

Dear Resident,

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Your Councillors are currently extremely busy organizing the Denham Green Christmas Fayre for the 29<sup>th</sup> November, which, by the time you read this, will be all over and maybe also the Carol singing event on Denham Village Green around the Christmas tree, which is being held on the 8 December at 6pm. We do hope you participated in these events and enjoyed the evenings. If you can suggest any improvements for these events in the future or you would like us to look at holding something in your community please email us with your thoughts.

**Budgeting.** All Chairmen of Committees are currently focusing on preparing the parish budgets for next year. These need to be ready for presentation to the council for approval in early January and to be submitted to our District Council at the end of January for inclusion in the rate calculations. We are focusing on a number of issues that are constantly being raised by residents, such as overgrown pathways, unsightly weeds, improving identified facilities and installing an outside gym area to encourage fitness. We also hope we will be taking over and improving the old scout hut to facilitate local activities.

**Neighbourhood Planning.** Neighbourhood Planning is a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to develop a shared vision for the neighbourhood.

Our Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, chaired by local resident, Alan Head, met on a Saturday morning in November to discuss strategy. We agreed that as each community had its own distinct concerns and opportunities, we would address that by forming 5 task groups to discuss the key planning issues, consisting of residents and Councillors, for each of the following areas:-

Denham Green, Denham Village, New Denham, Higher Denham and Tatling End. So please, any residents who want an input into the future development and shaping of their area, please contact us to join your group. Once each area has submitted their thoughts, we can then pull them together and start to look at the parish as a whole.

**Residents.** If you just wish to be kept abreast of how your area is shaping up under the Neighbourhood Planning, and maybe comment on what is being proposed, please supply us with your email address and we can forward you minutes of our meetings once they've been approved. The plans could affect you so please contribute in a positive way.

**The Parish Council** meets on the 2nd Monday of every month (except August) at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Rear of Denham Village Memorial Hall, Village Road, Denham, UB9 5BN and residents are always welcome to attend but there is no entry once the meeting begins.

Seasons Greetings from all of your Councillors and staff.

Marilyn Heath.  
Chairman, Denham Parish Council

Our grateful thanks to 'In and Around Denham' for providing this platform for us.