



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2015 IN THE DENMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, OLD SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

<u>Members:</u>	Cllr K Andreoli (Chairman)	(P)	Cllr I Brown	(P)
	Cllr G Crooks		Cllr C Hargreaves	(P)
	Cllr F Hull		Cllr N Rusbridger	(P)
	Cllr N Lander-Brinkley	(P)	Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr K Scholey	(P)	Cllr G West	(P)
	Cllr M Willoughby	(P)		

Also present: Three members of the public and C/Cllr Stallard. Also present was Mr Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

**023/16C** Apologies Apologies were received from Councillors Crooks and Hull.

**024/16C** Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest made at this time.

**025/16C** Minutes of the previous Meetings: The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 13 May 2015 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 10 June 2015 were submitted for approval. Cllr Lander-Brinkley considered that the recognition of the work of this Council during his term as Chairman and recognised by being awarded Council of the Week by NALC was not minuted at the Annual Council Meeting and asked for this to be included. It was agreed that the published minutes would be amended to reflect this. **With this amendment, it was unanimously RESOLVED that these Minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

**026/16C** Public Participation (S.O 68)

The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm to allow members of the public to address Council. The meeting reconvened at 7.50pm.

**027/16C** County and District Councillors Reports

- (a) C/C Stallard was present at the meeting. Her written report was tabled at the meeting and is appended to these minutes. The Chairman verbally summarised the main points in her report and congratulated her on her appointment to HCC Cabinet. C/C Stallard added to her report by
- Urging Councillors to respond to the consultation on Shaping Hampshire.
  - Giving an update on the work looking at forming a combined authority across Southern Hampshire.
- (b) Apologies were received from D/Cllr Read. D/C Stallard gave a verbal report. This covered the workload and priority given to issues related to the proposed redevelopment of Silver Hill and the final report from the Boundary Commission on the review of Winchester District.

**028/16C** Correspondence

- (a) HALC e-update: The June update has been circulated to all Councillors. **It was AGREED to enter the Council's website and newsletter into the HALC Communications Awards for 2015.**  
There were no other matters arising from the e-update.
- (b) Winchester District CAB, Home Start & Victim Support: Letters of thanks were received for grants awarded by DPC to these organisations. **NOTED.**
- (c) Overlord: An email was received from the Show organiser. This asked Council for its advice on how to involve more Denmead residents and how to generate business for local retailers as a result of the Show. **It was AGREED to refer this to the Village Centre Manager and ask her to consider ways to achieve this.**

- (d) Electoral Review of Hampshire: This review had an objective to deliver electoral equality and correct any imbalance in the number of electors represented by each Councillor. The Review was scheduled to complete in April 2016. C/C Stallard clarified the position with regards to the number of Councillors at Hampshire which would remain unchanged. A look at addressing the imbalance had been completed and would be put to Hampshire County Council at their July meeting. It was likely that Whiteley may be moved to another electoral division. Cllr Lander-Brinkley considered that any response should press to keep Denmead as an entity and not to upset plans to form a new parish at the West of Waterlooville. The Chairman advised that a Council response would be made but Councillors were also able to give their own opinions to the Review. **NOTED.**
- (e) Shaping Hampshire Consultation: Council were invited to review and respond with any comments on a review by the County Council on how it could manage an anticipated shortfall in central Government funding of around £98 million, in order to inform planning for the provision of the County Council's local services, from April 2017 onwards. The Chairman considered that the deadline of 6 July was too soon for a reply by Council but encouraged individual responses from Councillors. **NOTED.**
- (f) Horizon Leisure: Council received an invitation to the opening of the Leisure Centre extension in Waterlooville. **It was AGREED that Cllr Hargreaves would attend.**
- (g) Southern Parishes meeting; **It was unanimously AGREED that the Chairman would attend the next meeting on 6 July in Bishops Waltham and all future meetings as an approved duty.**
- (h) Denmead in Bloom: An email had been received from Copper Beeches enquiring about restarting an In Bloom competition. Council were given a potted history of the previous annual competition. In considering the enquiry, Council were mindful of the work involved. From the support given by the village to the 'End of Roadworks' Party, it may be possible to involve the village if this competition was to be restarted. The Chairman summarised that it was too late to run this in 2015 but he would follow up on the enquiry in the autumn. **NOTED.**

