



PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7
SEPTEMBER 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 A Huntington		Cllr H Jackson	(P)
	Cllr N Lander-Brinkley		Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr S Nienaltowski	(P)	Cllr N Rusbridger	(P)
	Cllr K Scholey	(P)	Cllr G West	(P)
	Cllr M Willoughby	(P)		

Also present: Four members of the public and District Councillor Mike Read. Also present was Mr Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

033/17C Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Huntington and Lander-Brinkley.

034/17C Declarations of Interest Cllrs Brown and Langford-Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 14(a) Orders for Payment, as Cllr Brown was included as a payee being considered.

035/17C Minutes of the previous Meetings: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 29 June 2016 were submitted for approval. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

036/17C 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 8.05pm.

037/17C County and District Councillors Reports

- (a) Apologies for absence were received from C/C Stallard. She had submitted a written report which had been previously circulated. Council thanked C/C Stallard for her report. Councillors expressed concern that the new opening times for the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) and charging for household building spoils would lead to an increase in fly tipping. There was also concern over the queues to access the Centres. The Clerk was asked to write to HCC and the County Councillor to share these concerns. Council was disappointed to see weeds growing by the roadside as a result of HCC reducing the budget for highways maintenance. Cllr Hull pointed out that HCC were cutting ragwort at the point of seeding and this would increase the plant spread.
- (b) Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllr Stallard. D/Cllr Read apologised for not having had the time to submit a report. His verbal report covered updates on
- Simon Eden would be stepping down as Chief Executive of WCC and D/C Read was on the Committee to appoint a new CE
 - The planning application for Carpenters Field would be considered by WCC Development Control Committee in October. As many of the letters of objection had used the same template, these would be treated as one objection.
 - The West of Waterlooville Forum would meet on 8 September and consider proposed changes to the Town Park. The Forum would also discuss a request from WoWAG to increase the number of resident members to the Group
 - WCC was now looking again at options for Silver Hill. The cost of demolishing the Friars Gate car park would now be met by WCC whereas before it would have been incorporated into the Silver Hill development.
 - The Mayor of Winchester was now likely to stop over in Southwick during her cycle tour of the District

038/17C Correspondence

- (a) SDNPA – Parish Workshops: The date for the Hampshire workshop to prepare a South Downs Local Plan was on 14 November. **NOTED.**
- (b) HCC Consultation on Devolution Proposals: Council considered that any response on a consultation by HCC on devolution options should be made by individuals. The closing date was 20 September 2016. **NOTED.**
- (c) Police and Crime Commissioner Consultation: The Commissioner was seeking to develop a Plan for the period 2016 – 2021. **It was AGREED that the Clerk would input to this and reiterate this Council’s priorities as given at the Safer Neighbourhoods Panel meeting held on 28 April 2016.**
- (d) Home Start Meon Valley: The AGM will take place on 22 September in Wickham. There was no update on the closure of the Happy Valley Centre in Denmead. **NOTED.**
- (e) Winchester District CAB: A summary of the service received by residents across the Winchester District from the CAB was received. **It was AGREED that the Clerk would request a breakdown of the issues raised by Denmead residents.**
- (f) Insurance Claim: A letter dated 21 July 2016 regarding a claim for injuries caused by the bicycle roundabout in the playarea was repudiated and not pursued. The claim had now been closed. **NOTED.**
- (g) Email from D/C Read: D/C Read had asked if the Council could arrange a welcoming party for when the Mayor of Winchester stopped over in Denmead during her cycle tour of the District. As her plans had changed and she was now likely to stop over in Southwick, there may be no requirement for this. He was waiting for confirmation that the Mayor could be accommodated in Southwick. The Mayor for the year 2017/18 was planning his fund raising events for his year. He was looking to arrange an outside performance in Denmead and asked if the Heath Field could be used in conjunction with a booking of the War Memorial Hall. Council would look favourably upon such a request. **NOTED.**

039/17C Village Matters

- (a) West of Waterlooville:
 - i. The minutes of the last meeting of the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group held on 21 July 2016 were received. The Group were requesting the Forum to allow the Group to grow in numbers inline with occupations on the development. **NOTED.**
 - ii. There was no report from residents of the West of Waterlooville (or members of WoW Advisory Group) on matters affecting the Development.
 - iii. Cllrs Hargreaves, Rusbridger and Lander-Brinkley had attended a tour of the Western Open Space at the development. The open space was nearing completion and should be open early in 2017. It was considered to be an excellent facility with substantial natural areas. **NOTED.**
- (b) Town Centre Manager:
 - i. The Town Centre Development Manager had prepared a report which had been previously circulated. Council were disappointed that the last Business Forum was not well supported. There followed a short discussion on interaction with businesses in Denmead and if the Denmead Scene was received by all. Some businesses in Parklands appeared to be unaware of the Business Forum. **NOTED.**
 - ii. Denmead Business Awards: An approach from a local business to hold a Gin Festival and incorporate Business Awards to run alongside this event was considered. The reasons for hosting the Festival in a marquee were understood and Business Awards may help to fund the cost of hiring a marquee. **It was AGREED that Cllr Nienaltowski and Rusbridger would look at the feasibility of this with a possibility to include other Southern Parishes in the Awards event and to report as soon as possible, so that if taken forward, any costings could be included for consideration in the 2017/18 Budget discussions.**
- (c) Annual DHS Show:

