



LINCOLNSHIRE
PARISH COUNCILS

Denton

Denton Parish Council

Minutes

All Parish Councillors were summoned to attend a Parish Council Meeting

Monday May 19, 2025 at

Harlaxton Village Hall, Harlaxton at 7:30 pm.

This Meeting was recorded

PCM 2024

Item for Discussion/Resolution

1 Welcome Address from the Chair, Councillor Andrea Leadenham who had been voted in as Chair at the AGM prior to the Parish Council Meeting, thanked the members of the public for attending and reminded all that the meeting is recorded. Councillor Vincent Aldred was also thanked for his time on the Council as he had offered his resignation at the AGM. Councillor Casement-Thomas had been voted in as Vice Chair and Mr Nigel Elias had also offered to stand as a Councillor and as he met the criteria was duly welcomed & voted on.

2 Attendees:

Those in attendance were: Councillors: Sue Bellamy and also Acting Clerk, Robert Leadenham, (who had informed the Acting Clerk he would be late arriving due to a prior meeting) Patricia Casement-Thomas, Amy Leadenham. Two members of the public also in attendance.

3 Councillor Apologies:

Apology received & noted from Councillor R . Leadenham that he would be late in arriving.

4 Parish Council Declarations of Pecuniary Interest. None recorded.

5 Items from District & County Councillors.

Councillor Charlotte Vernon was in attendance and thank everyone for their support during the local elections. Reform Party now hold a large majority, as the election has only just taken place no policies or projects have been announced as mandatory training will be in place for the new Councillors.

6 Minutes of previous Meeting - Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday May 19, 2025.

7 Public Forum

Councillor Casement-Thomas noted that the Village Hall had been discussed during the Annual Meeting prior to the Parish Council Meeting and an interim committee had been formed: Councillor Casement-Thomas stressed that the survey was overwhelmingly positive that the village hall was

kept open. Several residents had intimated that they would be available to help with the maintenance etc. A 99 year lease had been offered by the Welby Estate and as Denton PC would be the overseeing body certain criteria would have to be put in place for the running & viability of the Village Hall. All items to be discussed further. It was noted that there is about £2,200 in the Village Hall account. A structural survey would need to be carried out to confirm the viability of the project - moving forward.

Councillor Robert Leadenham joined the meeting and was asked by the Chair to add any comments to Item 5:

Councillor R. Leadenham reported that current changes to local government are still a work in progress, nothing has been decided and further meetings are planned. It is envisioned that SKDC probably has

2 more years left as the governing Council & there maybe the possibility of even more elections. PC's in the area are being invited to future briefings.

8 Report from the Parish Clerk including:

a. Community Cleaner Report

Reports have been received and the usual information regarding litter. Clerk has also checked if any equipment is required by the cleaner & the response was not at the present time.

9 Parish Council: General (update & discussion)

New Councillor Training - date still to be confirmed for Councillor Amy Leadenham and Councillor Elias.

a SID & Road Safety - it was confirmed by Councillor R. Leadenham that the issue of the siting of the SID on the lamppost on Main Street will be addressed further by SKDC. It is still undecided whether or not to replace or repair the SID currently sited on Belvoir Road.

i) CSW (Community Speed Watch) Update:

With the addition of 2 new volunteers, it is hoped more sessions can be planned. Councillor Elias confirmed all the information is being forwarded to Lincs Police after each session.

ii) Parking issues in Denton namely Denton School and any updates. Again the School is seen as a problem area & several thoughts were discussed which included; where the teachers park to staggered school times or a one way system. It was suggested that a meeting should be held with the Head Teacher of the School to see if any solution could be achieved.

Councillors Vernon & R. Leadenham left the Meeting.

iii) Lincs CC letter regarding the siting of the 30mph limits on Belvoir, Harston & Casthorpe Roads. Clerk to check when the work is scheduled to commence.

b. Belvoir Castle Events and general update.

Forbidden Forest is the main event & will be discussed further in Item d):

c) Vale Parish Group Meeting was attended by Councillor Bellamy on April 28, 2025. Items discussed were Children's Homes in the area and Flood Management.

d) Forbidden Forest update: CSW in place for the event. As there is new management for the event the emphasis has been put on better communication with the residents of the area. The Traffic Management Company has not changed and it is assumed the Traffic Management Plan will be similar to previous years. Archer survey to be conducted on Belvoir Road by Lincs Police.

e) Dog Fouling: some areas of the village are better than others but the general consensus was to continue monitoring the situation.

f) Play Area, Hungate Road - Update

New brochures have been received regarding play equipment. Clerk to check on the status of the transfer from SKDC.

g) Correspondence received from a resident regarding the installation of new street lighting LED bulbs. A resident was concerned about the LED street lights The Clerk had informed the resident that the new lighting was a cost cutting measure and if the lights were deemed too bright shades could be fitted to deflect the light.

10 Finance: including discussion on the year end for FY 24/25 and the information required by Dendy Choma and P.K. Littlejohn regarding the audit procedure. Payment of yearly insurance premium through Zurich Insurance. Also payment re LALC for updating of the website.

The bank balance is £24,430.87. Funds for the play area of £3,300 are ring fenced. Councillor Elias also reminded the council that £1,000 was also ring fenced from The Street Market Funds. The sum of £229.86 to Zurich Insurance had also been paid. Everything was now in place to forward to our internal Auditor Dendy Choma to ensure that the Parish Council is compliant and then the checked documentation will be sent to PKF Littlejohn who are the external auditors. Payment pending to LALC (Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils).

11 Planning Applications

Sycamore Cottage 66 Main Street Denton
Lincolnshire NG32 1JZ

Ref. No: S25/0361 | Received: Mon 03 Mar 2025 | Validated: Mon 03 Mar 2025 | Status: Decided

Section 11 Notice for works to Conifer hedging, currently between 4.5 - 6 metres in height, to be reduced by approx. 50% to 2.7 - 3 metres in height

Ryecort Belvoir Road Denton Lincolnshire NG32 1LJ

Ref. No: S25/0806 | Received: Thu 01 May 2025 | Validated: Thu 01 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Lawful development certificate for proposed boundary treatments

Rose Cottage 125 Casthorpe Road Denton

Lincolnshire NG32 1JS

Ref. No: S25/0601| Received: Mon 31 Mar 2025 | Validated: Mon 31 Mar 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

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David Wilson Homes

Outline planning application for the erection of up to 200 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) (all matters reserved except for access), access off Swinehill and West End, land safeguarded for a community facility (Use Class F2), public open space with associated infrastructure.

Denton Parish Council to object to the above planning application.

Outstanding decisions:

Keepers Lodge - Caravan & Camping Site at Denton Lane, Harston. Still pending with Melton Borough Council.

No update on the above application & still pending.

12 Any other business that has arisen.

Councillor Casement-Thomas suggested that the Emergency Plan for Denton be listed as pending as it requires further discussion.

13 New business for the next meeting

14 Meeting close and date of next meeting and also meeting and venue schedule for 2025/6.

15 Closed session if required.

Signed by:

Councillor Andrea Leadenham, Chair

Date: September 29, 2025