



GREAT DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Great Denham Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 5th February 2018 in Great Denham Community Hall, 86-88 Saxon Way, Great Denham, MK40 4GP

Present: Parish Councillors

Jim Weir (JW) - Chair; Steve Gallagher (SG); Donna Parsons; Parbinder Kaur (PK)

Martin Stuart (MS)

Borough Councillor

Mark Smith (MWS)

Parish Clerk

Anna O'Meara (AOM)

Members of Public

8 people attended

		<u>Action</u>
	The meeting was adjourned for public questions as follows: <u>Footpaths around the District Centre are in a very poor state</u>, particularly for anyone with mobility issues. This has been reported on previous occasions to the developer but no action yet taken. Action: Clerk to report again, and ask Ian Bennett of DWH to attend a future Parish Council meeting to hear resident concerns directly Action: JW and MS to raise issue of developer response with Mayor/Chief Exec BBC at future meeting. <u>Streetlights out of action</u> on Saxon Way and Edith Avenue (junction with King Alfred Way). Clerk advised that the streetlights on Saxon Way opposite District Centre are not yet connected. Action: Clerk to report Edith Avenue streetlights to DWH. <u>Great Denham Park Run – inaugural run will take place on 17th February 2018.</u> A representative of Park Run advised that the first run will be low key promotion to understand potential numbers and avoid very high attendance in early days. Parking will be at Park and Ride and signage will be put up to direct runners. The Park Run representative was asked by JW to ensure that all signs were removed after the event; SG also asked that checks were made with the Community Hall re any potential clashes with events there in the future. Action: Clerk to advise residents of potential parking issues on the day via parish website. There were no further questions and the meeting was reopened.	Clerk JW/MS Clerk Clerk
1.	<u>Apologies</u> No apologies were required; all Councillors were in attendance.	
2.	<u>Declarations of interest</u> JW declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of Great Denham Community Hall (GDCH) and a governor of Great Denham Primary School. MS declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of the GDCH. SG declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of the GDCH.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting -</u> Resolved: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by JW.	
4.	<u>Safety and Wellbeing</u> <u>Police Community Liaison Meeting Wednesday 7th February 2018</u> – discussion on parish priorities took place. Resolved: Councillor Kaur will attend on behalf of the Parish Council; priorities were agreed as Crime Prevention and Parking. Clerk will return completed form to Police team	

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5.	<u>Pride in Great Denham</u>	
(a)	<u>Participation in Great British Spring Clean weekend – Litter Pick Sunday 4th March 2018</u> DP updated on details of the Litter Pick and also on plans to engage Great Denham Primary School in a poster competition. Great Denham Community Hall will be the meeting place, with refreshments provided for volunteers. Inclusion of the Country Park in the area covered will be considered subject to attendance on the day. A request for funding up to maximum of £150 to cover refreshments and also competition prizes was proposed by DP and seconded by JW. Parish Council will consider what else can be done to encourage the Council, residents and also the developers to reduce the amount of littering. Resolved: Parish Council will fund up to £150 on receipted basis for refreshments/prizes.	
(b)	<u>Landscaping/Open Management Space charge</u> MS gave update on current situation following meeting with BBC on 29/1/18. Parish Council remain currently unhappy with the level of transparency over spend to date by BBC and have requested a further meeting with the Mayor and Chief Executive BBC to progress. This meeting is currently scheduled for 19/2/18. It was requested that the Parish Council website is updated to make it easier to see information re OMS. Resolved: Parish Council will continue to press BBC for greater transparency re sums collected and how they are being spent. Resolved: Clerk to add new page to website for OMS information.	JW/MS Clerk
(c)	<u>Parking</u> JW reported that the assessment report from BBC is expected end of next week; this will assess potential for no verge parking and use of double yellow lines at junctions. Additionally an issue re parking of trailers along Greenkeepers road has been raised by a number of residents; Parish Council have been advised by BBC that this may be a police matter if unlawfully parked. It was also noted that vehicles under 7.5 tonnes may be parked legally. Resolved: JW/Clerk to pursue with Community Policing Team	JW/Clerk
6.	<u>Local Services</u>	
(a)	<u>Great Denham Community Hall</u> JW advised that we have secured a Choir Leader and looking for interest in forming a choir which will meet on Thursday evenings at the Hall. JW also advised that GDCH is now on a sustainable financial footing and will begin to generate income for future community events Action: Clerk to publicise Choir via website and Facebook	Clerk
(b)	<u>Bus Services</u> MS gave an update on bus services following further meeting with Andy Hamer BBC on 30/1 to explore opportunities with Grant Palmer/Number 24 service and a route via the railway station. Stagecoach have agreed to keep Number 11 service under review although suspended wef 17th February. Additionally it has been agreed that Number 8 service will call additionally at the railway station whilst the bridge diversion is in progress (from 19th February to end July 2018). During this time usage will be monitored, and hopefully a take up on usage may influence Stagecoach to reconsider future services.	
(c)	<u>Play Area Great Portway</u> PK enquired as to plans to refurbish/renew play equipment in Great Portway playground as this is now some 20 years old. The patrons of the new coffee shop want to use it with their children. Action: MWS to ask BBC re refresh plans.	MWS
(d)	<u>Medical Centre</u> PK updated on meeting with Director Primary Care and status of plans for new provider from 1 April 2018; patients have already been advised that Putnoe Medical Centre has been appointed, but it was recognised that insufficient engagement with patients had taken place. A patient focus group	

