



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 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	(P)	Cllr C Hargreaves	(P)
	Cllr F Hull	(P)	Cllr N Rusbridger	(P)
	Cllr N Lander-Brinkley		Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr S Nienaltowski (from 043/16C onwards)			
	Cllr K Scholey	(P)	Cllr G West	
	Cllr M Willoughby	(P)		

Also present: Five members of the public and District Councillors Read and Phillips. Also present was Mr Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

**038/16C** Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Neil Lander-Brinkley.

**039/16C** Declarations of Interest Cllr Ken Scholey declared a personal interest in agenda item 10(c), Orders for Payment as he was included in the payments being considered.

**040/16C** Minutes of the previous Meetings: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 1 July 2015 were submitted for approval. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that these Minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

**041/16C** Public Participation (S.O 68)  
The meeting was adjourned at 7.34pm to allow members of the public to address Council. The meeting reconvened at 8.09pm.

**041/16C** County and District Councillors Reports

(a) Apologies were received from C/C Stallard. C/C Stallard had submitted a short report which had been previously circulated. The main topic of her report was a plan to submit a bid to become a Combined Authority. Her report was **NOTED**.

(b) Apologies were received from D/Cllr Stallard. D/Cllrs Read and Phillips tabled reports at the meeting.

The Chairman summarised both reports. The report from D/C Phillips related to a combined authority as had happen in Manchester. It surmised what might happen and what powers might be devolved. The Leaders of the involved Councils were aware of the concerns of others and parish councils should also be concerned. The report from D/C Read outlined progress being made with enforcement cases at WCC. LPP2 would go out to public consultation later this year and there was also a need to have a policy for traveller sites.

**042/16C** Vacancy on the Parish Council

(a) Following the election of the Council in May 2015, two positions remained unfilled. An application to become a Parish Councillor from Mr S Nienaltowski was received prior to the closing date of 4pm on Thursday 27 August 2015. Mr Nienaltowski was present at the meeting and summarised his background and in answer to questions, replied that

- He did not consider the time commitment in being a Councillor to be a problem to him as he would now have time to give to the role.
- He would look to do something for both ends of the age spectrum of the residents of Denmead.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED**

**1. To co-opt Mr Nienaltowski as a member of the Council.**

**2. That he would serve on the Planning and Amenities Committees.**

Cllr S Nienaltowski signed an Acceptance of Office and joined the Council.

- (b) **It was unanimously AGREED that the remaining vacancy would be re-advertised on the Parish noticeboards and to utilise the space at the bus stops in the village.**

**043/16C** Correspondence

- (a) HALC e-update: The July update had been previously circulated to all Councillors. Included in the e-update was notice of the AGM of the Association.  
**It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Andreoli and Langford-Smith and the Clerk would attend the AGM as an approved duty.**
- (b) Community Assets: WCC have reviewed the listing of the Fox and Hounds as a Community Asset. The premises have been removed as the asset has been subject to a 'relevant disposal'. The premises were now owned by a Community Cooperative and could only be used as a pub. **NOTED.**
- (c) River End: An event to mark the occupation of the affordable housing at River End would take place on 25 September at 3.45pm at Denmead Junior School. Cllr Lander-Brinkley had been invited and accepted an invitation to attend. **NOTED.**
- (d) Denmead War Memorial Hall: A letter dated 19 July regarding maintenance of the DPC owned land surrounding the Hall had been previously circulated. In the discussions on the content of the letter, Council considered that
- a) The matter had already been discussed and agreed. DPC owned the land and maintained it at their own expense. The land was purchased some years ago with the intention of building a new parish office.
  - b) The future of the Hall was not in question.
  - c) Council were not prepared to lease the land to the War Memorial Hall for a contribution. The decision had been made and would stand. The grounds would be available for all to use.
  - d) Members of the War memorial Hall Management Committee commented that DPC had put up the signs to state the land was private and the Memorandum of Understanding had been initiated by DPC.
  - e) The grounds should be available for use by all residents. To restrict dogs being exercised in the grounds was not enforceable, although a notice could be placed to advise that no dogs were allowed in the grounds.
  - f) If DWMH wanted exclusive use of the grounds, then they would be required to pay a fee as would any other user.
  - g) The DWMH Management Committee would await the formal reply and take it to their Committee to discuss.
- It was AGREED by a majority to reply to the letter that the grounds were available to all residents but dogs were not allowed in the grounds.**
- (e) South Downs National Park Authority. The Planning Committee has previously resolved not to attend this meeting of a Parish Council Workshop to be held on 9 September. **NOTED.**

