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Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting of Denton Parish Council** held in the Village Hall, Vicarage Lane, Denton on **Wednesday 9th March 2022** at the new start time of **7.45pm**.

Present: Cllr P Cammack (Chair), Cllr R Jones (Vice Chair), Cllr A Addison, Cllr A Belwood, Cllr S Holden, Cllr K Hewitson and Cllr P Manley

Also Present: Mrs S Wong (Clerk) and Unitary Cllr Stephen Clarke

Item No	
31/2022	Public Session – Parishioners Points No residents were in attendance.
32/2022	Record Attendance and receive apologies of absence Apologies were received by Cllr D Penn (first lambing session) and Cllr C Hilsdon (apologies were received after the meeting).
33/2022	Invite Declarations of Interest in respect of items on the agenda Declarations of Interest were received from Cllr R Jones with any matters relating to Lengthsman duties.
34/2022	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 9th February 2022 It was RESOLVED the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 9 th February 2022 having been previously circulated, were approved as a true record of the meetings and signed by the Chair Cllr P Cammack.
35/2022	Receive Reports from West Northamptonshire Councillors Unitary Cllr Stephen Clarke recently escalated the PC's request for a 40mph speed limit reduction on the A428 to the Chair of the Road Safety Panel. The proposal will be considered by the Highways Speed Limit Review Panel for consideration. The next speed reduction team meeting is being held on March 22 nd . Cllr Clarke hopes to have an update for the April Parish Council meeting. The current round of the Community Funding Grant closes on the 13 th February. Cllr S Clarke has received 11 expressions of interest and 7 completed applications so far, 5 applications have been awarded, 1 is still to be approved and 1 application didn't meet the criteria conditions. 3 projects approved were from Denton. £600 towards costs of a child's event for the Jubilee, £350 towards start-up costs of the Denton Volunteer Car Drive scheme and £400 towards the Denton Wild Flower Project scheme. Well done to all those Denton community groups that were successful with their applications and many thanks to Unitary Councillor Stephen Clarke for supporting our community groups.
36/2022	Receive any updates on Police matters – Cllr A Belwood Cllr A Belwood met with PCSO Matt Taylor yesterday at a meet and greet session. Cllr Belwood would like to create a monthly Police update for the website. All were in agreement.
37/2022	Discuss any Correspondence a. Discuss a request to use the Playing Field to sell cakes The Clerk has received a request from local resident Kim Burbidge to use the Green to hold a cake sale to raise funds to be used towards the Ukraine crisis. It was Resolved to allow use of the Green.

38/2022	<p>Receive any website updates – Cllr K Hewitson Cllr K Hewitson reported traffic figures to the website had increased from 500 visits per month to 6000 in the last month. It was agreed to remove the Neighbourhood Watch from the website and replace it with Police Liaison Representation. Action: Cllr K Hewitson to make the necessary changes to the website.</p>
39/2022	<p>Village Services – Receive reports from Working Groups a. Receive update reports from the following working groups: Village Maintenance – Nothing new to report. Lighting – One light is out. The Clerk has obtained prices from Eon and a quote was received from Forde and McHugh which appeared very expensive. Other alternatives will be explored. Grass Cutting – Has started again this month. Trees – Nothing new to report. Hedges – R&G have put their prices up from £49 to £54 per cut. It was Resolved to accept their price increase. Footpath and Highways Warden – Nothing new to report Village Hall – We are still awaiting a figure from the village hall with regards to the bin emptying costs. The Playground – Cllr A Addison is awaiting delivery of the play equipment spares – Action: Clerk to chase up the delivery Defibrillator – New pads have been replaced. Duplicated Recycling Bins along Church Way – The Waste Management Services at WNC monitored the bin situation along Church way over the last few weeks and have managed to identify a total of 9 bins (a mixture of black and blue bins) that were either duplicated or not being used. These bins have now been removed. If it turns out any bin has been removed that shouldn't have, residents can ring the depot and they will arrange to have a new bin delivered. Contractors will now be able to mow the grass as there are only a few bins out now. There are a couple of bins left near to the roads edge, it might be a solution to move two bins to the other side of the telegraph pole. If Councillors feel it is a problem the grass could be dug up and some hardcore put down. Action: To be discussed at the April meeting. b. Discuss and agree whether to use Forde & McHugh or an alternative contractor to repair Denton's Street Lights After receiving an expensive repair quote for the street light that is currently out, the Clerk investigated a number of suppliers for street lighting maintenance and repair work. Prices from EON were obtained and others are still to arrive. Action: Cllr P Manley to continue with the investigations in time for the April meeting.</p>
40/2022	<p>Community Projects a. Receive any updates on the Cinema on the Green event being held in May and approve costs The Chair Cllr P Cammack has confirmed the Cinema on the Green event has been booked for May and another one has been confirmed for the Jubilee celebrations in June. Costs to be approved at the next PC meeting being held in April. b. Receive any updates on the planned Queens Jubilee Celebrations being held in June The Jubilee Working Group have been busy organising the Jubilee events. Confirmed events include: Church bell ringing, cinema on the green, raffle, music – Bobby Daniels, Usual Suspects and Reggae Ray. Treasure hunt around the village, jubilee crafts, cake stands, picnic on the green, circus skills, history of the church, Street party – if someone is able to organise it? brass band / choir and best dressed house. The group needs assistance with organising a street party and sports events. If volunteers can't be found then these activities will be knocked on the head. Cllr K Hewitson to advertise on the</p>

