

## **DEBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEBDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 AT 8PM IN DEBDEN VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr S Watson Chairman (SW)  
Cllr A Gardner V. Chair (AG)  
Cllr C Bunting (CB)  
Cllr Diggins (CD)  
Cllr B Lindsell (BL)  
Cllr S Luck (Parish and District) (SL)  
Cllr J O'Brien (JO'B)

In Attendance: 10 members of the public  
The meeting was recorded - April Gardner as Acting Clerk took notes.

#### **22/673**

##### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Foley.

#### **22/674**

##### **Disclosure of Interests**

Cllr Bunting declared pecuniary interests regarding any discussion on developments of land west of Thaxted Road, Debden and a non-pecuniary interest re the development re the Rook End Farm development. He also declared a pecuniary interest in that he incurred expenses on behalf of the PC regarding the Jubilee celebrations for which he has claimed reimbursement.

Cllr Gardner declared an interest as a neighbour of developments re land west of Thaxted Road, Debden and Rook End Farm. She also declared a pecuniary interest in that she incurred expenses on behalf of the PC regarding the Jubilee celebrations for which she has claimed reimbursement.

Cllr Lindsell declared a non-pecuniary interest in that his stepfather owns land adjacent to public rights of way.

Cllr Diggins declared a pecuniary interest in that she incurred expenses on behalf of the PC for which she has claimed reimbursement.

District Cllr Luck declared a pecuniary interest in that he incurred expenses on behalf of the PC regarding the Jubilee celebrations for which he has claimed reimbursement. He also declared non-pecuniary interests as a neighbour of the land to the west of Thaxted Road and as DC for Wimbish Ward.

**22/675****Public participation Session (15 minutes)**

Questions were raised by residents attending the meeting as follows:

- There are errors in the advert for a new Parish Clerk.
- Why are the 2022 accounts appearing on the agenda when they have already been approved (see minute 22/682).
- How much was spent by the PC on the Jubilee celebrations (see Minute 22/678).
- Has the PC got a policy for dealing with conflicts of interest (part of Standing Orders).
- Why was no application made for a PWLB loan between the agreement being made to do so and the return of the AFCFT grant?
- With the return of the AFCFT grant why is the DRG still considering building a new pavilion?
- Attention was drawn to the fact that the wooden bench near the pond has a screw protruding on the seat which could cause injury.

**22/676****Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed AG; Seconded JO'B****22/677****Planning**

Cllr O'Brien introduced her detailed report which is attached to the minutes. The report was accepted with no queries or further comments raised.

**UTT/20/0264/OP - Land to the West of Thaxted Rd Debden, Essex**

An email has been received from UDC planning dept. with regards to taking on responsibility for an area of Public Open Space within the proposed development. However, we haven't received any details to consider and so J'OB suggests contacting planning to get more information and to meet with the planning officer.

It was agreed that a planning application should be submitted to UDC for the Jubilee Beacon which is sited on the recreation ground. Although, this is technically a DRG matter, the PC will make the application, to take advantage of the reduced fees applied to Parish Council applications.

**22/678****Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Cllr Gardner's final report on the Jubilee Celebrations is attached to the minutes and will be published on the website.

The total cost of the events held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June was £6740.43

With ticket sales totalling £1320 and grants received £7668 from: Essex Community Fund, UDC Jubilee Grant Scheme and Debden Residents fund, income totalled £8988, leaving a profit of £2247.57

The Parish Council is grateful for all the support from residents received in the build up, during and after the Jubilee weekend and for the generous donations received.

Given that a profit was made, donors will be advised, and a way forward agreed regarding any excess funds.

Whilst all the councillors played a part in making the Jubilee event such a success, it was mainly thanks to Cllr Gardner that any of it happened. Cllr Gardner expressed her thanks to all the councillors for their support but especially Cllr Bunting who was the key figure in all aspects regarding the supply and erection of the beacon.

Prior to the Jubilee the PC agreed to share the cost of Jubilee mugs being provided for every child in the village as part of a FODS initiative. The PC share of the cost had been approved at £270 but Cllr Gardner has been informed that the total cost has risen unexpectedly. It was agreed, given that the PC had agreed to share the cost with FODS 50/50, the extra cost, £52.50 should be authorised.

