

PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th
JANUARY 2016, IN THE BARN GREEN ROOM, THE OLD SCHOOL, DENMEAD
COMMENCING AT 7:30pm



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

Also present: two members of the public and Mrs Debbie Cooper, Committee Clerk to the Parish Council.

- 069/16A **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Andreoli.
- 070/16A **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Willoughby declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Denmead Day Care – Agenda item 7.
- 071/16A **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 11th November 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.**
- 072/16A **Public Participation (S.0.1 (c)):** At 7:33pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow questions and comments from members of the public. The meeting was reconvened at 7:50pm.
- 073/16A **Correspondence:**
a) Email from Lucy Orosz, dated 17th January 2016, re: Park and Stride campaign. This would be to encourage parents to park their cars away from the school and walk their children to and from school. The request to use Ashling Park Road Car Park was considered. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Denmead Parish Council are in support of the Park and Stride Scheme which would allow parents of Denmead infant and junior schools to use the Ashling Park Road Car Park in the morning and evening to walk their children to and from school and for the school to display some advertising for the scheme.** It was suggested that an article could be put in the Denmead Scene to promote the Park and Stride scheme. The Head Groundsman should be informed, to ensure that the gates to the car park are unlocked by 8am on weekday mornings during term-time.
- 074/16A **Denmead Tennis Club Additional Tennis Courts [062/16A] refers:**
LWP's recommendation is that the additional tennis courts are incorporated into the proposed Multi User Games Area (MUGA) from training zone F.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that a working party should be formed and the members are Cllrs Hull, Willoughby, Langford-Smith and Brown, and Mr David Chiswell (Denmead Tennis Club). Date of the first meeting will be arranged by Cllr Hull via email.
- 075/16A **Denmead Day Care:** Cllr Nienaltowski tabled a written report which was discussed by committee.

Councillors held discussions regarding the charges for the use of Ashling Pavilion by Denmead Day Care. **It was RESOLVED by majority vote that Denmead Day Care would be charged £1,000 per month + VAT, subject to Terms and Conditions. These would be documented in a Contract and reviewed on a 3 monthly basis.**

076/16A **Cultivation Areas at River End:** All cultivation areas have been allocated.

The Committee clerk stated that the stop cock and water meter have been identified as being opposite side of the road to allotments and near to the first house, and that the Head Groundsman is currently in the process of obtaining a “push” tap for the stand pipe. Some concern was raised regarding the tap which is located on plot no 5, and the fact that other cultivation area tenants would have to walk on plot no 5 to obtain water and that the stand-pipe is poorly insulated and is likely to cause a burst pipe. The water tap would be drained at the end of October and reinstated at the beginning of April each year.

Cllrs Nienaltowski and Brown had been to the cultivation areas at River End, but were unable to mark out the plots as these did not reflect the plan provided. The Parish Clerk has since had a meeting with Cllr Nienaltowski to establish the perimeters of the cultivation area plots.

077/16A **Repairs to Footpath (Harvest Field to Creech View):**

The Chairman stated that a quotation had been received to make repairs to the footpath at Creech View. Funding of £731.85 (3011) was held in Earmarked reserves, which leaves £198.15 to be allocated. This funding could be taken from either (6075) travel expenses or (6071) vandalism.

After discussion, it was agreed that 3 quotations should be obtained as per minute ref [067/16A]. The Chairman stated one quotation had been received, and another company has been asked to quote but had declined. **It was unanimously AGREED that one other quotation should be obtained for the repairs to the footpath in Creech View, and that the company which declined should be included on the quotation analysis sheet.**

078/16A **Landscape Working Party:**

- a) To receive an update from the Landscape Working Party:
Cllr Langford-Smith queried item 1, g – ‘Mr Brann – request for a tree at River End. LWP agreed to plant a sorbus, currently awaiting delivery of a Whitebeam’. Cllr Langford-Smith queried why a larger species of tree hadn’t been considered. The Chairman stated that due to the location of the path and road, a Whitebeam was considered to be the best option.
- b) To receive and accept the notes of the Landscape Working Party held on 1st December 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 Tuesday 9th February 2016. **Noted.**

