

# DENTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting of Denton Parish Council** held in the Village Hall, Vicarage Lane, Denton on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024** at **7.30pm**.

**Present:** Cllr P Cammack (Chair), Cllr A Addison, Cllr L Ferrant, Cllr L Gibson, Cllr K Hewitson, Cllr P Manley and Cllr D Penn

**In attendance:** Mrs. S Wong (Clerk) Unitary Councillors Andrew Grant and Stephen Clarke, and 4 Parishioners

Item No	
380/2024	<b>Public Session – Parishioners Points</b> One parishioner expressed an interest in the Parish Councillor vacancy and was advised to email in his interest to the Clerk. One parishioner spoke on agenda item 388/2024 – Correspondence - Selling the “Denton Acre” to raise funds for the playing field.
381/2024	<b>Record Attendance and receive apologies of absence</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Holden.
382/2024	<b>Invite Declarations of Interest in respect of items on the agenda</b> No Declarations of interest were received.
383/2024	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b> It was <b>Resolved</b> the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 having been previously circulated, were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair Cllr P Cammack. One small amendment was needs to agenda item 369/24 – Police Updates “no one from Denton have ever visited the Beat Bus” was amended to “not many people from Denton have ever visited the Beat Bus.”
384/2024	<b>Receive Reports from West Northamptonshire Councillors</b> The Clerk previously asked Unitary Councillor Stephen to look into complaints received from a couple of Denton parishioners regarding the increased costs of school transport for school children going to Wollaston School. Cllr Clarke was in attendance and gave an update on other bus options being explored to help Denton Parishioners. He is also waiting to hear if anything can be done about the current costs of the school service being offered by WNC. <b>Action:</b> The Clerk is to find out how many Post16 children living in Denton attend Wollaston School and report back these figures to Cllr Clarke.  Unitary Councillors Andrew Grant was also in attendance. Andrew gave an update report on matters relating to West Northants Council, it was noted that over 10,000 people attend the opening event of the refurbished town market.
385/2024	<b>Receive any Police updates from Cllr L Gibson</b> Cllr L Gibson gave a quick update on matters relating to the police. Recent crime figures for September. There were 2 reported crimes – 1 Vehicle Crime and 1 Sexual Offence.
386/2024	<b>Parish Council Vacancies – Discuss any applications and co-option on to the Parish Council and appointment of Lenghtsman</b> The Clerk has received no recent expressions of interest in the current Councillor vacancy at the

	Council or for the position of Lengthsman <b>Action:</b> Clerk will continue to re advertise the position on the website and social media.
387/2024	<b>Discuss whether to re-advertise the position of Volunteer Parish Foot Path Warden</b> The Clerk hasn't received back signed documentation from the previous interested party and is unable to make contact with him, despite several attempts. It is assumed they are no longer interested in the voluntary position. It was <b>Resolved</b> to re-advertise the vacancy. All were in agreement.
388/2024	<b>Discuss any Correspondence</b> <b>a Wollaston School Bus – Increased transport costs for Denton Parents</b> This agenda item was discussed under agenda item 384/2024 with Unitary Councillor Stephen Clarke.  <b>b Selling the “Denton Acre” to raise funds for the playing field</b> The Clerk received correspondence asking if the PC would consider selling the “Denton Acre” and put the funds into the Play Area refurbishment project? <b>Action:</b> It was <b>Resolved</b> to get the piece of land valued and then discuss further once the monetary value has been established. All were in agreement.
389/2024	<b>Village Services – Receive reports from Working Groups</b> <b>a. Receive any updates on the play area / refurbishment project Cllrs K Hewitson &amp; L Ferrant – Discuss proposals from L Ferrant – to secure a government loan to purchase play equipment and to move the football field</b> We should have been notified after the October Government Budget announcement, if we have been successful with our Community Ownership grant and how much we have been awarded. The PC still haven't been made aware because the new government still haven't made a decision on the grants available under Labour. This is making things difficult with progressing forward with the play area project. <b>Action:</b> Cllr L Ferrant to follow up with the Community Ownership Fund and also contact the Lottery Fund regarding the spending of our awarded Lottery Grant. Until we have answers regarding these grants, the PC is not able to discuss new proposals put forward by Cllr L Ferrant. It simply may be that the PC has to use the funds currently available and just refurbish items of play equipment which can be refurbished rather than try to replace some items which costs a lot more money, which the PC doesn't have the funds for.  <b>b. Receive update reports from the following working groups – Footpaths, Lighting, Grass Cutting, Highways Warden and Village Hall</b> Following the last meeting and receiving a quote for costs, Hayeswood Landscapes have been instructed to carry out leaf collections in November and around Christmas time.  <b>c. Discuss and agree proposal to purchase Christmas Tree Lights and pay for the electricity usage – Proposal attached Cllr L Ferrant</b> It was <b>Resolved</b> Cllr L Ferrant would speak to the Church Committee at their meeting this week to see if they would allow this year's Christmas Tree to be installed in the triangle area by the old play area next to the church? Costs of Christmas Lights are to be explored in case the old solar Christmas Lights are at the end of their life and need replacing. All were in agreement.  It was noted replacement defib pads have been ordered. No other village issues were raised by members.
390/2024	<b>Receive any update reports from Parish Councillors</b> <b>a Discuss if the PC should create a Newsletter – Cllr S Holden</b>

