

DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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All Parish Councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of the Debenham Parish Council meeting on **Monday 21st 2026 at 7.00pm at Dove Cottage, High Street, Debenham**. Parishioners are also invited to attend.

AGENDA

Chair's announcement:

Welcome to this meeting of the Debenham Parish Council. The Council, members of the public and the press may record/film this meeting when the public and the press are not lawfully excluded. Any member of the public who attends a meeting and objects to being filmed should advise the Parish Clerk. Please switch all mobile phones off or to silent. May I remind all those present to be courteous and not to have private conversations whilst the meeting is in progress. Thank you.

DPC/26/ 670 -**To consider apologies for absence**

DPC/26/671 – **Declarations of Interest with regard to items on the agenda**

DPC/26/672 – **Public Participation section 10 minutes** (three minutes per speaker)

DPC26/673 – **Reports**

- a. District Councillor's report
- b. County Councillor's report

DPC/26/674 – **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 27th July 2026 & 26th August 2026**

DPC/26/675 – **Action Plan of Outstanding Matters** (Resolved)

- 1. Repair of railings at recreation ground and missing down post on cemetery fence.
- 2. Installation of streetlight, Gardeners Road. Post installed, no light fitting yet.
- 3 Overhanging trees Cherry Tree Green (works completed).

DPC/26/676 – **Action plan of outstanding matters.**

- 1. Restoration of Village Green (on going) Clerk.
- 2. Installation of Defibrillator at Dove Cottage (planning & Heritage applications needed).
- 3. Quotations for tree works as marked urgent on the recent tree survey.
- 4. Update regarding investigations into the feasibility of the construction of a flood mitigation structure on land adjacent to Hoppit Wood: Council approved.
 - a. The recommendations contained within the natural flood management workshop.
 - b. proceeding with investigating the design and costs of the project.

5. Installation of electric hand dryer, programable air freshener, replacement of consumer unit & serviced hygiene bin in the public toilets.
6. Wall at number 43 High Street : update
7. TRO update and arrange a Teams meeting for further action.
8. Faded yellow lines by the primary school update.
9. leaning wall at Gardeners Road update on response from Mid Suffolk.
- 10- Bollards / Fencing to prevent parking in Priory lane near cemetery.
- 11- siting of the two new benches.

DPC/26/677 – Planning Matters Council considered responses to planning applications received from Mid Suffolk District Council.

DC /26 / 03352 & DC / 26 / 03353

The Angel Inn 5 High Street Debenham IP146QL

Application : Alteration/rebuild extension, Formulation of window to front elevation & C20 windows to double glazing, new parking and cycle storage & associated landscaping. Internal works as detailed within the design and access & heritage statement.

DPC/26/678 Planning : Council noted the following planning decisions:

DC/26/01586

Householder planning permission.

Erection of two storey extension.

DC/26/03082 Poplar Barn Low road,

Application for non-material amendment relating to DC/23/03887, slight alteration to porch design.

DPC/26/679 – Finance and Administration

Council to approve September payment schedule.

PC Current account £7,141.11

PC Deposit account £322,178.95

Woodland current account £1,243.42

Woodland Deposit account £7,778.51

Trial balance available *

Earmarked reserves available *

Detailed receipts & payments by budget heading available *

*detailed reports next month will be for second quarter end, suggest a finance meeting to review.

Request for a new Defibrillator cabinet for leisure centre from first responders £500 fitted.

Cllr Collins reported that the new oak Fencing along the high street had been fitted with steel screws and not stainless screws consider replacement.

DPC/26/680 – Committees, Working Groups and Representatives

- a. Debenham Neighbourhood Plan Review, What is the next step. Cllr Haddon
- b. Allotments – Allotment renewals delivered along with notice of rent increase for Oct 2027.
To receive an update on allotment rules. Cllr Collins

- c. Eco/Green Projects Think bike signs. Cllr Haddon
- d. Recreation Ground – repairs to shelter. Clerk
- e. Public Convenience – Tap & pay update. Cllr Collins
- f. Cemetery – correspondence from a resident regarding over hanging tree from the cemetery into a property in Laxton Close.
- g. Woodland – Dead tree on priory path just by the entrance to the lake.
- h. Emergency Planning – to receive an update Cllr Collins
- i. Cllr Collins, re appointments to committees & Working groups, suggested new format.

DPC/26/681 - **To note any further correspondence** (all correspondence circulated to members ahead of the meeting or included on the agenda for consideration) None.

DPC/26/682– **To receive any report from Councillors**/requests for addition to a future agenda (no decision can be made unless exempt or under delegated power)

DPC/26/683 - **Date of next meeting – 19th October 2026**

DPC/26/684– **To consider the temporary exclusion of the public and press: That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission at meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

DPC/26/685 – Employment Committee – the Chairman of the Committee to provide the Council with an update on employment issues.

DPC/26/686 - Safeguarding

DPC/26/687 – Contracts for review