

Minutes of Deanshanger Parish Council Councillor Meeting

Date: Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 7.00pm via digital platform zoom

Present: Cllr Rodrigo, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Pereira, Cllr Dott, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hammond & Cllr Searle

Absent: Cllr Trupia & Cllr Mullan

Also Present: West Northants Cllrs Ken Pritchard & William Barter

Agenda Point

35. Welcome and mobile phone reminders

Cllr Rodrigo welcomed everyone and reminded all to silence mobile devices.

36. Welcome new councillor and acceptance of office declaration

Cllr Rodrigo welcomed Cllr Fernandez onto the council and Cllr Fernandez read out his declaration of office.

RESOLVED

Cllr Dott joined the meeting

37. To consider apologies for absence

Apologies received for Cllrs Trupia & Mullan.

It was proposed and seconded to accept the apologies from Cllrs Trupia & Mullan.

RESOLVED

38. To approve and authorise the signing of the [minutes of the councillor meetings held on the 28th May 2021](#) and [2nd June 2021](#)

It was proposed and seconded to approve and sign the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting held on the 28th May & 2nd June 2021.

RESOLVED

39. To receive declarations of interest

None received

40. Public Open Forum

West Northants Councillor Ken Pritchard introduced his colleague Cllr William Barter. Cllr Pritchard gave the following update:

Delegation of duties

The 3 WN Councillors will take a lead on separate areas but will work together and cover each other as necessary.

Cllr Pritchard will deal with Deanshanger, Old Stratford, Wicken, Passenham & Puxley

Cllr Barter will deal with Whittlebury, Paulerspury, Potterspury & Alderton

Cllr McCord will deal with Yardley Gobion, Cosgrove, Grafton Regis & Ashton

Local Flooding

There was some flooding in Patricks Lane on the 18th June and he had been in contact Highways and instigated a full investigation with Anglian Water to see why this has happened again.

Care & Commission Group (CCG)

This is a group that looks after all GP practices and for the last 5 years Cllr Pritchard has been trying to get funds allocated from S106 at Old Stratford to improve the practices at Stony Stratford health Centre.

There is 180k available and design study is being prepared to support the spending of these funds.

Fibre Network

Puxley will have a fibre Network by December this year but not sure when Deanshanger will get it. You can check out the Gigaclear roll out programme on www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net

Hayes Road

Is looking into this and will report back as soon as possible.

Cllr Hall left the meeting

41. To receive an update from the Police Liaison Representative (PLR)

PLR advised that no new issues raised and the Church Carpark issues have been discussed with members of HTD PCC and the police who have advised on actions that could be tried to help with these issues including cutting back hedging to improve visibility.

42. Highways and Planning Committee

- To receive an update for information Purposes

The Highways & Planning Committee have commented on the following applications:

WNS/2021/06022/FUL- 8 Porters Close

For full comments please see West Northamptonshire Council planning page.

43. Finance & General Purposes Committee

- To receive an update for information Purposes

Cllr Spencer gave an update, for full details please see the Finance & GP minutes.

Cllr Holloway referred to the Sports Club grant awarded at F & GP and wanted it noted that he thought the decision not to give away free ice lollies was a bit unfair.

Cllr Dott advised that the F & GP committee felt that in line with the Primary School healthy eating policy and current obesity rates in children DPC should not encourage this.

- To approve accounts for May 2021

It was proposed and seconded to approve the accounts for May 2021

RESOLVED

- To approve payment list for 27th May 2021 to 23rd June 2021

It was proposed and seconded to approve the payment list for 27th May 2021 to 23rd June 2021.

RESOLVED

44. To review calendar of council meeting dates and times.

The dates and times were reviewed and agreed as follows:

Full Council 4th Wednesday at 7pm

Finance & General-Purpose 2nd Thursday at 7pm

Highways & Planning 1st Wednesday at 7pm, several members of the Highways & Planning (H & P) team requested online meetings.

It was proposed and seconded to reinstate online Highways & planning meetings.

RESOLVED

45. To review Code of Conduct

Code of conduct reviewed with no changes required.

RESOLVED

46. To consider adopting the General Power of Competence

It was proposed and seconded to adopt the General Power of Competence.

RESOLVED

47. To consider quotes for railings

Quotes and specifications were reviewed and Cllr Spencer wanted it noted that the specified height of 1.8m would be inhibitive.

Cllr Dott asked who owned the area and do we need permission and will the fence be anchored into the wall. If so, will this be strong enough so that it will not be pulled down by individuals.

It was proposed and seconded to go ahead with the installation of the railings at a height of 1.8m by Jacksons Fencing subject to the relevant permission and confirmation that the railings will not be pulled down.

4 for, 1 against 3 abstentions.

RESOLVED

48. To review street light maintenance and consider any changes required.

A revised inventory would be required to consider getting new contractors.

It was proposed and seconded to make no changes at the moment but review at a later date.

RESOLVED

49. To consider Queens Jubilee Tree

Cllr Spencer would like to go ahead and get a proposal together for a Jubilee Tree if Full Council were in agreement.

It was proposed and seconded to proceed with a jubilee tree and for Cllr Spencer to bring back to Full Council proposals.

Cllrs were asked to let Cllr Spencer have any ideas and suggestions as soon as possible.

RESOLVED

50. To review the Financial Regulation

Financial Regulations reviewed with no changes required.

RESOLVED

51. To review Public Spaces adoption and agree next steps.

Cllr Holloway & Cllr Hall had prepared documents for review and agreement:

- Outstanding issues agreed with Persimmon at site meeting on 8th June 2021 DPC Full Council to ratify
- Persimmon will not pass boundary area of Foxholes / Spinney Close to DPC
- Play equipment – Complete swing assembly replaced – new inspection certs
- Standard of maintenance agreed ok and will continue until adoption
- Office Fence – Persimmon agreed to pay for DPC to undertake (£3362)
- Boundaries agreed with limited DPC responsibility (one wall and one wooden fence)
- Commuted sum (including wall bridge & Fence) £125,973.80

Appendix B was not clear.

The document states that DPC boundaries are in boxed text but items including the Gabion Baskets and the Wooden Bridge were not in boxed text.

Confirmation required as it was understood that these items would be DPC's to deal with.

Cllr Holloway asked if DPC would approve some of the other issues but it was felt this needed to be dealt with all together.

It was proposed and seconded to get the documents amended to be clearer and bring back to Full Council.

Councillors were asked to forward concerns or questions to Cllr Holloway before next months meeting.

RESOLVED

52. To consider quotes to remove Japanese knotweed

It was proposed and seconded to get the knotweed removed by the Knotweed Company.

RESOLVED

53. To consider grant request for £2540 from Deanshanger Sports Club for Fireworks event.

It was proposed and seconded to approve the grant and funding for this event along with the grant budget will be reviewed at Finance & GP.

RESOLVED

54. Close

CLlr Rodrigo closed the meeting at 8.54pm