**Proposed CD; Seconded SL**

## **22/679**

### **Highways**

Cllr Lindsell introduced his detailed report which is attached to the minutes.

Part of the report refers to the purchase of planings to restore the footpath around the church. The repair has been authorised by ECC who will cover the cost of the repair once it is done and a claim is made. Initially, therefore the cost must be borne by the PC. To this end, approval was given for expenditure of £207.50 for the planings.

**Proposed AG; Seconded CB**

Cllr O'Brien provided a report on a meeting held with UDC concerning the work to be carried out at the Smiths Green layby and the nearby car park. The foliage around the car park will be cut down and back to improve security and potentially, make more room for cars. This work will be carried out before the winter. Cross-overs from the road to the driveways for the council owned houses will be created wherever possible (some will not be possible because of the high bank). The privately owned houses will be given the option of having a cross over created at the same time at a reduced fee. Those not taking up the option will be faced with crossing a kerb to get to their property, which is an offence.

Cllr Lindsell ended his report with a call for anyone free to assist with siting replacement way marker posts. A resident said her family would deal with posts on or near their land if Cllr Lindsell would supply the posts.

**22/680****Reports from District and County Councillors**

County Cllr Foley submitted a report which is attached to the minutes.

District Cllr Luck introduced his report which is also attached to the minutes.

**22/681****Council Policies**

Amendments have been made to the Complaints and Safeguarding policies, updating contact details. All amendments were approved.

**Proposed AG; Seconded SL**

**22/682****Accounts**

The Chairman introduced this item and explained that the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 had been amended following the Internal Audit. The transfer of £25029 to a reserve account should not be shown in expenditure; the transfer of £6000 out of reserves to the main current account should not be included in income. Both are transfers and are now included in the bank reconciliation only. Having made this adjustment and having added the receipts and payments and the bank reconciliation for the Reserve Account, the 2022 accounts are correct and were approved.

Three errors were identified in the 2021 accounts:

- VAT paid was omitted from the total expenditure and included in bank reconciliation only.
- Two un-presented cheques were not accounted for correctly.
- The actual balance as per the bank statement did not match the amount said to be in the bank account as per the 2021 receipts and payments.

All these errors should have been picked up in the 2021 audit.

As a result of these errors the 2021 AGAR statements were not correct, and this has an impact on the accuracy of the 2022 AGAR statements, so the situation had to be corrected. The External Auditor is aware of the issues and has been helpful in providing guidance about correcting the errors.

In addition, the Internal Auditor was unable to answer positively that the Council had achieved all its internal control objectives. No risk assessment had been carried out, the level of reserves are not appropriate, and the published asset register was out of date.

The accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were **approved**.

The accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 were **restated and noted**.

The report from the Internal Auditor, as part of the 2022 AGAR statements was **noted**. A full report, with observations and recommendations will follow and will be considered as a separate agenda item at the appropriate time.

The adjustments to the 2021 AGAR statements were **approved** along with the figures making up the 2022 AGAR statements.

**Proposed JOB; Seconded CB**

### **22/683**

#### **Salt Bin Scheme**

It was agreed that the Council should join the UDC Salt Bin Scheme to take advantage of any reduction available in the cost of salt. It is not currently clear whether any more salt will be needed for the coming winter. If more salt is required arrangements for storage will be required.

The salt bin at Fox Crossroads appears to be letting in water and may therefore need replacing. An approach would be made to ECC for advice on replacement availability/cost.

**Action AG/SW**

### **22/684**

#### **Village Pond**

April Gardner met with a pond specialist who inspected the area, including the weed and general appearance of the pond. He will prepare an estimate for consideration which will include removal of invasive weed, dredging and removal of silt and removal of willow tree saplings currently growing in the pond. He said after completion of the work it would take approximately 2 years for the pond to re-establish itself.

The council has budgeted for the pond improvement work and had also received a grant from the Lottery Fund to assist with the costs. It was agreed that if the estimate falls within the total amount available, authority should be assumed for the work to go ahead as soon as possible.

**Proposed SW; seconded AG**

### **22/685**

#### **Litter Bin**

It was agreed that a new litter bin should be purchased for the Debden Green Crossroads. The new bin will cost in the region of £115 and authority was given to place the order.

