**Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held by conference call**

**on Thursday 4th November 2021**

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors: -** D. Newrick (DN) (Chairman), W. Makepeace (Vice-Chairman) & Tim Gordon (TG)

**Other: -** Sue Hatt (SH) (Clerk)

**Absent:** Keith Meller (KM) (City Councillor), Raymond Tinnion (RT) (City Councillor) and Mike Mitchelson (MM) (County Councillor)

**The meeting opened with DN in the Chair**

1. **Opening Remarks** -DN welcomed the councillors to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Keith Meller, Raymond Tinnion and Mike Mitchelson
3. **Notification by Members of Pecuniary and other Registrable Interest:** none received.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2021.**

 Agreed as a true and correct record, to be signed as such by DN.

1. **Matters Arising:**
2. **Highways:** DN reported that the parking sign at the school has been successful in deterring overnight parking by motorhomes.
3. **Village meeting:** All issue raised have been addressed by DN but Mike Mitchelson has contributed to the discussion about speed limit around the village. He has suggested that the Parish Councils of Waterhead and Upper Denton should write to the County Council about extending the 30mph speed limit past Orchard House and further west towards the Hill.

The issue of the damage to the wall on the way to Orchard House will be dealt with by Waterhead PC.

 **Action:** SH to liaise with Waterhead PC and send a letter to County Council

It was felt that the meeting was well managed, although the second half of the meeting was more effective than the first**.** It was agreed that an annual meeting, possibly in May or June, would be beneficial and would be supported by Upper Denton Parish Council. It was also agreed that the plans fort the Jubilee Celebrations could also be discussed. Andi Keene from Meg’s Café is coordinating the preparations.

 **Action:** SH to keep in touch with Andi Keene about future plans

It is believed that the Gilsland Hall Hotel is not being used much as a quarantine hotel.

1. **Communications:** none received
2. **Reports:**
3. **COGS:** Still no progress to report and still awaiting new engineering study to obtain a more accurate idea of costs which may make the project more viable.
4. **County Council:** MM has made some comments about the issues raised at the Village meeting.
5. **City Council:** None
6. **Finance:**

**Accounts for the period 1st April 2021** **to date** –Credit balance of £3108.88

1. **Receipts since the last meeting:**

**Payee Reason for Payment Amount**

VAT claim Refund of VAT 2019-2021 £77

 **Payments due:**

 **Payee Reason for Payment Amount**

 **It was agreed to make the following payments:**

**Payee Reason for Payment Amount**

Gilsland PCC Contribution to upkeep of Churchyard £250

Sue Hatt Clerk’s 6 months salary £250

Sue Hatt Clerk’s 6 months expenses £42.60

1. **2022-2023 Parish Precept** – It was unanimously decided not to increase the precept but to keep it at £1216.
2. **Planning Matters:**

**21/0600:** Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) & Removal Of Conditions 3, 4, 6 & 9 Of Previously Approved Permission 19/0904 (Renewal Of Extant Planning Permission 16/0924 In Respect Of Change Of Use Of Public House To 1no. Dwelling & Erection Of 1no. Adjoining Dwelling) To Omit Proposed New Dwelling Adjacent To Public House Location: Bridge Inn, Gilsland, Brampton, CA8 7BE

**DN and TG attended a meeting with the Armstrongs but the situation regarding boundaries is still not clear.** **Barbara Percival has sent a map of the contested area but it is not proving helpful.**

**21/1012** Raising Of Eastern Property Walls By 2.8m To Match Existing First Floor Extension; Erection Of New Gable Roof, First Floor Bedroom & Bathroom Location: Rowanlea, 2 Hadrians Crescent, Gilsland, Brampton, CA8 7BP.

**No objections raised by the councillors.**

1. **Any other business:**
2. **Noise from Spadeadam:** The recent noise resulting from explosions carried out at Spadeadam on 5th October at 10.10am were discussed. Local homeowners from far reaching villages (Roadhead, Lanercost, the Sill) had heard the explosions and some had reported damage to their properties. They should e advised to report the damage to the DNV. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Gethin ----- asking for more formal notice of explosions and more effective procedures for dealing with complaints. The next step would be to contact the Health and Safety Executive about the matter and this would involve the County Council.

**Action:** TG to draft a letter to Gethin Manuel about the matter and circulate

(contact email: G.W.Manuel@edu.salford.ac.uk)

1. **Dates of future meetings:** Thursday 12th May 2022

 Thursday 8th September 2022

 Thursday 10th November 2022

1. **Next Meeting** – The next Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th January 20222021 at 6:30pm in the Methodist Chapel Room.

Minutes prepared by Signed as a true and correct record

**Sue Hatt Dan Newrick**

**Clerk to the PC Chairman**