**044/16C** Village Matters

- (a) West of Waterlooville:
- 1) A report from a resident of the West of Waterlooville was tabled at the meeting. This report raised two matters concerning opening of the link road between the two developments and how major agencies were working to build a community. The report was **NOTED.**
  - 2) There was no report to receive from the West of Waterlooville Forum or Community Arts Project. **NOTED.**
- (b) Town Centre Manager:
- 1) A report from the Town Centre Manager had been previously circulated. Cllr Brown offered to assist with the Apple Day on Saturday 10 October. **NOTED.**
  - 2) WCC were seeking Council's opinion on continuing funding for the MTDO for 2016/17. Indicative costs were given by WCC. **It was AGREED to continue funding the role in principle ahead of budget discussions and to seek clarification of the costs.**
  - 3) The date of the next Business Forum was given as 7 October 2015. **NOTED.**

- (c) ACSO Service: The Chairman gave a verbal update following a meeting with the other parishes involved in the ACSO service. At this meeting, he stated that DPC would not progress their interest in an ACSO service for Denmead. The other two parishes were determined to try to progress this service by partnering with a council which was already operating ACSOs. DPC will be informed of their progress via the Southern Parishes group. **NOTED.**
- (d) Annual DHS Show: The Show took place on 15 August 2015 with four Councillors supporting the event. It was considered a worthwhile attendance. Councillors received positive comments on the defibrillators and the new play equipment in KGV and Mill Close. **NOTED.**
- (e) Old School:
  - i) The legal transfer document (TR1) was received with no comment. **NOTED.**
  - ii) HCC wished to complete the transfer of the Old School to DPC. DPC had seen the last two survey reports on the building and no major defects had been identified. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the transfer of the Old School premises and land from HCC to DPC.**
  - iii) **It was unanimously RESOLVED that once the transfer was completed and the premises became a DPC asset, then this would be included on DPC's insurance.**
- (f) Southern Parishes Meeting: The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting between S Lugg and the Southern Parishes on 17 August 2015. The Chairman reported that the meeting had asked for further information on the proposed withdrawal by HALC from NALC. The motion to consider this had now been withdrawn from the forthcoming HALC AGM. The Chairman reported that the CE of HALC was aware that HCC could see their grant to HALC as being used to meet the levy imposed by NALC and not used for the benefit of Hampshire parishes. If the HCC grant was withdrawn, then the affiliation fees paid by parishes to HALC were likely to rise. He further commented that parish clustering was seen as a good initiative and that HCC & WCC could look to devolve services to parishes if HCC/WCC could no longer fund these. At the meeting, S Lugg had asked if there would still be support for the Lengthsman scheme if the subsidy from HCC was no longer available. A further meeting of the Southern Parishes would be held on 24 September to receive information on recycling from WCC. **NOTED.**
- (g) Revised Village Design Statement: The Planning Committee had asked that this matter was on the agenda for Full Council to give all Councillors a formal opportunity to comment. The only comment made was on the amount of play space and Cllr Hull replied that the amount of space was up to the average but the play spaces could be better equipped and the willow dome should be included as a play space. **NOTED.**

**045/16C** **Denmead Scene**

- (a) Issue 125: This issue had been prepared and printed and was being distributed. This was the first issue to be in full colour. **NOTED.**