**Proposed CB; Seconded CD**

### **22/686**

#### **Flower tubs**

It was agreed to purchase 4 more flower tubs at £45 each (one at the Pump, one at Highfields and two at Debden Crossroads).

**Proposed CB; Seconded AG**

### **22/687**

**Festoon Lighting**

It was agreed to purchase two packs of 5 festoon light bulbs (for the Christmas tree lights) to replace faulty bulbs in the chain. The cost will be £19.90.

**Proposed CB; Seconded CD**

**22/688****Phone Boxes**

Each phone box owned by the council requires new window signs. It was agreed to purchase 4 signs reading 'The Exchange' for the Thaxted Road box (£30 each plus VAT) and 4 signs reading 'Telephone' for the Debden green box (£15 each plus VAT).

**Proposed CD; Seconded BL**

The interior light on the Thaxted Road box does not work. An electrician is required to remove and replace the light fitting.

**Action AG/SW**

**22/689****DPC Website**

It was agreed that the quote received from CloudyIT of £1440.23 should be accepted as it was the only one which included the requirement for web accessibility which is compulsory for PC websites. The council will have a new domain name (gov.uk) and email addresses will change. Work to migrate emails etc. should be carried out as soon as possible.

**Proposed JO'B; Seconded SW**

**22/690****Community Special Constable**

Further investigation is required as to the cost and benefits of joining this scheme. Cllr Luck would obtain contact names and Cllr Watson would progress the matter with the contacts to a point where a decision could be taken, preferably at the next PC meeting.

**22/691****Payments Schedule**

The payment schedule was agreed and will be published on the website together with the minutes of this meeting.

**Proposed: SW, Seconded: J'OB. All agreed**

**22/692****Urgent matters**

- Cllr Luck had received a report of streetlights not working. He was asked to provide information as to which lights are not working so that A&J Lighting can be contacted to deal with them.
- The pads in the defibrillator at the village shop are out of date and need replacing. Cllr Diggins took the action to order new pads. She also advised that the new defibrillator (for Debden Green) had arrived.

- Cllr Gardner had received a communication from RCCE asking for payment of the PC membership fee. It was agreed that the fee should be paid (part of a budgeted sum for subscriptions)

**Proposed: SL, Seconded: J'OB.**

**22/693**

**Items for next Agenda**

To be confirmed

- Set up a council reserves policy
- Bench at Debden Green Crossroads
- Pond update

**22/694**

**Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 8pm

Meeting closed at 10 pm

Signed ... ..  
Chairman 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

REPORT on PLANNING MATTERS for  
DEBDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022

AGENDA ITEM 22/677

**APPLICATIONS:**

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1148/DFO:** Details following outline application UTT/20/0217/OP for 1 no. dwelling and detached garage - details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale

**APPLICATION DATE:** 25 April 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** 6 May 2022

**LOCATION: Land Rear Of Debden Barns Elder Street Wimbish Essex**

**AMENDMENT:** Revised plan

**Action:** The application was considered at the May meeting, with no comment to be made. Does anyone want to submit any comment in respect of the amended location? **No**

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1459/DOC** - Application to discharge condition 2 (brick, mortar mix, colour and pointing profile) attached to UTT/20/2325/LB.

**APPLICATION DATE:** 24 May 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** 24 May 2022

**LOCATION: The Old Windmill Mill Road Debden Essex CB11 3LB**

**Action:** It was agreed this is a technical matter and to be left to the UDC Planning Department

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1674/FUL**- The continued use of two temporary class bases for a temporary period until 31/08/2027 without compliance with condition 2, time limit attached to planning permission CC/UTT/115/10 and CC/UTT/39/12.

**APPLICATION DATE:** Tue 14 June 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** Thurs 23 June 2022

**LOCATION: Debden Church of England Primary School High Street Debden Essex CB11 3LE**

**Action:** Does anyone want to submit any comment? **No**

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1649/DOC** - Application to discharge condition 3 (methodology statement) attached to UTT/20/2325/LB

**Condition 3:** Prior to the commencement of the works to the listed building hereby approved a thorough methodology and statement of external works to the windmill, including cap renovation and alterations to the windows/openings, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details of necessary repairs in addition to the approved plans shall also be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the approved details including the repairs shall then be carried in accordance with the approved details. **REASON:** In the interest of the character and appearance of the listed building in accordance with ULP Policy ENV2. **JUSTIFICATION:** To protect the significance of the Listed Building