079/16A **Matters Relating to Ashling Park:**

- a) Vandalism / incidence reports: Nothing to report.
- b) Ashling Pavilion:
 - i) Electric Shutters at Ashling Pavilion: Discussion took place on the 3 quotations and information received concerning the Service charge, warranty and delivery. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Dennison Doors would be the preferred supplier and that £2,000 be allocated for this project in 2016/17 budget. The Company would adapt the existing shutter doors, and make them electronically controlled via a rocker switch which would be conveniently placed for ease of use. The main entrance door, the existing barrel would be replaced to encompass a motor and anti-drop brake.**
 - ii) Reallocation of the Smoke detector in the staff entrance: This has been agreed between the Chairman and Head Groundsman and CIA have been contacted to complete this work.
 - iii) Annual Playground Inspections: Dave Potter has carried out the playground

inspection since 2009. It was requested of Committee that Dave Potter is DPC's preferred supplier for the next 3 years. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Dave Potter should be the preferred supplier to carry out the annual playground inspections for the next 3 years.**

- iv) Ashling Park Football pitches: The Chairman stated that 3 different companies have been contacted and provided quotations, Kestrel have provided 3 separate quotations for the re-instatement of the football pitches at Ashling Park, these vary in price and the most effective quotation for the football pitches in Denmead would be the middle quotations, which provides cut and fill drains at 5m centres plus sand amelioration at a cost of £104, 127.18 and if the cricket square was to be relayed there would be an addition cost of 18,086.40.

It was suggested that the complete area should be re-instated, including the cricket square. Cllr Hull stated that the Cricket square is much older than the park and would take many years to recover. Cllr Lander-Brinkley stated that the table shouldn't be affected by the works, but no cricket would be able to be played for one season.

It was RESOLVED by majority vote, that investigation into funding should now be carried out, and these should include Fields-in-trust (KGV), the Football Association, Biffa and National lottery for £135,000 (which includes the £18,086.40 for the Cricket Square) and that the intention is to have this work carried out next year, at the end of the Cricket season.

080/16A **Denmead Scout Group meeting with DPC**

- a) To arrange a meeting between DPC and the Scout Group to review their compliance with the Scout Group lease. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllrs Nienaltowski and Hull would liaise with the Scout group concerning their compliance with the Lease.** Cllrs Nienaltowski and Hull requested copies of the Scout Group lease.

081/16A **Goodman Fields:**

- a) Water Test on the River which passes through Goodman Fields: **It was RESOLVED by majority vote to allow Mr Kennett to carry out regulated tests on the water in Goodman Fields, provided that Mr Kennett contacted the Environment Agency to seek the correct permission.**

Cairn and memorial to Peter Goodman: A re-quote has been received from John Finlay regarding the construction of a cairn for Goodman Fields which would incorporate the Queen Elizabeth II Fields-in-Trust plaque and the memorial to Mr Peter Goodman. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Mrs Goodman should be contacted and invited to a site meeting with Cllr Scholey to decide on the location for the cairn and the memorial to Mr Goodman.**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the funding for the cairn should be taken from 6070 – facilities maintenance.

- b) Wild Flower seeds: To agree the areas in which seeds are to be scattered and the Scouts involvement.

The Chairman stated that the bunds in the car park would be an ideal location for the Scouts to scatter their wild flower seeds.

Cllr Hull to liaise with the Scouts / Head Groundsman regarding the preparation of the soil before the seeds can be scattered.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that photographs of the cairn and memorial to Mr Goodman and photographs of the scouts scattering the seeds at Goodman Fields be taken which could be used to promote the opening of the car park at Goodman Fields.

