



PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATHS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24th MAY 2016 IN THE FURZELEY ROOM, THE OLD SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

Members:	Cllr C Hargreaves (Chairman)	(P)
	Cllr K Andreoli	(P)
	Cllr G West	(P)
	Cllr M Willoughby	(P)
	Mr G Crooks	Co-opted
	Mr R Dawe	Co-opted
	Mr B Gibbs	Co-opted
	Mr P Stallard	Co-opted

- 001/17FP** **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Mr Crooks, Mr Gibbs and Mr Stallard.
- 002/17FP** **Co-option:** It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Crooks, Mr Dawe, Mr Gibbs and Mr Stallard onto the Footpaths Sub-committee for the municipal year 2016 ~ 2017.
- 003/17FP** **Election of Vice-chairman for the Footpaths Sub-committee:** It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Willoughby as Vice-chairman of the Footpaths Sub-committee for the municipal year 2016 ~ 2017.
- 004/17FP** **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made at this time.
- 005/17FP** **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2016 were submitted for approval. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.
- 006/17FP** **Public Participation:** Not required.
- 007/17FP** **Meeting with Community Engagement Ranger:** The Community Engagement Ranger, Abby Sullivan, was in attendance and the following matters were discussed:
- Definitive statement.** Any changes from the details in the Definitive Statement are dealt with by the Mapping Service.
 - Countryside Access Reference Guide.** Gives details of standards for paths and stiles, and tasks that can be undertaken by Parish Council. Move from stiles to gates (with landowners permission) to improve accessibility.
 - Small Grants Scheme.** Can provide funding for 50% of cost of works. Remaining 50% can be made up of 25% cost of volunteer hours, and 25% from parish council. Community Engagement Ranger is the contact for the scheme and can help with the required maps.
 - Reporting and resolving problems.** Problems reported via HCC Rights of Way website given priority by nature of problem and number of reports. Photographs can be uploaded to assist prioritisation. Resolution of problems can also be reported.
 - Priority Cutting list.** Small number of footpaths submitted each year are cleared once or twice a year by outside contractor.
 - Lengthsmen.** Now allocated to footpaths. Ensure they are allocated basic clearance and not 'work in progress'.
 - Dogs.** Allowed on footpaths, but stiles do not have to be accessible for them. Must stay on paths.
 - Signage.** Signage (via waymarks) can be reinstated / upgraded without landowners

permission. Waymarks, for both footpaths and long distance routes, and finger posts are available from HCC at no cost.

Matters Arising:

008/17FP Footpath 26: In light of information received from the Community Engagement Ranger a decision was taken to investigate a small grant of 50% of the cost of the remaining work on Footpath 26. Cost of removing overhanging tree may not be covered by this. Cllr West to investigate.

009/17FP Correspondence: None received.

010/17FP Healthy Walks: Twice weekly Healthy Walks have commenced.

011/17FP Condition of Footpaths: No updates

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

**The next scheduled meeting of this Committee
will be held in The Old School, School Lane, Denmead
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26th July 2016**

Signed _____ Date _____