**046/16C** **Financial**

- (a) Accounts: The accounts for July had been issued. **NOTED.**
- (b) Bank Statement: The bank statement had been previously circulated. The statement was reviewed and the balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 was noted. The statement was signed at the meeting by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- (c) Orders for Payment (S.O.19): **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 07) should be APPROVED in the sum of £18,937.30 including VAT and the receipts of £18,021.00 are noted. Further payments of £13,389.24 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
- (d) 2016/17 Budget Meetings: **The dates for each Committee to set its budget were NOTED and the date for an all Councillor workshop to consider the overall budget was AGREED for Thursday 26 November 2015 starting at 7.30pm.**
- (e) Boundary Survey at Heath Field: Amenities Committee [min ref:017/16A] recommended that a surveyor should be engaged to define the boundary with funding taken from Landscape Maintenance ER. The cost of this survey would exceed the budget allocated. The Clerk was looking to share the cost with a neighbouring property, but if this was not agreed by the householder, he asked that the budget was increased. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the budget was increased to £2000.**

- (f) Online Banking: The RFO had previously circulated a memo with a recommendation to allow online banking. Council could support the process as it stood, but agreed that it should be refined over time, with alternatives investigated including with different banks. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to support the process as it stood to allow online banking but that the RFO should investigate alternatives.**

**047/16C** **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:-**

- (a) Amenities Committee – Minutes 17 June 2015
- (b) Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – 10 June 2015
- (c) Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 27 May 2015
- (d) Planning Committee – Minutes 15 July and 5 August 2015
- (e) Youth Provision Working Party – No minutes to receive

**048/16C** **Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations**

- (a) Church: No representative.
- (b) Denmead Community Association: Cllr Andreoli reported that no meetings had recently been held. The hall floor had now been repaired and the car park resurfacing remained a priority. The next meeting would be held on 24 September 2015.
- (c) Winchester District Association of Local Councils: There was no report to receive although it was noted that the Executive Committee had recently met.
- (d) Hambledon and Denmead Welfare & Educational Trust: Richard Hallett had advised the Clerk that he had nothing to report.
- (e) Youth Partnership: Cllr Hull reported that the summer ‘pop-up’ café had not been a financial success but had provided some social benefits. Improvements had also been observed on behaviour in the park and a decrease in littering. Members of the public wished to see further openings to service weekend sports and the older community. It was commented that the pop up café was intended to attract commercial interest and was not a youth project. **It was AGREED that further discussion on the future of the café would be held by the Amenities Committee.**

**049/16C** **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 10.06 pm

The next scheduled Council Meeting is on Wednesday 14 October 2015.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **5 members of the public present**

Mr Kennett, a resident of Park Road, again raised the issue of contamination at Goodman Fields by dogs and the danger to children playing there. There was also a smell in the field. If Council did not act, he would contact his MP, the H&SE and the Environment Agency to advise them.

Councillors replied that DPC were investigating what testing was needed. Any contamination was not solely caused by dogs. The area was similar in use to Creech Woods. The Environment Agency classified the stream as a main river and DPC were not aware that their testing of water quality had shown any contamination issue.

Mr Kennett raised a further problem with sight lines on the exit to the field. Councillors responded that the works were not yet finished but the vegetation would be cleared to improve sight lines on exit.

Ms Caine, Chairman of the War Memorial Hall Management Committee referred to the Memorandum of Understanding for the grounds adjacent to the Hall. This agreement had now lapsed. The Hall supported all residents and the car park was available to all Hall users. The Management Committee had offered to pay for the maintenance of the grounds, or to maintain it themselves. The Bowls Club and Scouts have a lease so what was the difference between them and the Hall?

Council replied that other Clubs paid for their use of had restrictions on use. Different Councils made different decisions. This Council did not wish to enter into a lease agreement.

## **Devolution**

We all know how certain central government powers have been devolved to the Scottish, Welsh and Irish parliaments. The government have considered this devolution to be so successful that they now want to devolve powers to English cities and local authorities enabling them to have a greater say in how they are governed. Devolution is about forming new partnerships between the government and local authorities to help tackle the big challenges facing our country and to secure a brighter future for all.

