

Debenham Parish Council : Summary of meeting held 19 October 2009

A number of community donations were agreed : £100 to the late night Christmas shopping and events evening on 4 December; £100 to the Debenham Leisure Centre for the Firework Display and £50 to the Sir Robert Hitcham School MacMillan Coffee morning. We were informed the children had raised the grand sum of £800 at their coffee morning and our Members congratulated them on their efforts and for such an enjoyable morning.

The outstanding donation to the Leisure Centre was discussed. Due to the restrictions imposed upon parish council donations it has been proposed that we make a contribution to specific projects or refurbishment schemes on the community centre building. Our Members are keen to offer support to the Centre and quotations are being sought for high priority repairs/projects.

Concerns have been raised by one or two parishioners about the deteriorating condition of the skate board park at the Leisure Centre. The park is situated on Leisure Centre land and was installed with grant funding and a small amount of parish funding. The Parish Council and Leisure Centre would welcome any additional feedback from parishioners as to the future of the park, ie whether it is well used by local youngsters and the merits of a refurbishment programme.

Due to complaints about dog fouling in the village we have arranged a village meeting with the MSDC Dog Warden in the hope she will be able to put forward suggestions to help eliminate this problem. If parishioners are aware of any particular problem areas please email or telephone these through the Parish Clerk, Mrs Gina Griffin, so that they can be included in the areas inspected during her visit to the village.

We have also arranged a site meeting with a representative from SCC Highways due to highway concerns raised by parishioners and issues raised at the recent Saturday Surgery, in particular parking on both sides of the road in Gracechurch Street and request for extension of the 30mph speed limit along Aspoll Road.

PCSO Chris Bales attended the meeting and reported on police support for a Friday evening Youth Club. Based at the Community Youth Centre, Gracechurch Street, catering for the 13 – 18 year olds, the club is at present staffed by PCSO Bales and an available colleague. The long-term plan is to identify and train volunteers to run the Friday club. PCSO Bales would like to hear from anyone in the village interested in becoming involved in this community project.

Date of next meetings : Planning – 9 November : Ordinary 16 November 2009