

DENTON with WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Of the meeting held on: **Monday 29th September at 7.00pm at Denton Village Hall**

In attendance: Cllr Thomas; Cllr James; Cllr Roberts and Cllr Welch
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 Hodges and Steph Woods.

2. COUNCIL - Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TIME

None.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2025 AND AGM HELD ON 18 MAY 2025

Agreed as a true and accurate recording of the meeting, proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Roberts – ALL AGREED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

5. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS & REPORTS FROM POLICE/PCSO

Riding poster circulated by Clerk.

7. PARISH

a. Highways

Consultation has been conducted on Facebook and have nothing new to add so will now publish the HIP and send to KCC. Concern was raised about no progress with the new signs for Wootton.

b. Footpaths/Public Rights of Ways

There is a tree down over a footpath/bridlepath and Cllr Roberts to report it to Kent PROW.

c. Village Halls and Wootton & Denton Recreation Ground

Nothing from Denton VH. Current Chair (Keith) has retired from Wootton VH at the AGM and a new Chair was appointed. Much discussion about the car parking in the new Deacons development. Not clear what the status is given all the changes. Cllr Thomas and Cllr James to attend planning enforcement meeting at DDC so agreed to raise it there.

d. Fast Fibre.

Cllr James raised and explained there is a lot of frustration about the lack of prospects for fibre being provided for Wootton and surrounds given all the promises in the past. In much of area BT and Plusnet are the sole providers and speeds not good. Several people moved to Star Link but

expensive. Cllr James to chase up Cllr King (KCC) and City Fibre who have been doing some surveys in the area and report back.

8. FINANCE

The bank balance as of 29th September 2025 was £25,127.88 (£1,164.43 in current account and £23,963.45 in savings account)

a. Payments:

Hugo Fox – Website Charge (Jul & Aug) - £23.98

Ionis – Email Charge (June & July) - £8.40

Stephanie Woods – Salary (Aug & Sep)

Ricky Edwards – Inv 80 - £188.00

Diane Mummery – Annual Audit - £60.00

A £2,000 transfer from the savings account to the current account and the above payments were proposed Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Roberts – ALL AGREED.

b. Six Month Financial review

Deferred.

9. PLANNING

a. LHRC

Consultative Committee meeting on July 30, 2025: Better organised but still problems with format and purpose of meetings. Been running for 1.5 years but little achieved, and still no agenda items about how to improve things for local residents.

b. Deacons and Woodside Developments

As previously discussed.

c. Ecology Monitoring

Discussion held at the end of the meeting where Cllr Welch set out the sorts of historic data available through maps and current through audits. All agreed very interesting. Cllr Welch undertook to do further research into the technologies available to record and interpret the data that may be collected. Cllr Welch to report back.

d. Local Planning Applications

None

e. Holiday Lets

Clerk to confirm if the planning response has been submitted.

10. Meeting Date 2026

The dates for next year were circulated and people were asked to confirm they are OK. Proposed dates are as follows:

26th January 2026 – Denton Village Hall, 30th March 2026 – Wootton Village Hall, 18th May 2026 (Annual & Village Meeting) – Wootton Village Hall, 27th July 2026 – Denton Village Hall, 28th September 2026 – Wootton Village Hall and 30th November 2026 – Denton Village Hall.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

None

12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:15.

Next meeting: 24th November 2025 at 7pm in Wootton Village Hall

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