

## Minutes of Deanshanger Parish Council Full Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.15pm

AT: Deanshanger Parish Council, 3 Hayes Road, Deanshanger, MK19 6HP

**Present:** Cllr Wright, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Dott, Cllr Rodrigo, Cllr Hall, Cllr Loveland & Cllr Thompson

**Absent:** Cllr Hammond, Cllr Holloway & Cllr Pereira

**Also Present:** Clerk & 4 members of the public & County Councillor Walker

### Agenda Point

#### 72. Welcome, fire exits and mobile phone reminders

Cllr Wright opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and reminded people to silence mobile devices and pointed out fire exits.

#### 73. To consider apologies for absence

Apologies received for Cllrs Pereira & Holloway. None from Cllr Hammond.

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the apologies for Cllrs Pereira & Holloway.*

**RESOLVED**

#### 74. To sign minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

*It was proposed and seconded that the minutes on the [24<sup>th</sup> July 2019](#) were an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the chairman.*

**RESOLVED**

#### 75. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Dott re item 73 as a member of the Church

#### 76. Public Open Forum

County Cllr Walker gave an update on the County Council situation.

Audit has approved the 17/18 budget and 18/19 budget is currently in 34 million in deficit and should be covered by capital as it was last year providing the Commissioners agree.

Children's services are being reviewed and a trust may be set up to protect these services, discussions are ongoing

The unitary Authority is making progress and internal elections will be held in 2020 for the shadow cabinet all other elections including Parish Council elections will be held off until 2021.

Cllr Wright thanks Cllr Walker for his update but expressed some concerns that the Parish Council have not had some of the information passed on to us, in particular this is the first time DPC has heard that the elections had been delayed.

Cllr Wright asked that Cllr Walker follow up with his team regarding communication.

Signed by.....Date.....

**77. To consider DPC's response to West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Consultation.**

Mr Smith from Savills & Mr Main from Manor Oak Homes were invited to speak. Mr Smith & Mr Main advised that they were in the process of formulating plans to develop some land surrounding Deanshanger. They wanted to engage with DPC so that there are no surprises when they submit their responses to the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Consultation. They are fully committed to work with DPC and local residents going forward. DPC expressed concerns for any future development and in particular the current infrastructure and road network as this is not at an acceptable level now and more development would only put more pressure on these. Mr Smith & Mr Main took on the comments and would like to engage further at a later date, they also confirmed that any plans would be made open to the public and a full consultation with the residents of Deanshanger would be part of the plan. Concerns were raised that there is not enough affordable housing, they confirmed that any development will be in line with current policies (current policy is to have 40% affordable housing) Cllr Wright thanked Mr Smith & Mr Main for coming and confirmed that DPC would like to engage in future plans

With regards to DPC's response to the Strategic Plan, it was felt that the public should be made aware and asked to comment so that DPC can include comments in DPC's response. Cllr Wright asked all Cllrs to review the consultation document and send all responses to the Clerk so she can collate for next month's meeting where we will formulate our response.

2 Members of the public left

**78. To consider grant from Holy Trinity Church for community youth group for £2500**

Representative attended and explained that this Youth Café for the youth of Deanshanger is not part of the church but will be supported by the Church and further funding is being sought from other sources. She confirmed that there were no accounts as this has just been set up.

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the grant (Redrow S106) on the understanding that should the project not get underway the grant will be withdrawn and that DPC have sight of the accounts when the scheme is up and running*

**RESOLVED**

**79. To consider proposal for the adoption of open space from Persimmon**

Cllr Hall presented a full proposal and supporting documents for DPC to consider. Member of the public advised council that he had attended the annual meeting for Persimmon Homes and was told that Persimmon were keen to move the adoption forward. He thanked Cllrs Hall & Holloway for their work in getting the proposal together and for letting him see it prior to this meeting.

*It was proposed and seconded to write to Persimmon Homes to arrange a meeting with Cllrs Hall & Holloway to discuss the recommendations as shown in the supporting document and for DPC clerk to research and document costs to enable DPC to plan ahead.*

**RESOLVED**

Signed by.....Date.....

2 members of the public & Cllr Walker left

**80. Highways & Planning Committee**

Cllr Hall gave an update, for full details see minutes of the Highways & Planning meeting.

**81. Finance & General Purposes Committee**

- **To approve Listed accounts for July 2019**

*It was proposed and seconded to approve the Listed accounts for July 2019*

**RESOLVED**

- **To approve payment list for 16th July 2019 to 28th August 2019**

*It was proposed and seconded to agree the payment list for 16th July 2019 to 28th August 2019*

**RESOLVED**

**82. To consider additional cost for utility vehicle**

As previously advised the original utility vehicle could not be purchased from the importer. A vehicle has now been sourced but at a higher price than originally agreed. The price is now £19, 134.

SNC have agreed funds of £9,445 which leaves £9689 for DPC to pay.

*It was proposed and seconded to go ahead with new vehicle at an increased cost to be covered by the CIL payment and Wreschner Close*

**RESOLVED**

**83. To consider proposal for wildlife area in Springfield Park**

*It was proposed and seconded to ask Cllr Thompson to come up with a plan for this area.*

*Clerk to provide information*

**RESOLVED**

**84. To consider quote for gardening work on flower bed on Stratford Road**

Cllr Spencer advised that DIB could no longer weed the bed on Stratford Road, however they will continue to plant annuals.

*1 quote was provided as per quote guidelines however it was proposed and seconded to obtain another quote for comparison.*

**RESOLVED**

**85. To consider proposal for Christmas lunch**

A discussion was held as to the merits of this proposal and it was decided that it was a good idea but more detail including accurate costings were required.

*It was proposed and seconded to allow Cllr Hall to investigate further and bring back to Full Council*

**RESOLVED**

**86. To receive an update on the Open-Air cinema**

Cllr Spencer gave an update on the Open-Air Cinemas event being held on the 30th August 2019 in Springfield Park. She asked if we need first aid cover and it was agreed we do if not too late.

Signed by.....Date.....

**87. Correspondence received:**

- **Canal Lane streetlight**

Persimmon have asked if DPC has any objection to remove?  
DPC have no objections provided all residents are consulted.

- **Response from Highways regarding Zebra crossing**

Highways have confirmed that due to an objection from a resident (details not disclosed) that the crossing was on hold. No other explanation given as to how 1 person can hold this project up.

- **Request from resident regarding park equipment**

Resident expressed concern that there was no equipment for older children, suggestion of larger swings to be put in.  
Cllr Spencer asked that we hold off until the 8+ play equipment is installed and see how that goes.

- **Kingshill Drive wall repairs**

Residents have asked permission to repair the wall at their own expense  
DPC agreed to allow residents to repair the wall.

**88. Close**

Cllr Wright closed the meeting at 9.30pm