

DENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023 at Denwick Village Hall

Parish Council members were welcomed to the meeting.

Present:

Cllr R L Green (Chair)	Cllr R Wilson
Cllr A Robson (Clerk)	Cllr A J Robson
Cllr J Cuthbert	

Apologies for absence: Cllr C Newlands

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated, and no issues raised.

Matters Arising:

1. Financial:

Year End Statement – Financially there are no major issues to raise, the closing cash balance at Year End was £2169.85. The only significant variance to note from the previous year was the payment of the cemetery contribution which was not invoiced by ATC in the previous year.

The Parish Precept was agreed at £600, to cover the current running costs, including setting up the website.

The Year End financial statements, AGAR certificate of exemption, internal audit report and governance statement were unanimously accepted with no issues raised. It was agreed that the AGAR for 2022/23 should be submitted.

2. Denwick Village Hall:

The recent works undertaken to Denwick Village Hall were inspected by all present, which is seen as a significant improvement to the facility for the wider community.

3. Website:

It was noted that some issues had been encountered with the website, meaning it is temporarily off-line. It is hoped this will be rectified quickly with updated documentation being added.

4. Local Transport Priorities:

It was noted that a resident at Abbeylands had written to the Parish Council to ask whether we could support a 40 mph speed limit past the houses at Abbeylands. This was unanimously supported.

In addition, it was noted that a total of three priorities could be submitted to the County Council by 31st July. This was discussed by Councillors who agreed to submit the following additional requests:

1. Installation of solar powered speed warning signs upon approach to Denwick Village
2. The building of Denwick Bypass

Andrew Robson is to submit these points.

5. Cemetery:

No significant updates were raised except that the question of the continued cemetery contribution was questioned. It was noted that this provided significant cost benefit to residents of the Parish, and it was agreed that this should be continued.

6. Denwick Bypass:

It was noted that planning permission has still not been obtained for the Denwick Bypass so no further update can be provided. Richard Green to raise this matter with Glen Sanderson to see if this could be given further support.

7. Alnwick and Denwick Neighbourhood Plan:

The update / review of the neighbourhood plan was raised by Andrew Robson who noted that this needed to be supported by the Parish.

Progress with the Denwick Bypass is seen as a key priority and should be included in the documentation.

It was also noted that there have been discussions over whether Denwick Village should be listed as a conservation area. Questions were raised as to whether this was necessary given much of the village is already listed.

Andrew noted that Barry Spall of Northumberland Estates was involved in the process and that these comments could be passed on by him.

Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting to be arranged.