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	will be organised; Parish Council welcomed this and will help to promote it once details confirmed. Resolved: Council will promote via website and email, Clerk to action.	Clerk
(e)	<u>Country Park – recent flooding.</u> SG and Clerk provided brief update on information received from Anglia Water re recent flooding near playground in Country Park. No obvious cause was identified; Anglia Water informed that it may be due to very heavy rainfall overwhelming the pumps and causing water to back up. As this is likely to occur again it would be worthwhile to ask Anglia Water to look into what could be done. Resolved: Clerk to write to Anglia Water and request support to consider what remedial work might be done to prevent future occurrences at times of severe rainfall.	Clerk
7.	<u>Planning/Infrastructure</u>	
(a)	<u>Planning application- 18/00182/FUL Single Storey Conservatory 1 Lindsey Close Great Denham</u> Resolved: no objections	
(b)	<u>Local Plan 2035</u> – there are no policies with direct impact on Great Denham, but it was felt that the effect of other policies will significantly impact the infrastructure and cause problems. Resolved: SG to draft response on behalf of the Council. Clerk to submit by deadline.	
(c)	<u>CCTV – update</u> SG advised that following summer outage ACE have given us credit for last 2 invoices (approx. £400) as goodwill gesture. We are investigating options to host recording in the parish as reported at last Parish Council meeting and are meeting Wixams Council on 6/2 to learn more about their approach. Updates will be provided at future meetings.	
(d)	<u>CPRE Planning workshop 16th March 2018</u> Resolved: 2 places will be requested at this workshop for SG and Clerk and membership subscription made to reduce overall cost of attendance.	
8.	<u>Finance/Clerks Report</u>	
(a)	<u>Finance Report & payments – initial invoices/approve & initial Bacs payments</u> - The Finance Report had been circulated, a copy is attached to these minutes. All receipts were available for inspection Resolved: All payments were approved and all Bacs payments approved by two councillors were initialled together with the invoices.	
(b)	<u>Asset Register reviewed.</u> Resolved: All changes to Asset Register were agreed.	
(c)	<u>Grant Request : Autism Bedfordshire</u> Resolved: A grant of £200 was agreed for Autism Bedfordshire. Clerk to arrange payment	Clerk
9.	<u>Correspondence</u> All correspondence was available at the meeting and a list is attached to these minutes. Resolved: No correspondence required discussion.	
10.	<u>Any other business – for exchange of information only</u> • Leaflets re Bedford Hospitals Foundation Trust and Local Plan 2035 were available on the night • Clerk also advised that March meeting will include review of Standing Orders, Risk Register and Audit Effectiveness in order to complete from year-end. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 5th March 2018 There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.	