#### **029/16C** Village Matters

- (a) West of Waterlooville: There was no report to receive from residents of the development. The Advisory Group had met in June and the minutes of the meeting were available. Recent activity was the withdrawal of a planning application for leisure facilities on the BAE site and the proposed installation of the bridges to link the two developments, allowing a safer route to the school. Definitive maps would be required showing in which parish/ward houses belonged. **NOTED.**
- (b) Town Centre Manager: The Manager had provided an update report which was tabled at the meeting. The Chairman had met with the Manager and discussed her work programme. The 'end of roadworks' party had been successful and well supported. **NOTED.**
- (c) ACSO Service: The Clerk had summarised the recruitment position in a memo dated 26 June 2015 and previously circulated. In discussing this matter, Council considered that
- A single ACSO would not be able to deliver the service proposed. The candidate who had since accepted a role elsewhere was an experienced ACSO and was a loss.
  - Cllr Crooks had spoken with Sgt Stanton and summarised the discussions in a memo circulated to all Councillors earlier in the day but this may not have been read by all
  - It was some time since HCC terminated their ACSO service and their employees had found employment elsewhere and DPC may have missed the opportunity
  - Councillors were still concerned with DPC taking the lead role and cost and other issues related to the scheme.
  - Although reported crime was down by 87% this did not agree with reports from residents. It was reported that Denmead was to get a second PCSO
  - The matter should be discussed with the two other parishes in the scheme.
  - Operational issues could be overcome but not the staffing issues. Was it time to call a halt to the proposed service?

- There was to be a meeting with the other two parishes on 6 July and what was our position going to be? It was proposed that DPC should accept that the scheme could not progress and we should inform the other parishes of this
- An amendment to the proposal was put that DPC's position was that we would not progress the ACSO scheme but should look at alternatives and this should be put to the meeting. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept that the ACSO scheme should not be progressed by DPC and that alternative options should be examined and this position would be put to the meeting on 6 July.**

(d) Annual DHS Show: The Show will take place on 15 August 2015. Cllr Langford-Smith had a list of ideas to promote the work of this Council. **It was AGREED that DPC would support a presence at the Show.**

(e) The Old School

- FA&P recommended that the Old School Working Party, who meet to progress the transfer of the premises from HCC to DPC, comprises members of the Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee. It was suggested that the WP could be an opportunity to involve less experienced Councillors and increase their experience and skill in Council matters. An alternative view was that members of FA&P were more suited to dealing with this matter. When put to Council, no other Councillors wished to be involved. **It was RESOLVED by a majority that this matter was progressed by adding it to the agenda for FA&P meetings.**
- The Clerk had no update to give as the matter was still with the legal team at HCC. C/C Stallard asked to be given a contact name and she would chase the matter.

#### **030/16C Vacancy on the Parish Council**

(a) Following the election of the Council in May 2015, two positions remain unfilled. The time period for co-option without notice had now passed. **It was AGREED to advertise the vacancies, and if no poll was requested, to invite applications to be considered at the next Council meeting on 2 September 2015.**

#### **031/16C General Power of Competence**

The Clerk summarised the benefits to a council of having this Power. The prescribed statutory criteria required to (re)qualify as an eligible parish council had been previously circulated. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Denmead Parish Council grant itself the General Power of Competence.**

#### **032/16C Denmead Scene**

(a) Issue 125: This issue would be distributed at the start of September. The Clerk asked for input by 31 July 2015. **NOTED.**

#### **033/16C War Memorial Hall**

(a) Council considered the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding for the maintenance of the Hall Grounds for a further four year period. In the resulting discussion, the following points were raised

- The previous agreement had now lapsed
- The agreement was too one sided with all the benefits being in favour of the Hall and its users. The Hall grounds were funded by public funds and as such should be available for use by all residents.
- There were no reserved funds for future major repairs and no income from the Hall or its users to build up such a reserve
- Other users of Council owned facilities paid for the use, and all users should be treated in an equitable and transparent way.
- The grounds and car park should be available for use by all residents with the lock taken off the access gate to the grassed area.

- Access to the grassed area could be restricted when the pre-school children were using it. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the grounds and car park should be available for use by all residents with all signage limiting use to hall users removed. Access to the grassed area could be restricted when being used by children of the pre-school.**

**034/16C Financial**

- (a) Accounts: The accounts for May had been issued. **NOTED.**
- (b) Bank Statement: The bank statement had been previously circulated. The statement was reviewed and the balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 was noted. The statement was signed at the meeting by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- (c) Orders for Payment (S.O.19): Orders for Payment (S.O.19): **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 04) should be APPROVED in the sum of £27,082.40 including VAT and the receipts of £2,191.94 are noted. Further payments of £11,682.30 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
- (d) Annual Return - 2014/2015 Accounts:
- The Council **NOTED** that the Internal Auditor had completed her review of the accounts and completed her audit report.
  - The Chairman read out the Annual Governance Statement. **The statement was unanimously APPROVED by Council.**
  - Council unanimously APPROVED the Chairman to sign Section 1 of the Annual Return, and the Chairman and Clerk to sign Section 2 and these were duly signed at the meeting.**
  - The Audit Report and Risk Assessment were received by Council. The Audit Report and Risk Assessment were **NOTED.**
- (e) Burial Ground Reserves: The RFO had proposed a further investment of Burial Ground Reserves into a term deposit. In considering the return on investment and the need to invest in further interment chambers, it was deemed prudent to purchase the chambers now rather than after any price increase. **It was RESOLVED by a majority to invest £20,000 into a term deposit and purchase further chambers with the remaining funds.**
- (f) PWLB Interest and Loan Repayments: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the allocation of PWLB interest and loan repayment allocations in the 2015/16 budget be placed into a Reserve with a general description of Support Projects.**
- (g) Boundary Survey at the War Memorial Hall grounds: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the funding of a survey of the War Memorial Hall Grounds to define the boundary should be funded from Landscape Maintenance Earmarked Reserves.**  
There were no other financial matters arising.

