

DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL – Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 18 April 2016

Planning: Applications **4374/15 and 4375/15 The Angel Inn, 5 High Street, for** partial change of use, erection of first floor extension to re-instate former two storey rear wing and former separate dwelling, internal alterations including the relocation of toilet facilities, to retain the public house as a community facility (revised scheme to that submitted under ref. 2494/14 and 2475/14). The applicants have decided to appeal against the refusal decision. This has been noted by the Parish Council and their comments have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (copy available on the website or via the Clerk).

“Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebration” June 12th 2016: The Debenham Parish Council Working Group has been working extremely hard in making the initial arrangements. However, much is still to be done and the group would like to appeal to any residents who would like to come forward and lend a very much needed and appreciated hand! Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Dog Fouling: The fight against the inconsiderate dog owners continues! The Parish Council continues to look at surveillance measures and plans for a public campaign, which will hopefully name and shame these inconsiderate owners and result in hefty fines for anyone who thinks it is acceptable to leave such mess on our lovely footpaths, green spaces, play areas etc. If you witness such socially unacceptable behaviour please report it to the Clerk in the strictest confidence.

Allotments: Parishioners are advised that there are still a limited number of allotment plots available to let. Residents of neighbouring villages are also informed that, due to a recent change in policy, the Parish Council would also welcome tenants from neighbouring parishes on a small number of available plots.

Existing tenants-if you are concerned that you have not received your tenancy agreement, please note that the Clerk will soon be sending you a second copy. Please sign and return with payment as normal. A list of all payments received is available on the minutes of that month, once they are approved by Council.

Council’s Office Hours: Please note that we will be introducing these with immediate effect, in an attempt to facilitate communication with the Parish Council. The Clerk can be contacted between the hours of 9am and 3pm Tuesday to Thursday on 01473 787861. In the event that the office is left unattended due to meetings/site visits, there will be a facility to leave a message on the answerphone. E-mails can be sent at any time. The Clerk will respond to any communication as soon as possible.

The Parish Council would like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Karen Murray, our newly co-opted Parish Councillor. Once Karen has had a chance to settle in her role, her contact details will be publicised in the usual mediums.

Annual Parish Meeting: Parishioners are reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on May 23rd 2016 at 7.30pm, at Dove Cottage. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our local organisations to get together. Invitations will be sent by the Clerk in due course but if you have not taken part in the past or are a new organisation in the village, please let us know. This is also when we give out the Village Community Awards, so if you know of any local person/organisation that has gone the extra mile and should be recognised for their efforts and dedication, please let the Parish Council know.

Mrs Dina Bedwell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Debenham Parish Council 01473 787861 or debenham.pc@btinternet.com

Date of next Meeting: May 16th 2016 (Annual Parish Council Meeting) and 23 May 2016 (Annual Parish Meeting)