

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** held by the Parish Council of
Denmead on **TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2014** commencing at 7.30 pm
in the ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, DENMEAD

Present:

Cllr N Lander-Brinkley (Chairman)	Cllr K Andreoli
Cllr M Davies	Cllr K Forster
Cllr R Hallett	Cllr F Hull
Cllr J Harrison	Cllr R Smart
Cllr I Reed	Cllr K Scholey
Cllr G West	

County Councillor P Stallard and Ward Councillors M Read and K Phillips

Mr T Daniells Clerk to the Council

Public: 34 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 and local organisations who were invited to promote their groups and programmes. Residents were encouraged to post questions on the 'question wall' which would be answered later in the evening.

Organisations involved in promoting themselves were Denmead Scouts; Denmead in Bloom; Bodyfocus; Village Agent; Denmead Twinning Association; Denmead Youth Partnership; Denmead Bowls Club and Hampshire Astronomical Group.

2. **Welcome**

Cllr Gary West gave a formal welcome to residents and outlined the agenda for the evening.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Assembly held on the 26 March 2013 were issued and it was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a correct record and these were signed by the Chairman.

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.

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.

6. **DENMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT**

Peter Ambrose made a short presentation on the progress achieved in producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Denmead.

He referred to the presentations made to residents on the content of the Plan and encouraged all to attend one of the two remaining consultation evenings on the Pre Submission version of the Plan. All who attended were asked to make comment on the Plan. He then outlined the process which would be followed once the Pre Submission Phase ended. This would be to

- assess all the comments received, and decide if there were any amendments needed to make to the Plan, balancing positive comments against those that are potentially negative
- the plan would then be submitted to Winchester City Council who consult with appropriate Strategic Authorities, and then check that the plan is coherent with the Winchester District Plan, and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- Following this, an independent examiner would be recruited to examine our plan and any comments made during the Winchester consultation period. The examiner will consider whether the plan is legal and sound.

He referred to other confusing information circulating around the village. This promoted development of alternative sites and also gave inaccurate and misleading information on sites included in the draft Plan.

He wished that he could tell residents that the DNP had rejected any ideas of yet more development in Denmead, but we had to be realistic, and abide by the dictates of Central Government.

Finally, Peter emphasised how important it was that the Neighbourhood Plan is brought into being with the support of the majority of the village. No plan would be perfect in everyone's eyes, but we had tried to make it as sensible as possible.

He concluded by saying that your votes were needed in the referendum – if we fail with the plan or the referendum, then Winchester City Council, or the developers will plan the necessary sites and the numbers and style of houses – and this may well not be how you or I would have liked it!

7. **QUESTIONS ON THE ABOVE REPORTS**

Both Cllr Lander-Brinkley and Peter Ambrose then took questions on their reports.

The first questioner was happy with the reports given but had reservations about the Plan. He asked what would happen after the 2015 Election. Peter Ambrose acknowledged the concern. The Plan would stipulate requirements that had to be addresses regarding flooding and containment of surface water such that there was no additional run off due to development.

Another resident spoke of sewerage issues during the recent flooding. This had been a problem for 40 years. Without further knowledge, it was not possible to give an answer on this matter.

8. **QUESTIONS FRON THE QUESTION WALL**

As a departure from previous Assemblies, 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.

Cllr Karen Forster put the questions to a panel consisting if Cllr Lander-Brinkley, County Cllr Patricia Stallard and Ward Cllr Kirk Phillips.

C/C Stallard referred to recent flooding issues across the County and how this had diverted staff from their normal roles to assisting with the flooding. She also gave the cost of both containment measures and the cost of repairing the damage caused by flooding. D/C Phillips referred to himself as the new boy who was also standing for re-election this year.

Q. The X9 bus was often withdrawn from service at short notice. What subsidy was given to this service?

A. *C/C Stallard replied that HCC subsidised some services but did not run the service. There was a survey being conducted at present on use of bus services and she asked the questioner to partake of the survey. D/C Read was talking to the bus company and would take up the issue.*

Q. Clearing of drains in Anmore Road could go some way to prevent flooding and were the

sewers along the same road fit for purpose?

A. Cllr NLB replied that HCC had done much work along Anmore Road to keep the drainage system clear but the riparian owners should also play their part and clear the ditches on their land.

Q.

11. **VOTE OF THANKS**

Cllr Ken Scholey closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to:

- The Coop for sponsoring the refreshments
- The youth partnership, both youth workers and young people for preparing and serving the refreshments
- The Ward and County Councillors for supporting the event and taking part in the informal and formal questions sessions
- Peter Ambrose for his update on the Neighbourhood Plan
- his fellow Councillors for their support
- The local organisation who came to promote their groups
- all of the residents who attended the meeting for their interest and questions

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm