

PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD  
MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
2015, IN THE BARN GREEN ROOM, THE OLD  
SCHOOL, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7:30pm



Cllr K Scholey (Chairman)		Cllr M Willoughby (Vice Chairman)	(P)
Cllr K Andreoli	(P)	Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
Cllr I Brown	(P)	Cllr F Hull (from 8:40pm)	(P)
Cllr N Lander-Brinkley	(P)	Cllr G West	(P)
Cllr S Nienaltowski	(P)		

Also present: Mrs Debbie Cooper – Committee Clerk and 2 members of the public.

In the absence of Cllr Scholey, Chairman of Amenities Committee, Cllr Willoughby, Vice Chairman of Amenities took the chair.

055/16A **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Scholey and Cllr Hull for lateness.

056/16A **Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Willoughby declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Denmead Day Care – agenda item 8 (d).

057/16A **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were submitted for approval. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Amenities Committee be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

058/16A **Public Participation (S.O.1 (c)):** At 7:35pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow questions and comments from members of the public. The meeting reconvened at 7.55 pm.

059/16A **Correspondence:**

- a) Email from Hampshire Playing Fields Association regarding the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllrs Lander-Brinkley and Hull attend this AGM as an approved duty.**
- b) Local Plan Part 2, which includes an Open Space Strategy update will be sent out for consultation on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Cllr Andreoli stated that he has a copy of the Local Plan Part 2 which he will pass on to anyone that wished to read it and make comments.

Cllr Lander-Brinkley stated that from the Advisory Groups' view the Open Space Strategy information differs from the plan which was agreed by the WCC Open Space Officer, as Creech Woods belongs to the Forestry Commission and not Denmead Parish Council, and therefore it should not be included in the Open Space Strategy update. Cllr Lander-Brinkley stated that he would raise this matter at the Working Party meeting tomorrow (12/11/15).

060/16A **Cultivation Area at River End:**

The Committee Clerk stated that one cultivation area plot remains available which was declined by the interested party, and confirmed that the residents of River End and Old River had previously been offered these plots. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the one remaining plot should be offered to anyone else in the village,** and that a notice should be placed on the notice boards by the Junior School, on the green space near Old River and the Barn play area.

The Committee Clerk further stated that Denmead Junior School have still not contacted the office regarding the school plot, although several emails have been sent. Cllr Lander-Brinkley confirmed that Denmead Junior School definitely wanted that school plot.

The division of the cultivation area plots was discussed – **It was unanimously RESOLVED**

that Cllrs Brown and Nienaltowski would mark out the cultivation area plots, which would be divided by marker posts, these posts should be on the inside edge of the plots to avoid trip hazards.

061/16A **Landscape Working Party:**

- a) To receive an update from the Chairman. Cllr Andreoli stated that the wording on the agenda should be revised to read “To receive an update from the Landscape Working Party”.
- b) To receive and accept the notes of the Landscape Working Party meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015. **The notes of the Landscape Working Party were received and accepted.**
- c) The next scheduled meeting of the Landscape Working Party will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. **Noted**

062/16A **Matters Relating to Ashling Park:**

- a) **Vandalism / Incident Reports:** The Committee Clerk stated that there had been no reported vandalism or incidents during the reporting period.
- b) **Ashling Pavilion:**
  - i) Ashling Pavilion Pop-Up café.  
To receive the full accounts and a report from Cllr Hull.

Cllr Hull stated that the pop-up café had provided a good educational base for young people of the youth club. The café increased the profile of the Pavilion and a number of enquiries to hire the pavilion have been received. There was less rubbish in the park and less vandalism, and it provided a meeting place for young people during the summer holidays.

Feedback from the public was positive.

The café was very “weather dependant”, wet weather meant that there was insufficient passing trade.

