DENTON with WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Of the meeting held on: **Monday 28th September 2026 at 7.00pm at Wootton Village Hall**

In attendance: Cllr Thomas; Cllr Roberts; Cllr Welch; Cllr King (KCC); Clerk and 4 members of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Thomas welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr James, Cllr Hodges and the Footpaths volunteer.

2. COUNCIL - Declarations of Interest:
None

3. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME
Weather vane on Village Green in Denton was raised by a resident who volunteered to repaint and Cllr Thomas proposed that this work is agreed and PC will purchase paint which was seconded by Cllr Welch. ALL AGREED.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 2026
Agreed as a true and accurate recording of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Welch – ALL AGREED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

5. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
Cllr King reported that he has written to various authorities regarding Deacons but doesn't have anything to report back at present. Also, the fly tipping has been reported and DDC Environmental Crime are looking into it. Residents advised to keep a diary of noise and antisocial hours/behaviour. Cllr Welch visited residents and gave a detailed explanation of how it is affecting them. Clerk to copy in Cllr King on all correspondence with authorities. Cllr Thomas to write to owner and ask for meeting with residents. LGR update was given and a combined KCC and Medway with mayor is now being looked into. Finally, Cllr King told the meeting about his recent visit to Battle of Britain museum in Capel Le Ferne and said that they are trying to get central gov funding alongside KCC funding and KCC Members Grant. He recommended people visit the site.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS & REPORTS FROM POLICE/EQUINE POLICE VOLUNTEER
None.

7. PARISH
a. Highways – inc. Selsted Bends Update
Everyone has been working hard to find solution for flooding at Selsted bends and KCC have confirmed works are underway to install a drainage pipe onto Denton Court land at west side of location. Slow

markings on A260 have been agreed at Shelvin Lane between PC and KCC. Hedges with Denton Court were also discussed.

b. Footpaths/Public Rights of Way

There is a blocked footpath on the Estate so Cllr Thomas to contact Finns.

c. Village Halls & Wootton and Denton Recreation Ground

- Wootton Village Hall – no chair or treasurer and only 4 on committee at present so concentrating on reviewing policies and a recent legionnaires assessment.
- Wootton and Denton Recreation Ground – grant bid for pavilion works has been withdrawn.
- Denton Village Hall – line dancing evening on 8th October. The hall also hosted its first wedding recently and there's another booked for next year. Hall and stage have been painted and varnished. New chairs have arrived and music nights going well. There is also a quiz night booked.

d. Denton Road Sign

Cllr Hodges to look at procuring a new post and sign as it is rotten and no longer suitable.

8. FINANCE

The bank balance as of 28th September 2026 was £31,756.00 (£1,274.79 in current account and £30,481.21 in savings account)

a. Payments and Receipts:

Payments

Unity Trust – Service Charge (August) - £7.00
Hugo Fox – Website Charge (August & September) - £23.98
Ionis – Email Charge (August & September) - £8.40
Stephanie Woods – Salary (August)
Diane Mummery – Annual Internal Audit - £60.00
Stephanie Woods – Clerk Pay Award Backdate Pay (April – August)

The above payments and a £1,000 transfer to current account was proposed Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Welch transfer – ALL AGREED. Wreaths for Remembrance Day will be purchased by the PCC and recharged to the PC.

b. **Clerk Pay Award**

Clerk Pay award – NALC have now agreed the Pay Award for Clerks for 2026 and this has been paid to Clerk and backdated to April 2026 – see above.

9. PLANNING

a. LHRC

None.

b. Deacons Development

Discussed above in item 5.

c. Environmental Monitoring

Successful sourced software to demonstrate assets. Undergraduate course available on how to run the software which Cllr Thomas/Cllr Welch will attend. Kent Archaeology Society in partnership with Kent Downs are carrying out a survey of quarries, ponds and holes in ground for historical reasons.

d. Local Planning Applications

None.

10.ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

- Precept 2027/28/Financial Review
- Dates for 2027 Meetings

11.CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:41.

Next meeting: 30th November 2026 (Denton Village Hall)

Please note these minutes remain as draft until approved at the next meeting

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