



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

### MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATHS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 IN THE FURZELEY ROOM, THE OLD SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

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

In the absence of Cllr Hargreaves, Chairman of the Sub-committee, Cllr Willoughby, vice-chairman of the Sub-committee, took the chair.

**021/17FP** Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Hargreaves.

**022/17FP** Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

**023/17FP** Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 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.**

**024/17FP** Public Participation: Not required.

Matters Arising:

**025/17FP** Footpath 26: The status of Footpath 26 was noted.

Correspondence:

**026/17FP**

(a) An anonymous letter was read by Mr Stallard thanking the Footpaths Sub-committee for the work on footpath 26, but highlighting that there was a stile which needed repairing and that there was a tree obstructing the path. Concerns were raised regarding the potential attempted use of the path by cyclists or horse riders undoing the work completed on this path. Cllr West commented that if more material was added to the stile, access for walkers would be more difficult as there was nothing to hold on to whilst climbing over the stile. It was agreed that the landowner of the field where the obstructing tree was located, would be written to request that the tree was removed to prevent the obstruction.

**027/17FP**

(b) The anonymous report on the state of Denmead footpaths was discussed further. It was noted that the report was very similar or the same as the previous report from the same author. It was commented that this information had been well received and had been passed on to Hampshire County Council. A number of specific points were discussed:

- Intersection of route 5 and route 15: it was commented that the finger post stated as missing is not missing.
- Intersection of route 5 with road: it was commented that the finger post

was sound and was not overgrown with weeds.

- Route 15: it was stated that whilst electric fencing was used across the path, there were insulated handles to prevent electric shock.
- Route 20: stiles are not required to be dog friendly.
- Route 27 and 29: it was stated that the routes described lie within the Hambleton parish boundary.

**028/17FP**

**Small Grants Scheme:** The closing dates for applications was noted. It was agreed that an application for a grant for a stile for footpath 26 would be submitted for the 24<sup>th</sup> October deadline.

**029/17FP**

**Council Strategy 2016 - 2019:**

“Improve and Develop” - The Volunteer Working Party was discussed and it was agreed that the insurance status of such a working party containing councillors and non-councillors should be investigated prior to proceeding with this. Assuming the insurance could be overcome, it was agreed that a working party would be set up in spring 2017 and that the Denmead scene should be used to promote this.

“Communicate” - The potential for a new booklet using an overlay of footpaths on an OS map was discussed. It was agreed that the use of overlaid OS maps for either sale or free distribution should be discussed with Cllr Langford-Smith prior to proceeding but that (depending on legality) possible means of communicating such a map could include:

- A one sheet addendum to the existing footpath booklet and welcome packs.
- A one page addition to an issue of the Denmead scene.
- Publishing the resultant map on the Parish Council website

**030/17FP**

**Budget Requirement for 2017/2018:** It was agreed that the budget requirement would be £5000. This would cover finger posts, part of the funding for the stile for footpath 26, signage and printing associated with an overlaid OS map.

**031/17FP**

**Healthy Walks:** Cllr Andreoli communicated that the summer walks were so popular that monthly Saturday walks were now being organised for the winter months. These were being advertised on the Parish Council website and local notice boards. **Noted.**

**032/17FP**

**Condition of Footpaths:** General comments were made that due to recent weather conditions, footpaths were generally getting overgrown and that some wetter areas that were subject to being crossed by cattle were starting to get churned up. **Noted.**

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

**The next scheduled meeting of this Committee  
will be held in The Old School, School Lane, Denmead  
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016**