

**DENNY LODGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall.

**Present :**

Cllr P Roberts (Chairman)  
Cllr R Gover  
Cllr V Batty  
Cllr J Horton  
Cllr E Elcoate

In attendance: - Mrs K Penna; Parish Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Assembly.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr M Harris, Cllr A Tilbury; Cllr J Green; Mr George Bisson.

**2. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were accepted and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**3. Chairman's Report to the Parish Electors**

The AGM represents a chance to take stock of the previous year and look ahead to the forthcoming year.

Looking back at the previous 12 months, the Parish Council has successfully implemented its statutory role, particularly with reference to:

- Participation in the relevant consultative and information sharing meetings, panels etc., to ensure the Council remains informed about issues facing the Parish; and
- Representing the Council's views on various consultations affecting the Parish.

Procedurally, the Council is well set up to ensure its role may be efficiently implemented:

- The Council's Procedures and Policies have been issued or revised to be compliant with current requirements.
- The role of Clerk has been successfully transferred.
- Improved communications efficiency and transparency through the website.
- Clear financial control and balance sheet reconciliation.
- Successful audit history and regulatory compliance.

Even though it is a small parish council (in terms of population), Denny Lodge has an important contribution to make, and its members have a clear understanding of the issues it faces. In the context of its location in the New Forest National Park, which is covered by multiple organisations with responsibility as well as many interest groups, this is especially important since many of the

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main issues faced by the area derive from these bodies or groups. The current examples we see of this are the New Forest National Park Development Plans and the Forestry Commission Inclosures Consultation, both of which we have expressed our views about.

I would like to thank our Clerk for efficiently assuming the role and for her diligence in the previous 12 months. Some of the insights and issues faced by neighbouring parishes which are provided by the Clerk and also members of the Council have also proved informative.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Council and meeting participants for their contribution in the past 12 months and look forward to continuing this work in the forthcoming year.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **South East Quadrant Meeting**

Report given at previous meeting.

##### **Consultative Panel Report**

Report given at previous meeting.

##### **Arson Forum Meeting**

No report.

##### **New Forest Association of Local Councils**

No report.

##### **Verderers' Report**

No report.

##### **Clerk's Report**

- Unfortunately, the last application for DCLG funding of £700.00 was not put through by HALC as an error for which they have apologised. More funding has been released and the clerk has made another application which has risen to £1181 due to the inclusion of this financial year.
- The clerk will be taking two weeks' annual leave from 19<sup>th</sup> May, although I will be checking emails and forwarding anything of urgency.
- Councillors should have received the information received list and the planning and enforcement list. Please advise the clerk if there are any items you would like more details on.

##### **Chairman's Questions**

No public present.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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