**APPLICATION DATE:** 13th June 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** 13th June 2022

**LOCATION: The Old Windmill Mill Road Debden Essex CB11 3LB**

**Action:** It was agreed this is a technical matter and to be left to the UDC Planning Department

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1618/NMA** - Non-material amendment to UTT/18/2923/FUL - Window height amendments to approved scheme

**APPLICATION DATE:** 7 June 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** 7 June 2022

**LOCATION: Sibbards Farm Debden Green Henham Road Debden Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3LX**

**Action:** Does anyone want to submit any comment? **No**

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1819/PAQ3** Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion

**APPLICATION DATE:** 28 June 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** 28 June 2022

**LOCATION: Henham Farm Barn Hamperden End Henham Road Debden Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3NA** (Between Henham House and Henham Farm)

**Comments: From application form:** "Client is already temporarily residing at the address as agreed with council"

**Action:** Does anyone want to submit any comment? **Further enquiry to be made of UDC Planning Department**

#### **DECISIONS:**

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/0342/HHF** Proposed demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of replacement outbuilding, single storey side extension, first floor rear extension, raising roof and insertion of dormer windows.

**APPLICATION DATE:** Mon 31 Jan 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** Mon 31 Jan 2022

**LOCATION: Glenlossie Mill Road Debden Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3LB**

**DECISION DATE:** 13 May 2022

**DECISION:** Approve with Conditions - Commence within 3 years; as per plans and materials; widen access, crossing of verge; comply with Preliminary Ecological Impact Assessment.

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1353/DOC** Discharge of condition 3 (Programme of historic building recording) attached to UTT/21/3526/FUL

**APPLICATION DATE:** Tue 13 May 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** Tue 13 May 2022

**LOCATION: Rook End Farm, Rook End Lane, Debden, Essex CB11 3LR**

**DECISION DATE:** 18 May 2022

**DECISION:** Discharge Conditions in Full

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1047/DOC** Discharge of condition

**APPLICATION DATE:** Tue 12 April 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** Tue 12 April 2022

**LOCATION: Fox Cottage Water Lane Debden Essex CB11 3JY (new dwelling)**

**DECISION DATE:** 17 May 2022

**DECISION:** Discharge Conditions in Full

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1101/DOC** Discharge of condition 7 (staircase details) and 9 (materials) attached to UTT/20/2325/LB.

**APPLICATION DATE:** Tue 19 April 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** Tue 19 April 2022

**LOCATION: The Old Windmill Mill Road Debden Essex CB11 3LB**

**DECISION DATE:** 18 May 2022

**DECISION:** Discharge Conditions in Full

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1478/AG** - Steel portal frame agricultural building to be used to store grain.

**APPLICATION DATE:** Wed 25 May 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** Wed 25 May 2022

**LOCATION: Wieldbarn Farm Henham Road Debden Essex CB11 3LU**

**DECISION DATE:** Wed 22 June 2022

**DECISION:** Deemed Approved

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/0928/FUL** - Erection of 1 no. dwelling and garage

**APPLICATION DATE:** 1 April 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** 1 April 2022

**LOCATION: Plot 1, Land Adjacent Wigmores Farm Henham Road Debden Essex**

**DECISION DATE:** Wed 25 May 2022

**DECISION: Refuse** – would result in harm to the setting of the listed building and historic farmstead

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/0586/FUL**-Proposed demolition of existing building and erection of grain reception/storage building.

**APPLICATION DATE:** Mon 28 Feb 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** Wed 13 April 2022

**LOCATION: Smiths Green Farm Thaxted Road Debden Essex**

**DECISION DATE:** Mon 20 May 2022

**DECISION:** Approve with Conditions - Commence within 3 years; as per plans and materials; Ecology & lighting; bio-diversity enhancement

**APPLICATION NO: UTT/22/1033/HHF** - Section 73A Retrospective application for a double garage.

**APPLICATION DATE:** Tue 12 April 2022

**VALIDATION DATE:** Mon 25 April 2022

**LOCATION: Sibbards Farm Debden Green Henham Road Debden Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3LX**

**DECISION DATE:** Fri 10 June 2022

**DECISION:** Unconditional Approval

**APPEALS:**

**APPEAL REF FOR PLANNING INSPECTOR'S WEBSITE (<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>):**

**APP/C1570/W/22/3296728**

**APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL** for Erection of 1 no. dwelling with attached garages. **UTT/21/2144/FUL**

