



PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2016 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 C Hargreaves	(P)	Cllr F Hull	(P)
	Cllr N Rusbridger	(P)	Cllr N Lander-Brinkley	(P)
	Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)	Cllr S Nienaltowski	(P)
	Cllr K Scholey	(P)	Cllr G West	(P)
	Cllr M Willoughby			

Also present: One member of the public and County Councillor Patricia Stallard and District Councillors Kirk Phillips and Mike Read. Also present was Mr Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

- 081/16C** Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Willoughby.
- 082/16C** Declarations of Interest Cllrs Brown and Langford-Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 13(c), Orders for Payment.
- 083/16C** Minutes of the previous Meetings: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 25 November 2015 and the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 2 December 2015 were submitted for approval. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that both sets of Minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**
- 084/16C** Public Participation (S.O 1 (d)): The meeting was adjourned at 7.33pm to allow members of the public to address Council. The meeting reconvened at 7.38pm.
- 085/16C** County and District Councillors Reports
- (a) C/C Stallard gave a verbal report. Hampshire would receive a much reduced Revenue Support Grant. HCC had anticipated a cut in the grant of £19M, but it had turned out to be £49M. By 2019/20, there would be no Revenue Support Grant for anyone. She considered that some action would be needed by all Councils to address this problem. Without some certainty of funding, it was difficult to move forward. In their devolution bid, HCC had built their case on retaining 100% of the Business Rate but Government had given no undertaking on this.
- (b) D/C Phillips had submitted a written report and he read this out at the meeting. This gave an update on Silver Hill redevelopment, visitor footfall increase in Winchester and that the first Syrian refugees had been housed by WCC. D/C Read added to this report by giving some key dates relating to the Silver Hill redevelopment. He also reported that the Housing Support Grant would be lower than anticipated. D/C Read had proposed a site visit for the development at Carpenters Field in the expectation that this application would be referred to the Development Control Committee. He also forewarned of a possible rise in Council Tax for the year 2016/17.
- 086/16C** Vacancy on the Parish Council
- (a) No applications had been received to fill the vacancies for Councillors on the Parish Council. **It was RESOLVED that the vacancies would be advertised in the correct manner, with the notice being displayed at bus stops and using social media.**
- 087/16C** Correspondence
- (a) Letter from S Lugg: This letter covered a number of points that Council were previously aware of. A new edition of the 'Good Councillor Guide' would be available in January. Council would look to fund a copy for each Councillor once the price was known
- (b) Parish Devolution Workshop - 1st March 2016: Details of a workshop to be held on 1 March 2016 in Winchester had been received. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllrs Hargreaves and Rusbridger would attend this workshop as an approved duty.**

- (c) Lloyds Bank: The Bank had advised of the closure of its Denmead Branch from 11 April 2016. A letter was sent on 7 December 2015 following a meeting of the Highways and General Purposes Committee. No reply had been received. This was considered to be part of a national closure programme as other closures in the locality had also been announced. The Clerk was made aware of a campaign for Community Banking Services and he would investigate this. Cllr Humby was WCC's member for Rural Affairs and he should be copied in on any correspondence. It was suggested that DPC look to move their account in protest at the closure.
- (d) Mayor of Winchester's Community Awards: Council discussed possible nominations from those in the community. These could be individuals or groups. Cllr Hull would also discuss any nomination of Young Leaders at the next meeting of the YPWP. It was suggested that as these awards were annual, Council should consider nominations at the end of each calendar year so as to be prepared when the formal notification was received. **It was AGREED to nominate Anne Davies in her role as organiser of the Thursday Lunch Club.**

088/16C **Village Matters**

- (a) West of Waterlooville: There had been no meeting of the Advisory Group since November. The next meeting was to be held on 28 January 2016. A resident of the development had asked for help in resolving confusion with postal deliveries due to inadequate signage. The Chairman has agreed to help by funding a new name plaque. **NOTED.**
- (b) Town Centre Manager: A report had been received and tabled at the meeting. This outlined the programme of events planned for Denmead in 2016. Some of these events had been instigated by the Parish Council, and others were suggested by the businesses. D/C Read had attended the last Business Forum where the Forum received a presentation from the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce. This was well received. He thought this might be a way forward for the businesses. Council gave its support to the proposed programme of events for Denmead. **NOTED.**
- (c) Old School: The Chairman had no update to give as there had been no meetings recently between the Council and the DCA. Following the last meeting held between DPC and the DCA, the DCA were reviewing their position and he awaited the outcome. **NOTED.**
- (d) Revised Village Design Statement (VDS): The VDS had been submitted to WCC who had copied this to their statutory consultees for review. This consultation would end on 29 January 2016. **NOTED.**
- (e) First Aid Training: The Clerk reported interest from thirteen residents in basic first aid training as a result of an article in the Denmead Scene issue 126. He had made enquiries as to the training available and the cost of this. He awaited final costings. Cllr Brown gave the background reason to his DS126 article. He had also made similar enquiries and was also awaiting costings. Once costs were known, the matter would be brought back to Council to discuss funding. Cllr Hargreaves asked if the leaflets available from St Johns Ambulance were a more effective means of getting first aid knowledge to residents. Cllr West asked if all Council staff were trained in first aid. The Chairman considered that having offered first aid training, Council should follow through on this. **It was AGREED that until costs were known, this matter would be held in abeyance.**

089/16C **Denmead Scene**

- (a) Issue 126: This issue had now been distributed. Comments from two residents related to the feel of the paper. There were no comments on the content from residents although Councillors thought the content was relevant and timely. **NOTED.**
- (b) DS127: This issue will be distributed at the start of March. The Clerk requested that all input to this issue should reach him by 31 January. **NOTED.**

090/16C **Budget 2016/2017**

- (a) The Tax Base for Denmead had been received from WCC and was 2,816.84. **NOTED**
- (b) WCC had again passed on the full Council Tax Support Grant to town and parish councils. The Clerk previously circulated a memo dated 8 January 2016 and had used the tax base and the grant sum to give the Band D equivalent for Denmead residents. It was noted that the Band D tax had increased over previous years. **NOTED.**
- (c) **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Budget for 2016/2017 as previously circulated in the sum of £378,093.00 be ACCEPTED and it was further unanimously RESOLVED that the**

Precept requirement (to be submitted to Winchester City Council) for 2016/2017 should be set at £370,850.00.

