

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Deane, held on April 14th 2016

Present: Mrs. Blackman (Chairman), Mr. Bullions, Mr. Ellison, Mrs. Gavin, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Hooker, Dr. Johnstone, Mr. Law, Mr. Parry, Ms. Tofts, Mrs. Taylor (Borough Councillor).
No Deane residents attended.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Mr. Favell, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Golding (Borough Councillor)
- 2) **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 3) **Parish Matters:**

Parish Matters: The objections raised on the Neighbourhood Plan were successfully resolved during the consultation period. The agreement to allow 30 dwellings connected to Oak Lodge was what the Parish Councillor had accepted during the early planning phase of the NP.

For many years we have complained unsuccessfully to improve the appearance of the old substation which was reclaimed by the Malshanger Estate back in the 1980s. The substation was taken over by a local gardener and the area now looks even worse. Mr. Law will be actively seeking a solution to this during the coming year.

The two parish seats in Deane are overdue for maintenance and need attention.

It has again been a flood free year.

Planning: The new owners of the Deane Gate Inn, although having had planning approved for well over a year, have not started the project of converting the pub to a restaurant, although during the last month some activity is apparent, and residents were told work will start this month.

Oakley Hall has just submitted a planning application for a new marquee and hopes to retain the existing marquee while a window to replace it can be found. The Planning Committee are supportive of this facility.

The new hospital which occupies land on the southern boundary of the Deane parish has been approved by BDBC.

Some minor applications for Deane House were submitted and approved during the year.

Highways: Mr. Law has made a request to review the 50mph limit at the Deane Gate crossroads to see if a 40mph limit can be applied, although he has been advised this will take some time to be considered. He has also asked for a 30mph limit through Deane.

Mr. Law has also asked for a safer bus stop hard standing to be considered opposite the entrance to Oakley Hall.

Environment: The kissing gates that were installed across the paddock of Deane House have been replaced by the owner at her own expense. The wooden gate has been installed on the entrance to the footpath to Deane Down, while the metal gate will be used for the footpath leading to Deane Wood. Since the installation of the gates in Deane House paddock, this walk is becoming a lot more popular as a route to Ash and Overton.

Crime: No significant crime has been reported this year.

Questions: Deane has been given a grant of £100 from BDBC, and Mrs. Blackman asked Mr. Law if any decision had been made yet on what to use it for. He replied that it could possibly be used as part of the Queen's birthday celebrations but would confirm at a later date.