**APPEAL START DATE:** 16 June 2022

**APPEAL LODGED/NOTIFIED:** 16 June 2022

**APPLICATION NO:** **UTT/21/2144/FUL** Proposed erection of 1 no. dwelling.

**LOCATION** Okefield, Debden Green Henham Road Debden Essex CB11 3LZ

**Action:** The DPC comments on the original application are automatically forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate by UDC. Are there any further comments? **No**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Re DECISION: UTT/20/0264/OP - Land to the West of Thaxted Rd Debden, Essex**

An email has been received from UDC planning dept. with regards to taking on responsibility for an area of Public Open Space within the proposed development. However, we haven't received any details to consider and so JOB suggested contacting planning to get more information and to meet with the planning officer

## **Debden Jubilee Celebrations - a great success!**

Debden had a great time celebrating over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. People spent time with family and friends and attended village events over the four days. We wanted the community to come together and make memories to last a lifetime, and that's exactly what happened. It showed what we can achieve and what a great community spirit we have here in Debden and Debden Green.

Over 200 people attended the Beacon Ceremony with people coming from as far as Newport and some surrounding villages. The 1940s event was very popular and the marquee was at maximum capacity.

Final costs to organise the event, was £6740.43...which was approx. £155 over our maximum estimate. However, estimates varied during the lead up time as costs changed, things were added and omitted, and some last-minute extras were required since the May meeting.

The Jubilee Mugs have just gone off to print due to a supply shortage. There has been an increase in costs.

I'm pleased to say, funding through grants and ticket sales more than covered the costs, with a profit made of £2247.57. Those who donated will be contacted to discuss next steps and formally thanked.

## **DPC would like to say a huge thank you to the following:**

### **For the Beacon:**

- Bob Cooper
- Philip and Nick Brock - J Brock & Sons, Cutlers Green
- Richard Clarke and Lasered Components Ltd. Braintree
- Russell Haigh - RB Haigh and Sons, Thaxted
- Neil and Charlie Byford - Byford Farm Services
- Charles Turner - Tectum Ltd, Debden
- Gary Watson - Watson & Woolner
- Lock, Stock & Barrel - Saffron Walden
- Newport Station 84 Fire & Rescue Service
- Ben Diggins
- Cllr. Clive Bunting

### **For The Beacon Ceremony:**

- Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, The Queen's Pageantmaster
- Richard P Cawte Toastmaster and Master of Ceremonies
- The 'Bugle Boys' Noah and Logan for playing 'Majesty'

- Mike Fairchild for press coverage

**For the Jubilee Weekend Activities:**

- Fox, Wiggle and Sass
- The Giddy Up Bar
- Glorious Goods
- Yuva
- Revival
- Debden Open Gardens
- Friends of Debden School (FODS)
- Revd. John Saxon and the Parochial Church Council
- Debden Branch Royal British Legion
- Debden Residents Community Group
- Walden Local and Saffron Walden Reporter

A huge well done to all those that organised events, parties and took part in activities for the community throughout the weekend.

Thank you to all the helpers who: set up, cleared away, decorated the village and marquee with bunting, flags and balloons, planted tubs, baked cakes, served refreshments, arranged flowers, painted posts and the village pump, organised vehicles, tidied verges and the village hall area, played music, attended as First Responders and First Aiders, put up gazebos, booked entertainment, photographers and catering, lent equipment, shopped for supplies and so much more.

These people ensured that everyone had a fantastic and memorable time.

Finally, a very grateful thank you to those organisations that donated funds and grants towards the costs of the Jubilee celebrations:

- Debden Residents Fund
- UDC Jubilee Grant Scheme
- Essex Community Foundation and The Searle Trust

I hope the village will remember the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for a very long time. It was a truly unique event and one we will never see again during our lifetime.

