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PARISH COUNCILS

Denton

Denton Parish Council
Minutes
All Parish Councillors were summoned to attend a Parish Council Meeting
Monday Monday August 24, 2026 at
Harlaxton Village Hall, Harlaxton at 7:15pm
This Meeting was recorded

PCM 2026
Item for Discussion/Resolution:

1 Welcome Address from the Chair: Councillor Andrea Leadenham thanked everyone for attending and reminded all that the meeting is recorded.
2 Attendees:
Those in attendance were: Councillors: Andrea Leadenham, Chair, Cath Elias, Vice Chair, Amy Leadenham, Issy McLellan Robert Leadenham and Sue Bellamy (also as Acting Clerk) and two members of the public.
3 Councillor Apologies:
Apology received & noted from Councillor Tame & County Councillor Charlotte Vernon.
4 Parish Council Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:
None recorded.
5 Minutes of previous Meeting:
Resolution to approve the Minutes of the Parish council Meeting held on June 22, 2026. Approved & duly signed.
6 Items from District & County Councillors:
County Councillor Charlotte Vernon had not forwarded any items for discussion. District Councillor Robert Leadenham discussed the following:
Local Government Reorganisation:
Councillor Leadenham outlined the changes that will be implemented.
May 2027: Elections will be held for the new shadow authorities.
March 2028: Existing county and district councils continue normal operations through the transition.

April 1, 2028: Official vesting day when the new unitary authorities officially go live and replace the old system.
Concerns that representation will be greatly reduced as there will be fewer Councillors. SKDC have written to the Secretary of State requesting a revision.

Community Speed Watch:
A new co ordinator has been appointed for Lincolnshire - details to be confirmed.

Canal & River Trust - Litter Bin:
After further reports of the litter bin at the reservoir not being emptied. Councillor Leadenham reiterated the Canal & River Trust's nationwide policy, of removing litter bins from reservoir & canal towpaths unless there is an agreement with communities to empty them. As the litter bin's location at the reservoir is not easily accessible to be emptied, several options were debated. Councillor Leadenham to look into & confirm with SKDC if bins could be situated on Casthorpe Road - this would include a recycling bin & a regular litter bin should the bin at the reservoir be removed. There are concerns that if there is no facility for safe disposal of litter, it will be discarded into the reservoir or left which could be detrimental to wildlife.

Road Sweeping:
Councillor Leadenham has requested that the roads in Denton are swept prior to Autumn/Winter. There is a lot of straw debris on Main Street/Church Street from the lorries transporting straw bales which may cause blocked drains.

7 Public Forum:
No items for discussion.

8 Report from the Parish Clerk including:

a) update re End of Year audit:
Acting Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for FY25/26 was sent to PKF Littlejohn the external auditor of smaller authorities. Unfortunately Form 2 was submitted when it should have been Form 3. Due to the increase in expenditure for the new Play Area. Unfortunately this was not picked up by the accountant. The correct form & explanation has now been submitted & we are waiting for a report from PKF Littlejohn to follow.

b) Finances - including balance sheet, payments & available funds:
The current balance stands at £18,939.53. Councillors signed the bank mandate which will be sent to Virgin Bank.

c) Community Cleaner Report:
Community Cleaner had submitted a monthly report.

d) Any other reported business:
None received.
9 Parish Council General (Update & Discussion):
a. Play Area - Any outstanding items:
Weekly checks on the play area are being undertaken by Councillor Cath Elias & Nigel Elias. The Chair thanked Councillor Elias, Mr. Nigel Elias & Mrs G. Farren for all their help & support with the play area, it is much appreciated. The Chair had made enquiries regarding the addition of a small cabinet for the play area as a storage space for games. A large set of dominoes were mentioned as a possibility & also bug houses, Councillor Amy Leadenham was happy to compile clipboards with instructions regarding looking for insects. The surfaces around the around the equipment was discussed but it was decided to wait for the full RoSPA inspection & report is received.
The amended advisory wording for the play area notice board has been ordered & Acting Clerk to collect when printed. Cost for the sticker is £15.40.
b. SID & Road Safety:
Correspondence has been received from Barrowby Parish Council's Clerk, regarding a joint initiative for the purchase of SIDS with several other parishes. All Councillor's unanimously agreed that this was an excellent idea. Acting Clerk to inform Barrowby.
c. CSW:
The next CSW will take place regarding the Steam & Country Fair at Belvoir Castle August 29-31, 2026. New location for CSW on Belvoir Road still has to be confirmed. Councillor R. Leadenham has submitted the information. With a new coordinator in place it is hoped that Training Sessions can recommence. Mr. Nigel Elias to coordinate the CSW schedule for the Landrover Event - September 5-6, 2026. Concerns were raised about speeding traffic at night that seem to be using a set circuit around the area.
d. Parking Issues in Denton:
Inconsiderate parking on Church Street/Park Lane was reported, impeding the access for the Refuse Lorry. Councillor McLellan asked about the possibility of double yellow lines being installed particularly on the corner of Park Lane. Further discussion on the issue particularly with the upcoming start of the new school term ensued, particularly the safety of the school children. Several gates on Park Lane have been damaged by drivers trying to turn around in such a narrow space. It was suggested that a letter should be sent to the Headteacher regarding all the issues & concerns. It was also suggested that this issue be reviewed again especially regarding a 20mph zone. Acting Clerk to write to the Headteacher & County Councillor Charlotte Vernon with the councils concerns.
e. Belvoir Castle Events;
This item was covered under Item c.

f. Vale Parish Group (VPG):
Councillor Robert Leadenham & Acting Clerk attended the meeting held on Tuesday July 28, 2026. The meeting mainly consisted of information pertaining to Leicestershire & the reorganisation.
g. Dog Fouling:
The usual discussion about the dog fouling problem was made. Enforcement Officers are available but require evidence to prosecute. Councillor R. Leadenham has bin & Acting Clerk to check with Welby Estate if it would be permitted to install the bin in the paddock.
h. Update on request to SKDC for lighting on the Service Road on Hungate:
This matter is still currently still waiting for an EON survey.
i. Induction Trainjng:
Training for Councillor's McLellan & Elais to take place in September.
10 Planning Applications:
General Permitted Development Order for:
70 Main Street, Denton, Lincolnshire, NG32 1JZ. - **Approved**
11 Any other business:
none noted.
12 New Business for the next Meeting and any action required:
none noted.
13 Meeting close and date of next meeting: ***Tuesday October 27, 2026 at 7:15pm.***
14 Closed session if required:
None required.

Signed by:
Councillor Andrea Leadenham, Chair