We all know that the aim for metropolitan areas is to have an elected mayor who will in effect accept responsibility for delivering identified services across the entire metropolitan area with all the various councils within the area working together under the mayor to achieve a common aim. The mayor will in effect sign an agreement with the government, under which the government will provide the funding to enable the mayor to provide the services.

Outside the metropolitan areas instead of having an elected mayor the government wish to see the creation of Combined Authorities to undertake the provision of services and to tackle the challenges that the different areas face. For us this means a combined authority consisting of representatives from the County Council, the two metropolitan areas of Portsmouth and Southampton, the eleven District or Borough councils and the two Local Enterprise Partnerships. At the moment the leaders of all these organisations have got together and agreed that this is an opportunity to take local control of such things as; the provision of housing; transport; local business development and the teaching of the skills our area needs if we are to make the most of the opportunities the future holds.

So far within Winchester council we have had several briefings and discussions and we have made very clear to the Leaders our concerns which are many and varied. For example on housing; the government is very keen that we should have a common land register for housing. We have made it very clear that we will oppose any attempt by Portsmouth City Council to start building houses north of the M27 which is virtually the only direction they can expand and which will in effect be into our Southern Parishes. The government stands absolutely no chance of building sufficient homes to meet the rapid expansion in our population, due in large part to immigration, and passing the buck to local authorities is not an acceptable answer. However, left to their own devices the government will almost certainly continue to rehash building regulations in order to diminish the control local planning authorities have to prevent the uncontrolled spread of housing development, so we have little option in the long run other than to accept responsibility for the provision of housing if we are to protect and maintain the character of Hampshire and our District in particular.

Currently the embryo Hampshire combined authority has drafted an outline proposal for devolution that they are about to forward to the government. Once they have agreed the outline concept it will go for consultation and agreement of the detail. Both the government and Hampshire County Council are keen to devolve the various functions down as far as possible and it is almost certain that Parish councils will be expected to take increased responsibility for the provision of local services so watch this space, we are all involved.

Kirk Phillips  
Winchester City Council  
Member for Denmead Ward

## District Up-date September Full Council

### Enforcement issues around the District

Enforcement of planning conditions together with any illegal structures around the district which is still a major problem; however now with both a complete Enforcement Team supported by the Legal Officers we are now making some headway into the 340 Open Enforcement Cases which are currently up and running. Denmead has 23 cases which the team are now taking forward to commence legal proceedings in the courts; many are long outstanding issues which they will have to reissues the correct up to date legal papers in order to bring the items to satisfactory conclusion.

Most weeks this month I have been around the district, talking with Parish Councils about their outstanding cases or looking at new site, which there is some concerns about. I am working closely with the Parishes throughout the district in order to ensure that they are well informed and kept up to date on all the issues in their area.

### LPP2 (Local Plan Part 2)

The Council have produced the Part 1 document which was adopted in March 2013; this document dealt with the Joint Core Strategy had been prepared following extensive consultation and evidence gathering since 2007. It also took forward from the 2006 Local Plan a range of issues critical to the future of the District. LPP2 looks at the Development Management and Site Allocations covering the Community Infrastructure Levy, Supplementary Planning Documents, Strategic Environmental Assessments and Community Involvement.

The Council is required to produce and keep a up-to-date a Local Development Scheme that provides a programme for the production of the Winchester District Framework. The preparation for Part 2 and the need to produce a separate development plan to cover Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation requires an update to be undertaken. The revised LPP2 document is to go out to Public Consolation in November/December this year, after which the document will be submitted for examination to the Planning Inspectorate.

With regards to the input for Denmead at the Cabinet Local Plan meeting on 30th March this year copies of all representations are available on the Council's web site. The Denmead Neighbourhood Plan (DNP) was moved in Full Council and is now used in the determination of planning applications. However the DNP does not include development management policies and will still require a proposals map in LPP2 to indicate policy restraints. The Parish Council have submitted a submitted a request that Map 4 should be updated to reflect the necessary policy data.

The Plan will reflect local views and aspirations which seek to retain the District's attractive towns and villages as well as the countryside as desirable places to live, work and play.

Mike Read  
District Councillor for Denmead