## **DPC Highways Update - June 2022**

on 12/5/22 Jeanette O'Brien and myself met with Essex Highways, regarding a number of matters:

### **Debden Green & Hamperden End speed surveys**

Bolford Street (the Debden to Thaxted through road) does not meet the criteria for a speed limit, the number of houses over a set distance being the main one. Highways have suggested the installation of "Debden Green" signs on both Bolford street approaches to Debden Green crossroads and are investigating citing options. The thought behind this is that it will be a signal to motorists that they are approaching a residential area, and speed tends to be reduced as a result.

Another "Debden Green" sign is proposed just to the west of Telmara farm, but an additional determining factor is the official Debden Green boundary. The PC are investigating and ask anyone who may have historical documentation to assist.

The Debden Green speed survey results have satisfied the initial criteria for the introduction of a 30mph speed limit. A further speed survey was carried out prior to the school summer break. Highways are aware that the school summer break effects speed survey results. The further survey will be purely for expanding the data for the site. Highways have requested the PC to instruct Cllr Foley to officially request the speed limit, as is protocol. As June is the last opportunity for the current funding window this may not come to fruition this financial year.

A question was raised about a 40mph buffer, but there are insufficient houses for this.

The Hamperden End speed survey results weren't conclusive regarding the introduction of a 30mph speed limit. A further speed survey was also carried out at this location.

We're still waiting on Highways regarding a meeting requested to discuss the findings of the second Debden Green and Hamperden End speed surveys.

### **20mph flashers in Debden**

Funding was approved at the ECC March Local Highway Panel meeting. The Parish Council had received queries as to the location of the signage and this was put to Highways. The new signage will replace the two current, out of date "School" warning signs. There is signage the same in Ashdon, if residents wish to view.

### **Smith's Green layby**

UDC and ECC are in agreement, about the works to be carried out and conducted a joint site visit on 22nd of June to finalise who will be carrying out the works. A start date for works should follow shortly.

### **Henham road blind bend at Farthings (First sharp left hander after Telmara when travelling towards Henham).**

Concern was raised about the speed that vehicles traverse this, blind bend. A resident had raised the fact that the Quendon road has 50mph signs and is wider and straighter.

As with Bolford Street the area does not meet the speed limit criteria.

However, Highways are investigating the extent of their ownership of the grass verge on the Henham side and accordingly the feasibility of installing a Sharp bend warning triangle with a "Max 30" plate below.

It was established/stressed that Henham Road is a Priority 2 Route. Although it does not compare with such routes in more urban areas, which are often wider and straighter, it is a necessary route, as there are few roads in the area, and would involve very long alternative routes.

### **Fox Crossroads**

Highways have been asked to address concerns around Fox Crossroads many times, but nothing suggested has been deemed to meet various criteria. Highways did agree at this meeting to repaint the red SLOW boxes on the through road, but this subsequently didn't happen.

I chased with Highways a few weeks later after seeing that the white STOP lines had been renewed only to be told that they don't apply the red box paint scheme anymore.

### **Fox Crossroads pt2**

You may be aware that there was a three-vehicle collision at Fox Crossroads earlier this month. I personally witnessed the aftermath and a few days later one of the drivers involved, a Debden resident contacted me. I visited them at home and from hearing the story it seems pure luck that the visit wasn't being conducted in a hospital ward. I detailed to the resident the various speed limit and traffic calming measures that the Parish Council had already tabled to Highways, all of which had been dismissed. I reassured the resident that I would be writing again to Highways and Martin Foley to say that the time for stating why things couldn't be done had passed and that something must be done before somebody finds themselves having my emails read back to them in a Coroner's court and being asked why nothing got done. This I have done.

### **P3 works**

I'm very happy to report that the Public Rights of Way team have approved the work proposed regarding seven waymarker posts. All ground surveys are complete and a collection of new waymarker posts was delivered to my house by Essex PROW team earlier this week. Volunteers to assist with the installation of the posts please contact me. I aim to start and finish installing before the next PC meeting.

The section of around 140yds of Byway near Fellows Farm, Debden Green that had inexplicably not been resurfaced during extensive works in the area is soon to be addressed. Having chased the PROW team on progress they have informed me that works, coordinated with a local farmer will start very soon.

The path around the church yard. After a bit of back and forth with the PROW team they have agreed with the quantity of planings to be applied and requested that the PC purchase the planings and then claim the cost back from themselves. Approval to purchase is an agenda item this evening.