A summary of the accounts was handed out to the Amenities Committee, which showed that no profit had been made. Cllr Langford-Smith reported that the summary of accounts was discussed at the Youth Provision Working Party meeting, at which time an offer of £100 had been made to the Parish Council, despite that fact that no profit had been made.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that the offer of £100 from the Pop-Up café would not be accepted by Denmead Parish Council.**

- ii) Quotations for electric shutters at Ashling Pavilion

The three quotations were considered and the following further information was required.

- Service charge information
- Warranty Period
- Photographs of the shutters

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that the additional information above be obtained prior to the next Amenities Committee meeting.**

Cllr Langford-Smith requested that copies of these quotations were sent to her.

- c) To consider the possibility of adding two additional tennis courts to the existing three courts:

Cllr Andreoli stated that he had printed off copies of the tennis courts from Google earth, which showed the area to the side of the existing tennis courts. There are two trees beside

the existing courts which are both TPO trees. Denmead Parish Council would not take these trees down to clear the area for the additional tennis courts.

The question was asked if the tennis courts could be turned long ways. Mr Chiswell stated that this would not meet minimum standards with respect to court spacing.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Landscape Working Party should look the proposed area for the Tennis Courts on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015, and that there should be no impact on the TPO trees.**

d) Denmead Day Care – temporary use of Ashling Pavilion

The Chairman stated that the Parish Clerk received a phone call from Colin Skinner the Hampshire County Council Child Development Officer. Requesting that Denmead Parish Council allowed Denmead Day Care to use the Ashling Pavilion, as their current location is being demolished and rebuilt.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED meeting should be arranged with one Councillor, the Parish Clerk, Mrs Josephs and Mr Skinner to discuss Denmead Day Care's use of Ashling Pavilion.**

Some discussion took place regarding Denmead Day Care's previous use of the Ashling Pavilion. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Nienaltowski should contact the Parish Clerk and discuss the situation regarding Denmead Day Care.** Cllr Nienaltowski would then contact Mr Skinner and obtain clarification.

063/16A Denmead Tennis Club – Partnership Agreement:

Cllr Andreoli stated that the Denmead Tennis Club were very happy to accept the updated Tennis Partnership Agreement. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that an agreeable date and time be arranged to formally sign the new Partnership agreement, which would require two Councillors and two members of the tennis club to sign and the Parish Clerk to witness.**

064/16A Goodman Fields:

a) Work is complete and the car park is now open. **Noted.**

b) Cairn and memorial to Peter Goodman:

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that Mr Finlay should be contacted and asked to requote for the Queen Elizabeth II cairn, which should incorporate the memorial to Peter Goodman.**

**It was also unanimously RESOLVED that Mrs Goodman is invited to be involved in the decision of where to place the Cairn and memorial to Mr Goodman.**

c) A request for a litter bin in Goodman Fields:

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that a standard "Brunel" bin be purchased.** If this bin is used for both dog and general waste it could be added to the Winchester City Council emptying contract.

065/16A Sponsorship of Roundabouts in Forest Road and flower beds around the village:

Cllr Langford-Smith gave an overview of the "Sponsorship Proposal" and the following was agreed:

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that a working party should be set-up to discuss venues, strategy and costings, which should include Cllr Langford-Smith, a member of LWP, Liz Williams and Heidi Isa.**

066/16A Forestry Commission Liaison Group:

Cllr Lander-Brinkley stated that the liaison group was set up by County Councillor Stallard in

a 2008 after a campaign for improved access into Creech Woods.

The Forestry Commission are currently re-assessing the play equipment at Creech Woods and a member of ROSPA will be visiting the play area on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The Forestry Commission Education officer has been invited to the next liaison group meeting to see if the Forestry Commission can assist Denmead Parish Council with making better use of the facilities.

Some trees will be replaced in the Jubilee Avenue during the spring.

067/16A **Matters arising and Outstanding matters from Previous Minutes:**

096/15A – Repair to the footpath from the new jogging tract to the oak tree in Creech View.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that 3 quotations should be obtained to repair the footpath.**

100/15A – Goodman Fields Bridges – these are being dealt with by Landscape Working Party.