**035/16C To receive the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions from the meetings listed below:-** *Note: In accordance with S.O.9(c) the only Minutes to be received by Council are those that have been approved by the said committee.*

**It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions of the following committee meetings:-**

- Amenities Committee – Minutes 6 May 2015
- Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – 29 April 2015
- Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 15 April 2015
- Planning Committee – Minutes 1 & 22 April and 3 June 2015
- Youth Provision Working Party – No minutes to receive

**036/16C Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations**

- (a) Church: There was no report to receive.
- (b) Denmead Community Association: Cllr Andreoli reported that he had received an email from the DCA Chairman with some comments regarding the proposed lease agreement for the Old School. This would be discussed at the next meeting of the Working Party. Cllr Lander-Brinkley asked if the new front entrance could be raised with the Committee as it caused a problem for access by disabled users of the Centre.

- (c) Winchester District Association of Local Councils: Cllr Lander-Brinkley reported that there had been no activity lately.
- (d) Hambledon and Denmead Welfare & Educational Trust: Mr Hallett had previously advised that there had been no meetings of the Trustees and there was nothing to report.
- (e) Youth Partnership: The Chairman advised that the first Horse Show of the year was this coming weekend. The Youth Awards evening had been successful.
- (f) WoW Forum and WoW Arts Panel: **It was unanimously AGREED that Cllr Lander-Brinkley would represent DPC at the Forum and Arts Panel with Cllr Hull as his deputy.**

**037/16C Any other report which the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS can be made.**

- (a) No reports were presented.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

The next scheduled Council Meeting is on Wednesday 2 September 2015.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **3 members of the public present**

Mrs Lin Powell introduced herself as the new Village Agent working as a volunteer for Hampshire Age Concern. She summarised her background in her working life. She outlined her way of working as a Village Agent. She had spent the last few weeks meeting local groups and people, including the Chairman of the Council and Jane Andreoli, who had previously filled this role. Posters would soon be ready to publicise her role throughout the village.

Mr Knight, a resident of Ashling Close, read from a prepared statement. He was upset at the change of Chairman of the Parish Council. He considered that Cllr Lander-Brinkley had been the best Chairman in his time in the Denmead. He had worked hard for the good of the village. He deplored what happened and the manner in which it was carried out.

Mr Ambrose, a resident of School Lane, echoed the works of Mr Knight. He also added that the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan was as a result of Cllr Lander-Brinkley's vision and determination to deliver such a Plan and safeguard Denmead's future against development.

Councillors replied the Chairman was elected each year by a democratic vote. They considered that the comments made were harsh and expressed their support to the new Chairman, Cllr Andreoli. Cllr Andreoli replied that he had great respect and voiced his appreciation of the work of Cllr Lander-Brinkley on at least two occasions. The Chair apologised to Cllr Lander-Brinkley if he thought that he had not been thanked. Cllrs advised the member of the public that Cllr Andreoli had thanked the former Chair and advised the Chair that he 'had nothing to apologise for'. The Chairman would write a tribute in the next Denmead Scene.

Cllr Lander-Brinkley concluded by saying that he had considered whether to stand again for election but he had been persuaded to as with new Councillors and vacancies, he considered that his experience was still needed.

### Innovation at Hampshire Highways

Hampshire Highways' innovation has been highly commended in this year's national CIHT (Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation) awards. The annual awards recognised the environmental and cost benefits realised in a new process which uses 'Hydraulically Bound Material' (HBM) in footway and carriageway construction works.

The innovative way of fixing roads that could save taxpayers up to £1million is being rolled out across Hampshire. This is a new, sustainable way to re-use existing road and footway materials for new road improvements, which has been developed by Hampshire County Council, Amey and subcontractor Allasso Recycling. The partners have developed a new way to use HBM, which means it can be put back into the highway, without any impact on the environment, and without the need for heat and new aggregate material, as well as avoiding disposal costs. Traditionally, tar has had to be disposed of at specially licensed facilities because it is classed as a hazardous material, and this has been a significant barrier in the re-use of existing road surfacing. The process has huge potential, not only in saving money by using the recycled material instead of buying new, but also in the costs of disposal and transporting old material.

