

# **DENTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Draft Minutes of the DENTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Monday 16 March 2020 at 19:00 Village Hall, Denton**

### **Present**

Cllr J. Bell – Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

### **Councillors**

Parish: Cllr S Bellamy, Cllr S.Turtle, Cllr D.Welby

### **Clerk to the Council**

Mr. J. McCloskey

### **Members of the Public**

The Chair welcomed all present.

#### **1. Apologies.**

Cllrs: M Crush, S.Skelton

Resolution to accept apologies:

**Passed. Apologies and reasons were accepted.**

#### **2. Minutes from previous meeting.**

Resolution to accept and sign minutes of the APM held Monday 18 March 2019.

**Passed. Minutes accepted as true record and duly signed.**

#### **3. Chairmans Report.**

Council Chair Cllr J Bell read the Chairmans report for the last year (Annex A)

**4. Matters Arising from the Parish Community**

There were no matters raised by the attendees from Parish Community

**5. Community issues.**

There were no outstanding community issues for discussion.

**6. Presentations.**

There were no presentations from the members of the community present.

**7. Questions.**

There were no questions raised by the members of the community present.

**8. Close.**

The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 19:15 hrs and the council moved to the regular Parish Council Meeting at 19:30 hrs

**9. Date of Next Meeting:**

The date of the next **Annual Parish Meeting (APM)** will be announced in December 2019.



James McCloskey

Clerk to Denton Parish Council.

**Minutes Action:**

**Initial Draft for resolution at APM Mar 2020**

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**Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting - On the 16 March 2020**

This is my last year as Chairman of the Parish Council and once again we are seeking a new member as a councillor following the resignation of Keith Hiley whose long service to the Parish is recognised with many thanks.

The council has continued to benefit from views and efforts of new councillors which has been highly welcome and give the council a broad diversity of representation.

I think it is important to highlight the following issues that the council has faced over the last year.

**The Quarry:**

Planning permission for the Gorse Lane Quarry was turned down last year, but there is always a continued threat to the village that Mick George Ltd may threaten to develop quarries in the area under the Review of Old Mineral Consents (ROMP). The PC awaits developments. The council will continue to monitor news of any development and make the Parish aware of any developments on this matter.

**Mill Lane/Belvoir Road/Harston Road Land Offer**

The council had received a very kind offer of the transfer of title to the above property for use by the Parish. The Council has formed a workgroup with members of the community to investigate the implications of the offer and make recommendations on the way forward. The council also agreed to hold a public consultation before any final decision so that public views are considered.

The report from the work group was received, and the effort and completeness of the facts in the report were appreciated and considered by the council. The report itself was not unanimously agreed by the workgroup - although the majority did approve of its contents and no contrary information was presented to invalidate any of the factual findings.

Given the potential cost implications of Mill Lane being unadopted, the council has decided to hold any decision until that matter reaches conclusion and there is clarity on the overall cost to the council. In the meantime the report has been made available on the website for any further comments.

### **SKDC Adoption of Mill Lane**

The Council are investigating the potential that Mill Lane should be an Adopted Highway and therefore maintained by SKDC. There is historical evidence that the lane should have been adopted but it is currently recorded as unadopted. Councillor Skelton has pursued this matter with vigour and the council hope that the Lane will eventually be adopted.

### **Traffic speed:**

Traffic speed is a continuing issue in the village. This year we procured a Speed Indicator Device which seems to have made an impact. We continue to monitor the situation and will take further steps if required.

### **Transparency**

The council has made great steps in our efforts to be a more transparent council. The website and SOPs have been reviewed and our documentation of meetings is more detailed. Hopefully whoever takes over as the Chairman will continue our efforts to align with government policy of increasing transparency of public bodies.

### **Pot Holes, Fences and Signs**

The responsiveness of higher-level councils to our 'infrastructure' issues at the local level continues to be a disappointment. While we have had some success – the results are less than satisfactory and are taking a great deal of time and effort. We will continue to press for a satisfactory level of service.

### **Acknowledgements:**

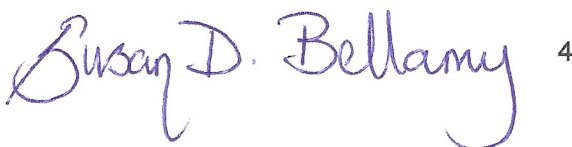
I wish to thank all the people who have taken time to discuss issues with the council and shown interest in our meetings – your input (positive or negative) continues to guide us on what issues need discussion or change. Of course, as usual I would like to thank all the councillors who give up their time to serve the community. Finally, a big thank you goes to James McCloskey our Parish Clerk, Helen Westropp SKDC, Bob Adams LCC.



**Jonathan Bell**

**Chairman, Denton Parish Council.**

**Monday 16 March 2020**

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