

**DEANSHANGER
PARISH
ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY
27TH MAY**

**RECORD OF
EVENTS**



The annual parish meeting was held on Saturday 27th May at Deanshanger Memorial Community Centre.

The format had changed this year and I would like to thank all the representatives of the following groups who gave up their time to show us some of the great things Deanshanger has to offer:

- Friends of Deanshanger Library
- Deanshanger Heritage Society
- Pocket Park
- Holy Trinity Church
- Deanshanger Chapel
- Deanshanger in Bloom
- Deanshanger 2nd scout group
- Deanshanger Parish Council

Thank you to District and County Councillor Allen Walker (AW) who gave his report (a copy of which is attached) and answered some of the questions raised.

Thank you to Alan Dott (AD) for chairing the question and answer session and for taking some of the questions.

The following questions were raised:

Q. £54 million on new office and outsourcing staff how has this been achieved?

AW. The money was raised by selling off old buildings and has cost the taxpayer nothing. Council contracts have been protected including pension, status, income and jobs for 3-4 years.

Q. What work is planned for the A5 roundabout?

AW. Plans for a relief road from A422 to A5 and from A508 to A5D. They also intend to widen the roundabout and this should alleviate some of the problems along the A5, A508 and the A422.

Q. There are major problems getting out of the village what can be done?

AW. The work on the A5 Roundabout should alleviate some of these problems. AW is also talking with colleagues in MK council about trying to divert some of the traffic from Buckingham through Milton Keynes rather than the A422.

Q. Can anything be done with Puxley Road to help with the traffic problems?

AW. This is a C road and should not be used as a main road. Highways will not do anything with this road.

Q. Parking outside of the Beehive makes it difficult to see when driving to and from The Green. Can yellow lines be put in?

AW. If yellow lines get put there it will push the parking somewhere else and yellow lines will be requested there. There are parking problems all around the village and if yellow lines are put in once place then you could argue they need to be put in everywhere.

Yellow lines are not enforced so they become pointless.

AD The police do not enforce yellow lines.

Q. Parking on footpaths is this not illegal?

Clerk Parking on the pavement is not illegal. There is a problem in the village with parking on pathways but there is nothing we can do.

Q Do we have a PCSO dedicated to Deanshanger?

Clerk No. Some years ago the Parish Council did pay for a PCSO but he was constantly being pulled away from the village to deal with other matters and therefore not very successful. The Clerk along with Cllr Jim Wright spoke to the Police Inspector from the Towcester safer community team.

He advised that he used to have 8 PCSO's for the area but if the response team had staff shortages then the PCSO's were constantly being pulled away.

He now has 2 PCSO's but they are ring fenced and will therefore be more available for the local communities but 2 is a small number for a large area.

All of the officers are undertaking problem solving training so that the community team can help with the resolution of the problem rather than just responding when called.

The Parish could sponsor a dedicated PCSO for the village. This has been tried in other villages and the PCSO spends approx 75% of his time in that village. He will obviously have to be pulled away should a major incident arise and would be expected to respond to incidents in the local area rather than send a response team from Daventry.

The cost of a dedicated PCSO would be £32000 a year.

Q There are trees and bushes blocking the paths what can be done.

AD In the past the Parish Council have sent a letter asking the resident to cut the bush/tree before the parish contact the County Council.

The county council will come and cut back the hedges/trees and will charge the resident. However this is not done now.

Additional note:

The pavements are the responsibility of the County Council and anything blocking the paths should be reported to them on Street Doctor.

Q There have been a few very old trees lost within the conservation area are there any plans/policies in place to replant?

AW No there is no policy in place.

AD The Parish Council could ask the District Council to review and consider a policy.

If a tree is not worthy of a tree preservation order then the tree preservation officer will not object to a tree being cut down.

The heritage Society always objects to a tree being cut down.

Thank you to all who attended and I hope to see you and many more next year.

Teresa Floyd

Clerk to the Parish Council

County Councillor "Allen Walker" Annual Report for Deanshanger 2016/17

This is an intended Verbatim overview of my work this last year for all 11 Parishes of **Deanshanger Div**, representing; Alderton, Ashton Cosgrove, Deanshanger, Grafton Regis, Old Stratford, Paulerspury, Potterspury, Wicken, Whittlebury and Yardley Gobion.

First, I would like to "**Thank**" the 2176 residents who voted for me on the 4th May, thereby securing for me a 5th term as your County Councillor.

At NCC. It has been busy again this year and I will only report on the three key issues. **The Budget, Devolution and Brexit!!!**

We used to run on a revenue budget of £1.2B which has now been reduced to £840M. Council Tax is 4.95% this being the 4th lowest in the Country. We have invested £54M in a new building for our workforce, closing 12 older buildings that were not congenial for working purposes. The County Council over next 4 years will split into 5 depts. namely: Transport, Social Care, Children's Services, Communities and Place as well as Finance. All controlled from the Centre by the Cabinet and us 57 Councillors. We will still be Scrutinising these services and will continue to hold 51% of overall control.

Devolution. Has brought its own problems with the 6 Districts + The Borough and County Council, not being able to agree to a Unitary Authority. This will also rumble on for some time. I am pragmatic about this inasmuch I will decide what is best for you the residents I represent (If re-elected).

Brexit. Has had no effect on us yet. Dependent on what happens on 8th June.....

Locally. MK Master Plan, SNC Part 2A of the Core Strategy, re-establishing a Village boundary (after 17 years) Traffic Congestion, Pot Holes, Buses (89 & 90)

Empowering Councillor Money. Having spent something in the region of £40,000 helping some of the smaller organisations in smaller Parishes to help maintain and improve their facilities.

Finally. I have through putting it into the NCC Transport Strategy some 18 months ago obtained £3.5M for reconstruction work to the Old Stratford Roundabout, which will commence late 2017 early 2018 to relieve traffic congestion on this over capacitated roundabout

My duties at NCC are, Nil. As your District Councillor for Deanshanger also Nil???

I would again like to thank. Teresa, DPC Councillors and you the public for your forbearance, whilst dealing with any local problems.

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