During the month of May Hampshire Highways completed the following jobs in the Winchester District.

- 168 potholes repaired
- 38 two-hour response emergencies attended
- 14 drainage related jobs completed, including rodding, ditching, jetting and new builds
- 6 vehicle accesses completed
- 379 square metres of footway patching completed, excluding vehicle accesses
- 352 other jobs completed [excluding tree and vegetation maintenance]

### Safeguarding Children

Referrals to Hampshire County Council's children's social services for neglect or abuse have increased by more than 50% since 2012/13. Continued rising demand is one of the main challenges facing children's services but plans are underway to remodel services to increase capacity and resilience and, in turn, manage future demand more effectively.

The County's Children's Services are recognised by Ofsted as being some of the best in the country and was one of only four authorities to receive Government funding to implement new ways of working that could radically transform children's social care. This year the County Council has allocated an additional £12.5m to the 2015-16 budgets for support services for children in need of care and protection. The County Council has begun work on an 'Innovations Programme', using the funds awarded from the Department for Education (DfE), to transform children's social care and reduce the need for children to be taken in to care.

The County Council has also responded to a request from the Police & Crime Commissioner [PCC] and undertaken reviews into the historic response by all agencies to Child Sexual Exploitation [CSE]. The Police, Children's Services and Health services across Hampshire have all undertaken their own internal reviews and audits, and findings will be reported later in the year. So far, none of that work is identifying either a systemic problem or a failure to respond to such a problem with regard to the local authority's responses, but these findings are provisional and it is essential that all agencies keep an open mind and be ready to "think the unthinkable" in order to protect and safeguard our children.

### Free Driver Awareness Workshops for 60+

Hampshire County Council is running free driver awareness workshops across the County over the next year for motorists aged 60 and over. It wants to help people to keep driving safely for longer. Older drivers in Hampshire are involved in fewer accidents than most other age groups, mainly because they have more experience, confidence and patience. However, their eyesight, hearing, reaction time and judgement of speed and distance may not be as sharp as it once was and, in the event of an accident causing injury, they can take longer to recover.

The Drivers Skills Scheme 60 plus workshop will show people how to stay safe and independent. It will raise awareness of Highway Code and Driving Licence regulations, and address driving with medical conditions. See details of courses on the County Council's website: [www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety](http://www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety) Places are on a first come, first served basis, so anybody interested in taking part should contact Hampshire Road Safety Team on 01962 846100 or email [road.safety@hants.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@hants.gov.uk)

## Health & Public Health

I have been invited by the Leader, Cllr Roy Perry to join the Cabinet as the Executive Member for Health and Public Health in Hampshire. I am very much looking forward to this new challenge and representing the people of Hampshire on all health related issues but have already uncovered some very disturbing health-related information!

Diabetes is the fastest growing health issue for NHS England and accounts for 10% of the NHS budget. It is more than four times as common as cancer and in 2010-11 NHS treatment in Hampshire cost £184m. This figure is expected to rise to £353m in the years 2035-36 with approximately one in ten adults affected. The south east of Hampshire has the highest rate of diabetes related amputations so people between the ages of 40-74 years are being urged to take up the free NHS Health Check, as it is anticipated that this will reduce the number of Hampshire related cases by 240 per annum. Currently there are 61,500 adults diagnosed with diabetes in Hampshire. 90% of Type II diabetics are overweight, aged between 16-54 years. However, 10% are a healthy weight, or underweight!

## Free School Meals

Since the introduction of free school meals for all infant school children, the take-up in Hampshire has risen by 20,000 meals a day. The number of hot school meals being delivered by HC3S [the County's provider] stands at a record level of one million meals per month.

## Village Agents

The County's Village Agent scheme has provided support to more than 3,800 older people in rural areas who otherwise might not be aware of services available or how to access them. The County Council extended its grant to Age Concern Hampshire to enable a further 15 volunteers to be recruited, taking the total up to 60 Village Agents across Hampshire.

## Broadband

The Hampshire Superfast Broadband programme reached a total of 54,000 premises by enabling 237 cabinets, achieving the 2014/2015 target. Take up of services by residents and businesses is in the top five programmes in the country and currently stands at over 9,000 premises.

## Hampshire Young Interpreters

This scheme was started six years ago, working with four schools, and has now developed into a project that works with 30 schools as well as being adopted in 21 other authorities and used in other countries. The scheme uses peer mentoring, with pupils who have been specially trained to support newly arrived children whose first language is not English. The scheme has been recognised as good practice and received positive comments from OFSTED.

Patricia Stallard  
Winchester City Councillor for Denmead and  
County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes  
[Denmead, Boarhunt, Southwick, Wickham, Knowle, Whiteley]  
[pgstallard@aol.com](mailto:pgstallard@aol.com)