

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** held by the Parish Council of  
Denmead on **TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015** commencing at 7.30 pm  
in the **ASHLING PAVILION, DENMEAD**

Present: Cllr N Lander-Brinkley (Chairman) Cllr K Andreoli  
Cllr I Brown Cllr G Crooks  
Cllr R Hallett Cllr F Hull  
Cllr J Harrison Cllr P Langford-Smith  
Cllr K Scholey Cllr G West  
Cllr M Willoughby

County Councillor P Stallard

Mr T Daniells Clerk to the Council

Public: 22 members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Informal Discussions**

The meeting started at 7.30pm by giving residents the opportunity to take refreshments and have informal discussions with Councillors. Residents were encouraged to post questions on the 'question wall' which would be answered later in the evening.

2. **Welcome**

Cllr Glenn Crooks gave a formal welcome to residents and outlined the agenda for the evening. He thanked the young people from the Denmead Youth Partnership for preparing and serving the refreshments. As this was the first time that the Pavilion was being used for the APA, he asked for feedback.

3 **The CAB Outreach Service at Denmead**

4 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wayne Crowther and D/Cllrs Mike Read and Kirk Phillips.

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Assembly held on the 8 April 2014 were issued and it was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a correct record of this meeting.

4. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters raised in relation to the minutes.

5. **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Lander-Brinkley gave a personal welcome to those attending the meeting. His report for the year was included in the Annual Parish Report and he did not propose to read this out but instead chose to supplement this by giving a personal slant on some of the work of the Parish Council over the year. This was a formal opportunity to hold the Council to account, but residents were welcomed to contact Councillors or the Clerk with any matters they wish to bring to the Council's attention.

Cllr Lander-Brinkley acknowledged the work of the Clerk and informed the meeting that this has been recognised by winning the title of Hampshire Clerk of the Year.

The past year had been one of achievement with installation of a new play area at Ashling Park; an outdoor gym at The Old School with a small childrens play area; a Sportsfest for disabled people to try a sport out and the expansion of the Youth Nights to three nights a week..

He also referred to forgotten success such as the removal of a traveller incursion from Harvest Field; progress made by the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group although the Boundary Review of Winchester City Council had delayed moved to form a separate parish and listing the Fox & Hounds as a Community Asset to stop it being redeveloped.

The Council continued to manage its finances to within budgets. This coming financial year, 2014/15, would see the Band D Tax reduce.

Cllr Lander-Brinkley thanked his fellow Councillors for their support and thanked the Council staff for their support.

7. **Questions on the chairman's report**

Cllr Lander-Brinkley then took questions.

The first questioner asked what authority an ACSO would have. The Chairman replied that an ACSO would have the authority to issue fixed penalty notices due to their accreditation. In answer to a question over the conversion of office space to accommodation at parklands, Cllr Lander-Brinkley responded with an explanation of the issue due to the Governments relaxation of Permitted Development Rights (PDR). An option was to apply for an Article 4 Directive to prevent further conversions. WCC as the Local Planning Authority had been advised that this might be applied for and they had acknowledged this interest.

8. **QUESTIONS FROM THE QUESTION WALL**

Following the success of this from last years Assembly, electors were invited to write their questions on a post it note and put these on a 'question wall' to be answer during this session.

Questions were answered by the Councillor with the most relevant knowledge.

Q. Would the building contractor be responsible for making good any damage to drains as a result of development in Old River?

A. *C/C Stallard replied that it was usually written into the contract so she would expect this to happen.*

Q. What could DPC do to limit the speed of traffic going west out of the village?

A. *Cllr Langford-Smith replied that the Council was working with the Police to get traffic speed monitored and that a 'Speedwatch' programme was being organised.*

Q. What was being done to clear the litter from the roadside?

A. *C/C Stallard responded that new legislation was in force to control litter picking on the highway following some fatalities. The work would be risk assessed and could result in a road closure to allow clean up. Operative would also be fully trained. The annual village litter pick would also tidy up parts of the village.*

Q. What was the Council doing to keep streets safe?

A. *DPC was looking to employ their own ACSO's and also address issues through the Safer Neighbourhood Panel.*

Q. Could parking in Southwick Road be limited?

A. *C/C Stallard advised that there were no restrictions in Southwick Road and that car parking was viewed by the Police as a form of traffic calming.*

Q. Were any trees to be removed as a result of development in Carpenters Field?

A. *Cllr Lander-Brinkley replied that DPC would not support the loss of any trees and would also look to minimise any removal of the hedgerow.*

Q. Did DPC have a programme to maintain footpaths and styles?

A. *Cllr West responded that DPC were looking to work through and maintain these within the Parish*

Q. How was future sporting needs going to be met?

A. *Cllr Lander-Brinkley referred to the Neighbourhood Plan which set out specific aims for these needs such as improvements to the school facilities. Some would also be met through planning gain although the detail had yet to be agreed.*

Q. The DNP was an opportunity to address the shortfall in recreation space. An all weather pitch would be a real asset to Denmead

*A. Cllr Lander-Brinkley advised that on the availability of open space land. To make it useable as formal recreation pitches would require funds. Cllr Andreoli considered that some of these funds could be obtained from such organisations as Sport England. Cllr Scholey added that DPC were working to make Goodman Fields more accessible and had long term plans for this.*

11. **VOTE OF THANKS**

Cllr Ian Brown closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to:

- The Coop for sponsoring the refreshments
- Neil Rusbridger, the youth partnership, both youth workers and young people for preparing and serving the refreshments
- Sandra Silverwood for her talk on the CAB Outreach Service for Denmead
- County Councillor for supporting the event and taking part in the informal and formal questions sessions
- The Chairman and Clerk for hosting the evening
- All of the residents who attended the meeting for their interest and questions

**Meeting closed at 9.25 pm**