

DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of meeting held 15 February 2010

The recent bad weather and indications this will be a feature of winters to come, coupled with an offer from County Cllr Eddy Alcock to fund up to 75% of the cost from his locality budget, has prompted us to go ahead with the purchase of five grit bins to be placed suitably around the village for the storage of winter grit. A few nominated people in the village will be able to grit pavements/roads during icy weather under the cover of the County Council's insurance policy. We would like to thank Cllr Alcock for his offer and we hope this will help us during future winters.

In addition the recent very cold weather has brought the rabbit population in from the fields and there has been considerable damage to the cemetery hedges and the trees in Hoggs Kiss wood. The bark has been severely stripped back and there is concern a number of the trees will not survive. Cllr Kevin Voller has met with a member of the Woodland Trust Management and we hope to hear from them shortly with proposals for pest control and future protection.

We are looking at a review of the current litter picked routes. If any Parishioners are aware of roads or areas badly affected by litter and they are not on the current route, please let our Clerk know as soon as possible so that these areas can be considered.

Our website editor was pleased to report the previous polling question re the Skatepark had broken three website records – the highest number of votes in the shortest time with the highest number of feedback comments. He said, 'It was good to see the facility had been used to trigger such positive activity'. A Steering Group for the Skatepark project has been set up comprising a small number of adults and a very enthusiastic group of youngsters and we now look forward to receiving their proposals for a refurbished site.

Date of next meetings: Monday 8 March (Planning/Finance)
Monday 15 March (Ordinary)