	This item was deferred until the next PC meeting.
391/2024	<b>Discuss any Planning matters and receive any reports</b> Nothing new to report.
392/2024	<b>Financial matters</b> <b>a. Review Financial Statement as at 13/11/24 for information as agreed to the Bank Statement Reconciliation</b> Financial reports were received for information. No income has been received in October or November. Current bank balances stand at <b>Current Account £45,236.68 and Premier Account £40,432.79</b> Bank reconciliation stands at <b>£83,091.83</b> broken down to <b>£51,255.07</b> parish council funds and <b>£31,836.76</b> ear marked funds for the play area refurbishment project.  <b>b. Propose Payments for bank transfer and Sign any Cheques agreed by the Council</b> It was <b>Resolved</b> to approve payments to be made in November 2024 (Appendix A).  <b>c. Discuss and approve draft budget for 2024/2025 and agree level of precept for 2025/2026</b> Three amendments have been made to the draft budget during discussions. <b>Action:</b> The Clerk will make the changes and re-circulate the draft budget to members. The budget and precept for 2025/2026 will be agreed at the next PC meeting to be held on the 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025.
393/2024	<b>Progress any matters arising from the previous minutes not covered by items on the agenda</b> Many months ago, a parishioner asked if a seat could be installed, near the bus stop outside Yew Tree House, Northampton Road? The site has now been inspected and it was reported back to members that the area would be suitable for some type of seating? It was <b>Resolved</b> to look into options. All were in agreement.
394/2024	<b>Discuss any items to be considered for the next meeting agenda</b> Should the PC create a quarterly / 6 monthly Newsletter? – Cllr S Holden
395/2024	<b>Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Resolved</b> to hold the Ordinary Meeting of the Council. The meeting to be held in Denton Village Hall at 7.30pm.
	<b>Close:</b> The meeting ended at 9.15pm

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

## Appendix A

**392/2024 Financial Matters**

**a. Review Financial Statement as at 13/11/2024 and b. propose payments and sign cheques**

Monies must be paid out only in pursuance of statutory powers (SP) vested in the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** balances as presented are accepted. **RESOLVED** the following accounts be paid

<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Inc VAT of</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Power</b>
D/D	39.61	0.00	Nest Pension	Employer Contribution £14.85 S Wong Contribution £24.76	LGA 1972 s 112
BT	978.75	0.00	Shirley Wong	Clerks Salary /Office Expenses & Pension Oct 24	LGA 1972 s 112
BT	82.08	0.00	HMRC	Employers NI £35.48 Clerks Tax £46.60	LGA 1972 s 112
BT	191.81	9.13	NPOWER	Electricity Costs to 1.10.24 to 31.10.24	Highways Act
BT	903.99	150.66	Hayeswood Landscapes	Monthly grass cutting	Open Spaces Act
BT	290.40	48.40	Eon	Street Lighting Maintenance Contract to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024	Highways Act
BT	28.00	0.00	Denton Village Hall	Room Hire	LGA 1972 s 12 P 8 (1)
BT	22.33	3.72	Kier – Nordis Signs	New contacts sticker for the play area	Open Spaces Act
BT	80.28	13.38	Welmedical	Replacement Defib Pads	Open Spaces Act

**Total of payments £2,617.25**