

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7:00pm in Denham Memorial Hall, Village Rd, Denham, UB9 5BN**

<b>Councillors:</b>	Cllr J Walsh (JW) - Chairman	Cllr S Williams (SW)
	Cllr ME Hagon (MEH)	Cllr A Head (AWH)
	Cllr A Hans (AH)	Cllr S Sproul (SS)
	Cllr M Heath (MH)	Cllr M Skelton (MS)
	Cllr W Davey (WD)	# Cllr E Austin (EA)
	Cllr S Jefferys (SJ)	Cllr G Hollis (GH) (Unitary)
	Cllr S Chhokar (SC) (Unitary)	# Cllr P Bass (PB) (Unitary)
<b>Clerk:</b>	Jagjit Brar	Tharsika Prabakaran (D.Clerk)
<b>Administrator:</b>	Susan Luckhurst	# = Apologies received
<b>Guests:</b>	Rosie Tunnard – (Highways Liaison Manager)	

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction – Cllr Julia Walsh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr JW welcomed everyone back after COVID-19 and extended her thanks to the residents who had attended the meeting.</li> <li>- The Parish Council has been operating remotely throughout lockdown and met regularly through Zoom</li> <li>- The Parish Council has worked hard to brighten up Denham with spring daffodils and flower planters in all areas</li> <li>- Cllr JW introduced the Committee Chairs and thanked them all for their hard work throughout the year and advised we still have vacancies if anyone would like to join.</li> <li>- Cllr JW introduced the format for the evening advising in the second half of the meeting residents have an opportunity to speak to Councillors and Speakers.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Report - Strategic Projects – Cllr Julia Walsh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></li> <li>- A project which has taken several years to complete and was passed through referendum in December 2021.</li> <li>▪ <b>Martin - Baker Partnership</b></li> <li>- DPC will soon be managing their sports field in Denham Green. The facility will be open for use by football clubs and a new youth project which will also need local volunteers.</li> <li>▪ <b>Former Tilehouse Day Centre</b></li> <li>- DPC are still in negotiations with Buckinghamshire Council to renovate the building and reopen it as a dementia day centre.</li> <li>▪ <b>Scout Hut</b></li> <li>- DPC is close to acquiring the Scout Hut in Denham Green which will then be refurbished to turn into a youth club and a Men in Sheds facility.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Communities – Video</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– DPC played a video demonstrating projects delivered by the Communities Committee including the Memory Café, Tea Dance, Beating the Bounds and Music on the Green.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Memory Café – Speaker Cllr Marilyn Hagon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cllr MEH explained sessions are run by volunteers and acts both as a network and respite to carers. Games and a singer provide entertainment.</li> <li>– Cllr MEH then proceeded to say her thanks to all the volunteers and Administrator for being supportive and their hard work.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr MEH informed the residents that ideas for community events are always welcome.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Community Boards – Speaker Cllr Santokh Chhokar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr SC explained there are 15 Community Boards with the function of collectively discussing and raising issues to Bucks Council</li> <li>- Cllr SC encouraged both Parish Councils and residents to get in touch regarding funding available from our local Community Board</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Buckinghamshire Council – Speaker Cllr Guy Hollis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr GH provided an overview of the new Unitary Council and reported:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o charging the median council tax compared to other boroughs across England.</li> <li>o a budget of 1.21 billion for 2022/23.</li> <li>o he has been involved with enforcement notices, fly tipping, inappropriate securing of land, home to school transport, leisure facilities and domestic abuse.</li> <li>o 27k homes to be built in the County and Denham are lucky to have greenbelt and Neighbourhood Plan protection against future development</li> <li>o in the process of creating a Local Plan for Bucks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Cllr GH stated that he is the Deputy Chairman of South Bucks Planning Committee and an advocate to DPC.</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Speech from Rosie Tunnard (Highways Liaison Manager) – Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rosie reported her team carry out inspections and advised FixMyStreet is the best way to report any street or road issue.</li> <li>- Rosie also informed that the A40/A412 junction will be fixed this financial year and that Highways will be liaising with teams working on the M40 to do so.</li> <li>- Rosie stated that resurfacing of roads is expected to last 50 years</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Services - Video</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DPC played a video showing the works of the Services Committee throughout the year which included the play areas, CCTV on the Pyghtle, allotments, the wildflower verge, and highways.</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Planning - Video</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DPC played a video which outlined the Neighbourhood Plan, planning applications, explaining ‘call-ins’ and enforcement notices.</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Finance Video &amp; Finance Report – Speaker Cllr Amarjeet Hans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DPC played a video which presented a breakdown of income and expenditure advising that the largest expenditure is by the Services Committee.</li> <li>- Cllr AH explained that the Parish has reduced our Precept for the last three years and this year there has been no increase for local taxpayers.</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Future Projects – Video</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DPC planned to play a video showcasing upcoming projects including Community Cafe, Scout Hut, Man in Sheds, Youth Projects, and Christmas Lights but experienced technical difficulties.</li> </ul>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Open Floor to Question &amp; Answers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr JW closed the meeting and advised residents they could now ask questions to individual Cllrs and guests.</li> </ul>

**Signed:** Tharsika Prabakaran – Deputy Clerk

**Date:** Wednesday 27 April 2022