

GREAT DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of GREAT DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL on Monday, 15th January 2024 commencing at 7:30pm at the Great Denham Community Hall, to consider the following items of business.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME!

Robbin Brough, Clerk to the Council
9th January 2024

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

3 Public Open Session

During the Public Open Session: Members of the public should note that the council is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicized on the agenda; items not on the agenda can be carried forward for a response at a later date. Any questions not presented to the council far enough in advance of the meeting may be noted and responded to at a later time.

After the Public Open Session: Members of the public are asked to respect the fact that this is a meeting to conduct council business and interruptions during the remainder of the meeting are not permitted.

4 Correspondence received since the last meeting (requiring council attention)

Council received an email from a resident asking for an update on the management fees discussions.

A resident emailed to request assistance in having a loose manhole casing raised to the appropriate land owner on Lavender Lane.

A resident emailed to request the council looks into the matter of dogs off leads in the park. They would like the council to consider the creation of a dog-friendly area.

A resident emailed to raise a concern with the amount of dog fouling of pathways leading to the country park.

A resident emailed to ask whether the parish council would be interested in purchasing the original builder's architectural model of the Great Denham development.

5 To confirm the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4th December 2023

6 Co-option

To consider coopting to fill any of the four remaining positions – the total number of positions on the council is nine.

7 Clerk's report on actions not covered by agenda items

- To contact StageCoach to see if the bus still stops at the Park & Ride bus shelter. Complete - StageCoach have confirmed the bus no longer stops at this area near the Park & Ride.
- To contact Sainsburys to ask if they could support the Carol Event by donating mince pies. Complete – donation received.
- To chase Bedford Borough Council (BBC) Highways for the Green Keepers Feasibility Study. Awaiting reply.
- To contact BBC Reprographics Team to see if they can assist with the design and production of nature boards to be placed in the Country Park. Contact has been made and awaiting a reply to confirm whether they have the resources to assist.
- To ask Highways to confirm they have received council's request to extend the double yellow lines on junctions within the village. Complete.

8 Finance

- To approve payments and note income and balances.
- To note the Spend versus Budget variance report
- To agree 2024/2025 budget and annual Precept.

9 Community Facilities:

- Update on Installation of gateway sign on King Alfred Way.
- Update on the trees at the bottom of Wayland and Saxon.

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- Update on standing water on the old golf course.

10 Junior Park Run

To receive a grant request from Parkrun Ltd for £4800.00 to fund the start up of a weekly junior park run in the Country Park for young people.

11 Great Denham Primary School

To receive a grant request from Great Denham Primary School for £700.00 to fund the creation of a new sign to be placed in the school office.

12 Planning Applications:

- To consider any planning applications received since the last meeting – includes any received after the agenda is issued up to the date of the meeting.

APPLICATION NO: 23/02742/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension.

LOCATION: 74 Cantley Road Great Denham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4RX

- To note any planning applications decided by the borough council since the last meeting.

APPLICANT : David Wilson Homes (South Midlands) - Mr P Shah

LOCATION : Land Adjacent To Mercia Road Great Denham Bedfordshire

PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT: Development of 95 dwellings and associated Infrastructure

Decision: Bedford Borough Council HEREBY GRANTS PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO A PLANNING OBLIGATION AND CIL

13 Borough Councillors Report

Update from Borough Councillor Jim Weir.

14 Recruitment of Parish Councillors

To discuss how the parish council will engage with the community to recruit councillors to fill the remaining three vacancies.

15 Community Event

To discuss the possibility of holding a parish council sponsored community event in the country park. Details such as the type of event, when it will be, and budget will be discussed.

16 Double Yellow Lines

To review documents received from BBC Highways Team outlining the existing double yellow lines and the remaining junctions which the parish council may want to install double yellow lines.

17 Christmas Lights

To consider the purchase of additional Christmas decorations for further columns; suggested locations Queen Eleanor Drive and King Alfred Way.

18 Business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)

Date of the next meeting: 5th February 2024, Great Denham Community Hall.