- 091/16C** **Media Policy:** Cllr Langford-Smith asked that all Councillors were aware of the Council's media policy. Cllr Nienaltowski asked if this policy should be reviewed as use of media had broadened since it was first written. He and Cllrs Langford-Smith and Rusbridger agreed to review the policy. Cllr Lander-Brinkley declared a personal interest as he wrote articles for The News on village life. In the subsequent discussion, it was suggested that any request for a comment from the press should be referred to the Chairman or Clerk. It was considered unnecessary to reply to all comments and opinions on social media but incorrect statement could be corrected. **It was AGREED that the Policy would be reviewed and brought to a future meeting for consideration.**
- 092/16C** **Boundary Survey:** The Clerk was awaiting the report from the surveyor engaged to define the boundary to the Heath Field. **NOTED.**
- 093/16C** **Financial**
- (a) Accounts: The accounts for December had been issued. **NOTED.**
 - (b) Bank Statement: The bank statement had been previously circulated. The statement was reviewed and the balance as at 31 December 2015 was noted. The statement was signed at the meeting by the Chairman.
 - (c) Orders for Payment (S.O.19): **It was unanimously RESOLVED amongst those voting, that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 13) should be APPROVED in the sum of £16,291.84 including VAT and that receipts of £2,910.00 are noted. Further payments of £11,802.04 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
Cllrs Brown and Langford-Smith did not vote on this item.
- 094/16C** **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 – No minutes to receive
 - (b) Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – Minutes 4 November 2015
 - (c) Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 21 October 2015
 - (d) Planning Committee – Minutes 18 November & 9 December 2015
 - (e) Youth Provision Working Party – No minutes to receive
- 095/16C** **Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations**
- (a) Church: No representative.
 - (b) Denmead Community Association: Cllr Andreoli had attended the DCA AGM where members welcomed the news that the Parish Council now owned the freehold of The Old School.
 - (c) Winchester District Association of Local Councils: Cllr Lander-Brinkley had attended the WDALC AGM where he had been appointed to their Executive Board.
 - (d) Hambledon and Denmead Welfare & Educational Trust: Richard Hallett. No report to receive.
 - (e) Youth Partnership: Cllr Hull reported that the tea party for elderly residents had been successful. The young helpers were being rewarded with a theatre trip this coming week. She thanked Cllr Rusbridger for his help in preparing the tea. The Senior Youth Club was well attended. Temporary staff was helping with these sessions.
- 096/16C** **Any other report which the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS can be made.**
- (a) The Chairman reminded members of the Planning Committee that their next meeting was to be held in the Pavilion. Neighbourhood notifications should be amended to reflect this change of venue.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.03pm

The next scheduled Council Meeting is on Wednesday 24 February 2016

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1 member of the public present

Mr Kennett, a resident of Park Road, referred to Goodman Fields. He commented on the number of dog owners who used these fields and the possibility that dog fouling could contaminate water in the stream. A test would be carried out on the quality of the water. He also asked how the shortfall in recreation space would be addressed as the field to the north of Kidmere would be impossible to drain to allow it to be used for football. He asked if using the Pavilion for the next Planning meeting was the best venue as it was difficult for older people to access.

DISTRICT REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL

The Silver Hill project (redevelopment of Winchester City centre) rumbles on. The developer, SW1 (Henderson) have been granted permission to appeal against the Judicial Review that declared the 2014 edition of the refurbishment plan null and void. The timescale for Henderson's appeal to be heard is currently unknown but will almost certainly be outside the date, 19th March 2016, by which time the City Council must have actioned the compulsory purchase order for the city centre properties involved in the redevelopment, so the probability of the council terminating their current agreement with Henderson is becoming more and more likely. In the meantime the independent report commissioned by the council into what went wrong with the original redevelopment contract is now promised for January. This will make very interesting reading and will probably require significant up-dating of council procedures.

The other two major proposed developments within the city, Station Approach and the replacement of the River Park Leisure Centre, are both progressing through the design concept phase. At this time both outline proposals have supporters and objectors in equal numbers.

A measure of success for city centres is the recorded footfalls (number of visitors). Generally across the country footfall has reduced by 3%, but for Winchester the footfall numbers have increased by 7.2% over the past year, and by 37% over the past 6 years. These figures don't just happen; they are a direct result of a lot of hard work by the council, the business fraternity and many other people over a long period of time.

The HIOW (Hampshire and Isle of Wight) combined authority's response to the government's Devolution proposal (devolvement of legislative powers from Whitehall to Local Authorities) has been well received by the government and discussion on the details is now taking place. Whilst the government is keen to see combined authorities accept a commitment to providing increased numbers of new houses the individual councils remain committed to the housing numbers approved and agreed in their local plans.

In conclusion, Winchester has recently accepted and housed the first Syrian refugee family. The intention is that the council will house up to four Syrian families each year.