns and proposal raised. Clerk to contact Swingfield PC to ask them to clarify this and record on their minutes at their next meeting. Cllr Thomas requested that the HIP be available on the PC's website so clerk will check that this is ok with KCC.

b. Footpaths/Public Rights of Way

Wootton Banks footpath was raised and Cllr Thomas to speak to Finns. Withdrawal of access to the Church by Denton Court was raised and the PCC has now issued a process to injunction and is being contested by the new owners of Denton Court.

c. Village Halls & Wootton and Denton Recreation Ground

- Wootton Village Hall – recent request from WVH for a representative from the PC to sit on the committee was discussed and it was agreed that there is no availability from the PC at this time. Clerk to reply to WVH to confirm this. Committee has lost members but is managing to function at this time with a small group of members. The recent 20th anniversary dinner was well attended including people who helped the hall. Joint ACRE membership with DVH was suggested and will be investigated by both halls.
- Wootton and Denton Recreation Ground – recently there have been 3 children's parties and there are 2 booking in next few weeks inc. professional photographer. The bars event was held again last Friday and is a good contribution to funds.
- Denton Village Hall – polisher has now been purchased and a grant from Roger de Hann Trust for new chairs has been successful and they are already ordered. Painting nearly completed. Next will be the upgrade kitchen and outside entrance.
- Kent ACRE – Clerk confirmed that £500 will now be put aside to help with VH legal issues because ACRE funding bid didn't work.

d. Denton Road Sign

Still searching for a "r" for the sign. Cllr Hodges to trace and Cllr Welch will make a replacement.

e. Fast Fibre

This is to be removed as a standing item on the agenda as it seems very unlikely anything will be done in the next two years.

8. FINANCE

The bank balance as of 27th July 2026 was £32,689.50 (£1,208.29 in current account and £31,481.21 in savings account)

a. Payments and Receipts:

Receipts:

Unity Trust – Credit Interest - £144.71

HMRC – VAT Return - £167.16

Payments

Unity Trust – Service Charge (June & July) - £14.00

Hugo Fox – Website Charge (June & July) - £23.98

Ionis – Email Charge (June & July) - £8.40

Stephanie Woods – Salary (May, Jun & July)

ICO – Annual Subscription - £47.00

HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £4.40

Ricky Edwards – Inv 53 - Grounds Maintenance - £85.00

Ricky Edwards – Inv 57 - Grounds Maintenance - £125.00

Stephanie Woods – 33% reimbursement for printer drum - £23.25

Stephanie Woods – 33% reimbursement for stationary - £8.87

Allyn Thomas – reimbursement for telephone box sealant - £11.99

Allyn Thomas – reimbursement for maps - £85.00

The above payments and a £1,000 transfer to current account was proposed Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Hodges transfer – ALL AGREED.

b. Grant Request

No submission received.

9. PLANNING

a. LHRC

Meeting on Thursday where Cllr James asked Cllr Thomas to raised traffic management at the Fireworks event November and the Lord of Lydden event in October.

b. Deacons Development

Cllr King asked that all correspondence with DDC (Planning and Environmental Enforcement) be shared with him so he can also speak to them.

c. Environmental Monitoring

Presentation given on where the project is now. Cllr Thomas and Cllr Welch have had meetings with KCC and discovered free software for mapping information. There is also an agreement nationally for PCs to have free access to OS maps and the PC is now registered. Cllr Thomas to speak to DDC to see if there is any help or information available from them as well as KCC.

d. Local Planning Applications

CCC planning application at Broome Park was raised and Cllr Thomas has already responded on behalf of the PC. It was raised by Cllr Welch that there are inconsistencies of notifications of planning applications outside of District boundaries by District Councils. This is following a letter send by CCC to a resident outside of their boundary and Folkestone and Hythe District Council seemingly unable to notify outside of their District Boundary. Clerk to contact CCC and FHDC to get some clarification on this.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

September meeting will have the six month finance review circulated for agreement of the precept at the November meeting.

11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:19.

Next meeting: 28th September 2026 (Wootton Village Hall)

Please note these minutes remain as draft until approved at the next meeting