

Dear Resident,

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The government has approved the proposal made by Bucks County Council for a Unitary Council in order to streamline local governance thereby saving costs. The new council needs to be in place by 2020, accordingly there will not be local elections this year. **Footpath Lighting** along the A412. The Parish Council would not normally accept responsibility for Highway projects of this size but in view of Bucks County Council's lack of available funding we are determined to improve the local environment for the benefit of local residents. As you may recall we represented the unsatisfactory condition of the footpath during the HS2 House of Lords Enquiry and were awarded £200,000 by the Secretary of State, payable by HS2, and the Parish is trying to identify additional funding to finance the complete project. Many of you will have noticed that the A412 footway lights have been installed and our contractors are currently wiring them up. They should be 'in light' by the time you read this. This is slightly later than we had hoped but projects of this size often suffer delays that are outside of our control. We are also removing a number of trees that are leaning over and may cause harm in high winds, and raising the height of the tree canopy to ensure that there is no interference to the lighting of the path. We have also looked at the amount of water laying on the path and are hoping that we will be able to introduce improvements to the drainage. Meanwhile we are investigating, with the help of tfb, what temporary measures we could take, such as sand bags where the kerb is too low, to see if it reduces the flow of water onto the path. We also asked SBDC to clean up mud and leaves laying on the path. **Outside Gym Equipment** is being installed following a review of Play Areas and Leisure facilities. We decided to remove the play equipment at the Way and Tillard Recreation Ground, due to lack of use and subsequent

vandalism. We are going to install Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment for the benefit of residents who are looking to keep fit. We have given a lot of thought to this and decided to partner with Urbanix who have a unique set of equipment offering many of the features you would expect to see provided in a standard Fitness Gym. We have received many requests for such equipment to be provided and hope that residents will try it out and benefit once the equipment is available. **Neighbourhood Planning** is proceeding, albeit slowly. We continue to work on it alongside a number of interested residents and propose a number of consultations on our draft plans to give all communities the opportunity to influence the Neighbourhood Plan. This is your Community and the Neighbourhood Plan, once published, will guide the way it is developed and what is welcome and what is not. We are fortunate to live in such a pleasant environment and it is important that our views are taken into account so that we can influence the way it is allowed to change for the future. Please do not just leave it to others – GET INVOLVED and contact clerk@denhambucks-pc.gov.uk for more information.

Flooding on two A40 junctions, Old Mill Road and Cheapside, and the zebra crossing at Denham Green, continue to be at the top of our complaints to tfb.

BUDGETS: After many hours we have finalised our budget which was approved at our full Parish Council Meeting in January and we will be submitting it to SBDC in order for it to be scheduled into the 2019/20 precept.

All your Parish Councillors thank you for your continuing support.

Marilyn Heath

Chairman, Denham Parish Council

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