- c) Litter bin in the entrance to Goodman Fields: The Chairman stated that it had been confirmed that Winchester City Council would not empty a waste bin on private land. The Chairman proposed that a rubbish bin is required for Goodman Fields and that it should be located next to the 'red' dog bin and emptied by the DPC Groundstaff. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that a litter bin was required for Goodman Fields, and should be located next to the 'red' dog bin.**

082/16A **Sponsorship of Roundabouts in Forest Road and flower beds around the village:**

Cllr Langford-Smith stated that she had presented a report to committee on 11th November 2015, and the first meeting of the working party would take place on Thursday, 28th January 2016 at 10:30 in Barnard's, Denmead. Those in attendance will be Cllrs Nienaltowski and Langford-Smith, Mrs Heidi Isa (Market Towns Development Officer) and Mrs Liz Williams (Denmead-in-Bloom).

083/16A **Forestry Commission Liaison Group:**

Cllr Lander-Brinkley stated that the date of the next Forestry Commission liaison group had now moved to Monday, 21st March 2016 at 2pm. **Noted.**

084/16A **Matters arising and Outstanding Actions from Previous minutes:**

100/15A – Goodman Fields Bridges. The Chairman stated that this would require a separate licence from the Environment Agency. **Ongoing.**

048/16A – Matters referred to by Sports User Group – marking out and costs of respect lines. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that a letter be written to Howard Broad, Denmead Football Club informing the club of the costs of marking out the respect lines in Ashling Park.**

085/16A **Matters Raised by Councillors:** Nothing to report under this agenda item.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:42pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, 2nd March 2016.

Public Session

Mr David Chiswell, Denmead Tennis Club

Mr Chiswell stated that there is a need for two additional tennis courts and that the Lawn Tennis Association has given the Denmead Tennis club lots of support, technical guidance and funding advice.

The next rounds of funding are March and June, and there is a £1.5 million pot, which would be partly grant funded and partly loan based. Mr Chiswell stated that Denmead Tennis Club would be considered more favourably by the LTA, and are likely to achieve higher funding.

Mr Chiswell further stated that the way people are encouraged to join sports clubs is changing and that the encouragement of exercise for obesity issues and health has increased.

The first step for the Tennis Club would be to submit a planning application with the hope that the courts could be built towards the end of the summer 2016, as the tennis club would not want to turn people away. There has been an increased usage at the weekends, especially Friday and Monday evenings, with a lot more people looking to play for fun.

Cllr Hull stated that DPC appreciate that Denmead Tennis Club have a requirement for additional courts, however, there is a need for a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). She further stated that WCC's Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey has knowledge of recently built MUGAs in Winchester which cost between £60 – £70K, and that he would provide contractor details and information.

Cllr Hull stated that a working party should be set-up to address these issues, and the following Councillors agreed to be on the working party: Cllrs Hull, Langford-Smith, Brown and Willoughby and Mr Chiswell (Denmead Tennis Club).

Mr R Kennett, a resident of Park Road, Denmead raised the following regarding Goodman Fields

Mr Kennett stated that he had attended many Council meetings and raised concerns regarding the matter of pollution in Goodman Fields caused by dog faeces. In response to Mr Kennett, the Chairman stated that this matter had been investigated with Winchester City Council and they have stated that there is no requirement for a test on this land. This matter was referred to the main committee meeting for vote.

Mr Kennett raised concerns regarding the number of dogs which are now being walked in Goodman Fields; he believes approximately 50 – 60 per day, which are coming from all around the area. Mr Kennett is concerned about the pollution of the river which runs through Goodman Fields, and requested permission from the Council to carry out a water test. The Chairman stated that Denmead Parish Council appreciate Mr Kennett's comments, however, the Environment Agency carry out regular tests on the river, and would inform DPC if there were any issues. Cllr Nienaltowski raised concerns that a test on the river should be properly managed and that samples should be taken from other areas not just the water in Goodman Fields. Mr Kennett was asked to contact the Environment Agency to seek permission to carry out these tests in the proper manner.