014/16A – Public Open Spaces Protection Order – **It was unanimously AGREED that no further action could be taken and therefore this action was closed.**

041/16A – Ashling Park Football pitches – Awaiting quotations from the Head Groundsman. Some companies will charge in excess of £1,000 to survey the pitches. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllrs Lander-Brinkley and Hull should attend the Hampshire Playing Fields AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to obtain further information.**

042/16A (d) - Denmead Scouts and Archery club have offered to contribute towards the cost of dog signs at Kidmore Field. An email has been sent to Bernie Reid, awaiting a response.

043/16A – Cleaning Company – Specification requires updating – this matter should be dealt with by Cllr Scholey.

047/16A – Official opening of Goodman Fields – Press Release – **Ongoing.**

048/16A – Matters referred by the Sports User Group - Respect Lines – **It was unanimously RESOLVED that a quote be obtained from the Head Groundsman regarding the painting of respect lines on the football pitches at Ashling Park.**

049/16A (b) v – Smoke detector in the staff entrance at Ashling Pavilion – **It was unanimously RESOLVED, that CIA should be asked if there was an alternative place to put the smoke detector as it currently covers the area under the stairs from its current position.**

068/16A **Matters raised by Councillors:**

Cllr Brown raised the matter that Angela Harwood (Denmead Scouts) has an excess of wild flower seeds which could be used on the bund at Goodman Fields.

Cllr Brown further stated that the fence around Kidmore Field is falling down as some of the post need to be replaced.

Cllr Hull stated that there should also be a community notice board at Kidmore Field.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:46pm. The next Scheduled meeting is Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Public Session

**David Chiswell – Denmead Tennis Club**

Mr Chiswell stated that Denmead Tennis Club courts are very well used, that there has been a 60% increase of players over the last twelve months, which is above the national average. The paper prepared by Denmead Tennis Club shows that the Tennis courts are in good order and that there is demand for additional courts. Cllr Andreoli asked what the approximate costs for these additional courts would be. Mr Chiswell stated that the approximate cost would be £70,000 without floodlighting which would be approximately £15,000 for both courts.

Mr Chiswell further stated that he had investigated the trees, and believed that only one of these had a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Cllr Andreoli stated that both trees have Tree Preservation Orders and therefore could not be removed.

Mr Chiswell stated that the Tennis Courts were very well utilised and there was a demand for additional court time, especially during the weekends.

Mr Chiswell was asked how these new tennis courts would be funded. Mr Chiswell stated that he had many funding sources which he could approach, including Winchester City Council and the Lawn Tennis Association, each of which would contribute approximately £10,000, this would leave £50,000 of funding to be raised.

**Mr Kennett, a resident of Park Lane raised the following regarding Goodman Fields**

Denmead Parish Council do not own the layby in front of the pumping station, and therefore how would DPC handle the situation if the lorries block the entrance to Goodman Fields, as the gate has been removed from the entrance, this could lead to cars being blocked in the car park by the lorries. Cllr Langford-Smith stated that she would investigate the legal requirement for a gate on the entrance to Goodman Fields.

Mr Kennett had a meeting with County Councillor Stallard regarding Goodman Fields and was concerned about the following:

The exit from Goodman Fields car park, and the speed of the traffic on Hambledon Road, caused concern. In response to Mr Kennett, Cllr Langford-Smith stated that Speed Watch group do monitor this area.

When will the auger test be carried out on Goodman Fields? In response to Mr Kennett, Cllr Andreoli stated that Winchester City Council have stated that they would not carry out any tests on Goodman Fields, and that the Environment Agency carry out regular tests on the water in the main river.

In Mr Kennett's opinion the Parish Council were not looking after the interests of the Village and that the Council was a Co-opted Council, and none of the Councillors were elected. Cllr Lander-Brinkley clarified the situation and stated that only two members of the Council were co-opted members, all other Councillors were elected.