### **Byway closures and openings**

I again contacted the PROW team regarding the byway from Hamperden End to Widdington (Cornell's Lane) which reopened (as of the 1st of May). I pressed them as to whether they would be returning as along its entire length the byway seems to be missing a final layer of fine planings. I again pointed out that the level of the surface, as it is now, is artificially low in places which will cause ponding, areas of clay have been left exposed and the aggregate used wasn't the fine standard seen after other works. Unfortunately, the response back was that the works are complete and as such they will not be returning to apply more material. I expressed my disappointment and again stated my fear that the current "finished" state would result in accelerated degradation.

### **Flooding in the centre of Debden**

I haven't received any communications on the matter since the previous PC meeting. I will be following this up soon, with Cllr Foley along with the Fox Crossroads issue.

### **Missing drain cover and tarmac**

The missing drain cover on the rise, towards Newport just after the Debden Water stream bridge will be 1 year old come November 2021. Such matters seem to be very low down on Essex Highway's list of things to do no matter how many times they are reported. If it isn't not rectified by this November, I shall be throwing a 1st birthday party for the filled drain (at a safe location) and inviting the local press.

### **Debden Community Speed-watch Report**

With the co-operation of Essex Police and the District Councillor Debden Community Speed-watch has re started monitoring traffic speed through the village.

Currently we have 3 fully trained volunteers and one awaiting online training from the police; there is also potentially 2 additional volunteers that have come forward.

We intend to carry out a minimum of one weekday session per month and with the additional members once trained we will also be able to hold a weekend session once a month.

Debden CSW has carried out two sessions since the post pandemic restart

On the 4<sup>th</sup> may in one hour eleven vehicles were noted with the top speed being recorded at 48mph.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June, five vehicles were noted with a top speed of 43mph being recorded; this session was only 30 minutes as rain curtailed proceedings.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June, we were pleased to have in support the attendance of a local PCSO.

It is important that the CSW team is deployed on a regular basis and from past experience, has shown that visibility of the team acts as a definite deterrent to speeding. This can only benefit the community and mitigates the potential for serious incidents.

**If anyone is interested in joining the CSW please contact the co-ordinator Phillip Bannister on 07790 722942**

Cllr Brian Lindsell

**Debden Parish Council**  
**Payment Schedule for Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Direct Debits**

Castle Water	120.09
A&J Lighting	23.86
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N Power	78.33
N Power	75.53
HS&A (Payroll)	168.00

**Items already paid ref Jubilee**

Brownies (cakes)	180.00
Giddy Up Bar	250.00
Giddy Up Bar	225.00
Amy Hicks (Fox Wiggle Sass)	585.00
Yuva	1350.00
Imagination Events	1350.00
Cheque 300005 (UDC TENS Licence)	21.00

**Other items already paid**

HMRC (Inland Revenue)	306.20
Defib store	1600.80

**Items still to pay**

C Bunting (Planters x4)	180.00
B Phillips (Hanging Basket at Pump)	97.89
S Luck (Painting Pump)	5.98
C Bunting (Jubilee Prosecco/Gifts)	152.78
PeriPatetic Photographer	60.00
A Gardner (Jubilee expenses separate list provided)	899.93
Village hall Hire	120.00
Phone Box door straps:-	26.46
	17.46
Ace of Spades:-	180.00
	<u>42.00</u>
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>£8140.17</b>

**Reconciliation:**

<b>Current Account Unity Trust Bank c/f</b>	<b>£ 18524.76</b>
<b>Add Allotment rents</b>	<b>£ 25.00</b>
<b>Add Jubilee ticket sales (other than Eventbrite sales)</b>	<b>£ 610.00</b>
<b>Add Credit from Eventbrite (ticket sales)</b>	<b>£ 340.00</b>
<b>See note (1) re Cash ticket sales (£370.00)</b>	
<b>Add Grant from Essex Community Fund</b>	<b>£ 6568.00</b>
<b>Add Grant from Debden Residents Fund</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>Add EALC Training bursary</b>	<b><u>£ 112.50</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 26580.26</b>
<b>Less Payments listed above</b>	<b><u>£ 8140.17</u></b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 18440.09</b>

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**Chairman**

**NB:**

- 1) Cash received for ticket sales totaling £370.00 not yet paid in to the bank account.**
- 2) The cash amount to be paid in is reduced by £100 representing funds paid in cash to the band Revival**