	website for volunteers. Another meeting will be held and then a leaflet drop will follow asking for further volunteers.
41/2022	<p>Receive any update reports from Parish Councillors Volunteer Car Driver Scheme – Cllr K Hewitson</p> <p>Cllr K Hewitson reported that the Car Driver Scheme were successful in receiving a grant of £350 through the Councillor Covid Support Fund via Unitary Councilor Stephen Clarke. This money will be used towards the setting up costs of the scheme, such as driver training and insurance costs. There will be a meeting being held on the 26th March in Denton Village Hall to try and recruit volunteer drivers. DPS checks will be required for all drivers. A Co-Ordinator will set up all appointments between the residents and drivers (7 days before hand). The scheme is hoping to carry out around 500 journeys a year!</p> <p>Cllr P Manley reported the new Defibrillator pads have been received and he has replaced the old expired ones. The new pads have an expiry date of November 2024</p>
42/2022	<p>Discuss any Planning matters and receive any reports</p> <p>No new planning applications to report. It was noted that the West Northants (South Office) online register is being updated to comply with accessibility laws and to introduce some improvements. Although there are many improvements, we'd like to draw your attention to the 'track this application' facility. Once you have found an application of interest you can click the 'track this application' button to get an automated email when the application status changes. Also, to make downloading plans easier for Parish Councils you will be able to select multiple documents and download as a single zipped folder of these.</p>
43/2022	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>a. Review Financial Statement as at 09/03/22 for information as agreed to the Bank Statement Reconciliation and to Propose Payments and Sign Cheques</p> <p>Financial reports were received for information. No Income was received in February 2022. The Clerk reported the bank balances to date as reconciled to the bank statement was as follows: Current Account £7,591.05 and Premier Account £37,586.00.</p> <p>b. Propose Payments for bank transfer and Sign any Cheques agreed by the Council</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve payments to be made in March 2022 (Appendix A).</p>
44/2022	<p>Progress any matters arising from the previous minutes not covered by items on the agenda</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
45/2022	<p>Date of the next meeting – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 13th April 2022</p> <p>RESOLVED to hold the next Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 13th April 2022. The meeting is to be held in Denton Village Hall at 7.45pm.</p>
	Close: The meeting ended at 9.05pm

Signed byDate

43/2022 Financial Matters

a. Review Financial Statement as at 09/03/2022 and 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.

Payment Method	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
BT	134.40	22.40	R&G	Emptying of Dog Bins	Open Spaces Act
BT	781.32	0.00	Shirley Wong	Clerks Salary & Office Expenses £887.15 Less tax £82.60/NI £6.62 and Pension £16.61	LGA 1972 s 112
BT	180.00	0.00	Rod Jones	Lengsthman Duties Jan £108 & Feb £72	Open Spaces Act
BT	28.00	0.00	Denton Village Hall	Room Hire 09.02.22 & 09.03.22	Local Government Act 1972 s 133
BT	9.96	0.00	NEST Pension	Employer pension Contribution – S Wong	LGA 1972 s 112

Total of payments £1,133.68