

**HIGHER DENHAM COMMUNITY CIO**  
**(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Registered Charity No. 1163577**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm

In the Community Hall

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**Present:**

Mr David Ward – Chairman

Mrs Jane Blyth

Mrs Sonia Harris

Dr Ron James – Treasurer

Mrs Jacqui McGowan

Mr Peter Bryant

**Apologies:**

Mrs Patricia Davidson – Minute Secretary

Mr Ed Nash-Steer

**1. Public Session:**

No members of the public were present.

**2. Minutes of October 2018 Meeting**

It was agreed to amend the minutes as follows:

7c) It was decided that garden vouchers for Di Gordan and Terri Urquhart and Bear on the Barge vouchers for Les and Geoff would be given.

7e) Complaints have been received about Cannabis smokers in the bus shelter. Residents should contact the non-emergency police number, 101, if they see this happening.

**3. Matters arising.**

a) **Problem with puddling by the bund.** DW has observed rainwater puddling outside the Hall/Social Club on Lower Road during recent rainfall. It is running down from Slade Oak Lane and Side Road and settling in a dip on Lower Road. The preferred solution would be to create a “crown” effect on the road surface so the water does not puddle and to install proper drainage. This would be expensive to do. The committee discussed the drainage on all the roads leading to Lower Road and believe it may be blocked in places, which is making the problem worse. PB offered to check the state of the drains and contact Bucks County Council if they need unblocking. **Action: PB**

b) **River Misbourne.** The water seems to be flowing slightly better, however it still needs attention. **Action: PD**

c) **Christmas Light Switch on.** Both the Denham Divas and the Iver Choir are unavailable on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The event will be advertised as a Sing-a-long around the Christmas tree at 7pm with a complimentary BBQ, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies from 6.30pm.

JM will produce a flyer for delivery to all households advertising the event and the change of date. The committee will help with delivery if time restraints won't allow it to be included in the next Newsletter. **Action: JM/All**

Dave offered to run the BBQ, Peter will do the food shopping and Kathy will help with mulled wine. **Action: DW/PB**

- d) **Christmas event with Social Club.** This year's event will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December and will be hosted by the Social Club. Both committees and partners or guest will be invited.
- e) **Horses on the Glebe Field.** The committee discussed the problem with horses getting on to the community field and agreed a gate at the car park entrance would be of benefit. DW will obtain a quote for the work to be carried out. **Action: DW**

4. **Chairman's Report**

Firework night went very well. Visitor numbers were down slightly on the past couple of years, but this is probably due to other events happening locally on the same night. It was agreed that a specific thank you will be placed in the Newsletter to Des and Ryan Hall for their role in running the firework display. **Action: JM**

5. **Treasurer's Report**

The monthly accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. There is nothing unusual to report and the accounts are broadly in line with the annual budget.

Firework night was a success again this year with approx. £1300 profit being made towards HDCIO funds after expenses had been accounted for.

6. **New Hall Update**

Ron has been in contact with the Oxford Diocese about the covenants on the Glebe Field. The next step is to engage the services of a professional Valuer to prepare a report for the Diocese. **Action: RJ**

7. **Hall Bookings**

The Yoga class on Tuesday evening has finished due to low attendance. Lots of hall booking enquiries are being received, some for next year.

8. **Any Other Business**

Chairman, Dave Ward, announced that he would be resigning as Chairman and from the HDCIO committee with immediate effect due to personal reasons. This would be his last meeting. The committee were both surprised and shocked by this news. Dave was thanked for everything he has done over the years whilst on the committee and for his leadership as Chairman. He will be missed.

**Monthly Draw November 2018:**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize £25.00 | Mr & Mrs Hodgson, Middle Road | (ticket no. 159) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize £10.00 | T Crossley, Lower Road        | (ticket no. 150) |

**Meeting ended at 8.50pm**