

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OLD DENABY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2025

Members present:

Councillor K Callan (in the Chair)

Councillor C Cocksedge

Councillor A Robinson

Councillor W Shaw

Officer present:

C McRoy, Clerk to the Parish Council

Also present: 1 member of the public

- 1 **To receive** apologies and consider acceptance of reasons for absence provided. Apologies were received from Councillor Fisher.

RESOLVED: The reason for absence provided was accepted by Council

2. **To consider** the extent, if any, to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. None.

- 3 **To approve** the minutes of the council meeting held on 21st November 2024 as a true record

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved as a true record with minor amendments and signed by the Chair of the Council.

- 4 **To consider co-option** of a candidate onto the Council.

RESOLVED: Will Shaw was co-opted onto the Council.

5. **To consider** Parish Council Draft Budget 2025/26 and **approve** a Budget for 2025/26.

Members discussed the budget and Council's level of reserves in detail.

RESOLVED: To proceed with the draft budget with the amendments as agreed by Council.

RESOLVED: to make a precept request of £4,950 for 2025-26, giving a Band D amount of £36.67 for the year- an increase of £10.74 from the previous year.

6. **To receive** Clerk's update on items from the last meeting- website, internal control checking measures, and field access surface, and consider any additional items for action by the next meeting. The Clerk gave an update on the items listed and was instructed to act on various matters for the next meeting (find out how the number of councillors is set, updating the financial regulations, reviewing website alternatives).

7. **To receive** a report from Environment Working Group meeting and discuss format, frequency and terms of reference for Finance Working Group/Committee and additional resources required for management of these. Members discussed the matters raised at the Environment Working Group, particularly drainage and verge issues. Members discussed requirements for the Finance Working Group/Committee terms of reference in light of recent member training.

RESOLVED: Clerk to pass Environment Group issues details on to Doncaster Council

RESOLVED: Clerk to provide drafted terms of reference using YLCA model for next meeting.

8. **To review** gender specific terms in Standing Orders. Members agreed this was not required, due to the terminology being used because it is in the 1972 legislation governing the Parish Council and its activities.

9. Financial Matters

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment.

HP- printing costs x 2 months- £7.98 Staff costs, GiffGaff- mobile phone charges x 2 months £12.00, Microsoft 365- software x 2 months- £24.72.

10.To agree dates of the remaining Council meetings scheduled for 2025:

- Thursday 20th March
- Thursday 15th May
- Thursday 17th July
- Thursday 18th September
- Thursday 20th November
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11.To agree any matters for referral to other bodies. It was agreed that the meeting be held at the same venue next time if The Manor was not available.

RESOLVED: Clerk to report conifers outside sewage works to Doncaster Council and request that they be cut.

Signed..... (Chair of the Council)

Date: 20 March 2025