

HIGHER DENHAM COMMUNITY CIO
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered Charity No. 1163577

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on

Thursday 20th August 2020 at 7.30pm

In the Community Hall

Present:

Mrs Jacqui McGowan – Chair

Mrs Jane Blyth

Dr Ron James, Treasurer

Mrs Patricia Davidson

Mr Pete Bryant

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Sonia Harris and Ed Nash-Steer.

2. Public Session

No residents present.

3. Minutes of July 2020 meeting

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

- i) AGM.** The AGM has been deferred since March 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. It was agreed to go ahead with the AGM in the hall on Wednesday 30th September, within the current government guidelines. A maximum of 30 people will be allowed to attend, on a first come first served basis. Residents should book a place by emailing the CIO Chair.

All current committee members are willing to stand for election again at the AGM, except for Ed Nash-Steer and Orlaith Senior who resigned in July. Both resignations are due to work commitments. Residents David Ward and Nadeline Barrett have expressed interest in joining the committee at the next AGM.

The AGM will be advertised in the resident Newsletter and the Whatsapp group.

Action: JM

- ii) WhatsApp Group.** A separate CIO Whatsapp group has been set up for residents to enable the CIO to keep them updated with matters in the community. The original Whatsapp group will continue and will be for residents to use for general communication between themselves.

5. Chairman's report

- a) **CCTV.** A communication has been delivered to all households outlining the CCTV and ANPR proposal, asking for residents' views and financial support. The support, to date, has been very positive. The responses will continue to be collated for another week and JM will update the committee by email on the final number of responses and financial pledges.

Action: JM

- b) **Denham Rangers Youth Football Team.** The team are now in the 14-year age group and the FA stipulate they should use large full-size goals for their matches. The team manager has been in contact to see if the CIO would be prepared to purchase new goals for their use. It was agreed to approach Martin Baker to see if they would donate one from their sports ground and to look at options to buy one if needed.

Action: PB

The committee discussed the football team's payment to use the field which has included several months since the COVID lockdown. It was agreed that their payment should be rolled over to the next season.

Action: JM

Grass Verge Cutting. The verges are now being cut regularly by Denham resident, Dean Wardley.

- c) **Parking by hall fence.** Parking outside the hall on Lower Road is becoming a problem for residents living opposite and is congesting the road for all road users. A resident on Lower Road has asked if they can put up some polite notices asking drivers not to park there and these seem to be having some effect.

Field users are accessing the field by climbing over the fence/bund. This is dangerous as they may fall into the road, so JM suggested planting some prickly shrubs to deter them from getting onto the field this way and to use the main car park entrance which is much safer.

Action: RJ

6. Treasurer's Report

Accounts for August are unremarkable with no profit made due to the lockdown/COVID restrictions. RJ advised that the CIO should roughly break even this year.

The insurance renewal has come through and due to an admin error, we have been undercharged for several years. This has now come to light, resulting in a large increase this year. Our broker, Fairweather Insurance, has tried to find a cheaper provider but hasn't been able to due to COVID. It was agreed that we would have to go ahead with the new increased price.

Action: RJ

7. **Hall Activity**

- Line dancing will be coming back to use the hall in the next few weeks.
- Three parties are booked which will be held within the maximum 30-person attendance guidelines.

8. **New Hall Update**

- RJ has spoken to the Architect and he will make contact in September with an update.

Action: RJ

9. **AOB**

- **Playground equipment.** PB has checked the swings and ordered new chain links.
- **Flower Planters.** The Parish Council will be supplying flower planters throughout the Parish and there will be one located on Lower Road and one on Upper Road.

Meeting ended at 8.59pm