Council considered that attendance at the Show was worthwhile. Some complaints had been discussed with residents about landscape maintenance, and some volunteers had come forward for Speedwatch. Cllr Brown asked that more Councillors were available to help support. **NOTED.**

040/17C Wifi at the Ashling Pavilion

Council considered a special motion (S.O.11a) supported by 5 Councillors that the decision on providing a free to use public wifi service at the Pavilion be revisited [min ref: 116/16A(a)]. **The motion was DEFEATED by a majority and no further discussion took place on this matter.**

041/17C Denmead Scene

- (b) Issue 129: The Clerk advised that this issue was being delivered. It was thought to be another good issue and had been entered into the annual HALC Communications Awards. **NOTED.**

042/17C Southern Parishes Meeting The next Southern Parishes meeting would be held on 24 October. The meetings were originally intended to identify areas of common interest to the Southern Parishes. The Clerk would look to understand the success criteria used by the Parishes that employed a Community Support Officer. **NOTED.**

043/17C All Councillor Informal Meeting

- (a) Hampshire Devolution: Cllrs Andreoli and Langford-Smith attended a workshop on the Future of Devolution in Hampshire. There was little new information given and therefore nothing to report. The Parishes were asked on what they could take on as a result of Devolution. The consensus was that planning could not be done at a Unitary level but could be managed by Area Boards. Unitary Authorities could take on Education, Social Care and other functions. Parishes would be left to take over some assets. If Devolution happens, then the County and District Councils would be dissolved. There was still concern that a Unitary Authority comprising of the PUSH Councils would expand into the Southern Parishes. Councillors were asked to read the proposals and comment as individuals. **NOTED.**
- (b) There was merit in holding a meeting of all elected Councillors to discuss matters relevant to Denmead. **It was AGREED that the Clerk would organise such a meeting.**

044/17C Council Strategy

An update of the draft Strategy to the end of this Council's term in 2019 was received. **It was AGREED that this would be passed to each relevant Committee to discuss area under their remit, allocate timescales and funding and the means of delivery.**

045/17C Vacancy for a Clerk

The Chairman and Clerk gave an update. The vacancy had been advertised with HALC and SLCC and the closing date for applications was 23 September 2016. **NOTED.**

046/17C Financial

- (a) Orders for Payment (S.O.19): **It was unanimously RESOLVED by those voting that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 07) should be APPROVED in the sum of £8,985.25 including VAT and that receipts of £7,013.00 are noted. Further payments of £9,875.43 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
Cllrs Brown and Langford-Smith took no part in the approval of these payments.
- (b) Accounts: The accounts for August had been issued. **NOTED.**
- (c) Bank Statement: The bank statement had been previously circulated. The statement was reviewed and the balance as at 3 August 2016 was agreed. The statement was signed at the meeting by the Chairman. **NOTED.**
- (d) Informal Budget Workshop: **The date for an all Councillor workshop to consider the overall budget was AGREED for Thursday 24 November 2016 starting at 7.00pm.**

047/17C 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 25 May 2016
(b) Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – 8 June 2016

- (c) Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 15 June 2016
- (d) Planning Committee – Minutes 22 June, 13 July & 3 August 2016
- (e) Youth Provision Working Party – Minutes 17 May 2016

048/17C Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations

- (a) Church: No representative.
- (b) Denmead Community Association: Cllr Andreoli reported that he was unable to the next meeting on 29 September as he was attending a WoWAG meeting on the same evening. Cllr Nienaltowski agreed to attend.
- (c) Winchester District Association of Local Councils: Cllr Lander-Brinkley had apologised for his absence and no report was available. Council were unaware of any recent meetings.
- (d) Hambledon and Denmead Welfare & Educational Trust: Richard Hallett had submitted a report . At the last meeting of the Trustees were two grants were considered and agreed. The next meeting was on 19 October.
- (e) Youth Partnership: Cllr Hull reported that 4Youth were to be integrated with UK Youth and local support was yet to be advised.

049/17C Exempt Business

It was RESOLVED that in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussions regarding personnel matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.57pm

The next scheduled Council Meeting is on Wednesday 19 October 2016

PUBLIC SESSION
Full Council – 7 September 2016

4 members of the public present

Mr Read, a resident of Forest Road, referred to a meeting of the Denmead Twinning Association which asked that Council consider providing a boules court to allow home matches to be played in Denmead. Council considered some possible location such as Heath Field or the open space in the new development at Carpenters Field but referred this matter to the Amenities Committee to consider.

Mr Rogers, the Senior Youth Worker expressed concerns about providing a free to use public wifi service at the Pavilion. This may be detrimental to the work he did with the youth, and it was contrary to Government Policy on child protection. He outlined the controls on the current system and what could be accessed by the youth using the current setup. His concern was that this control could be undone. Council wanted to allow other users of the Pavilion to have wifi access. The controls were too restrictive to other users by youth clubs that only met for a few hours each week. The new service would be compliant with current guidelines but until details were known there was little point in prolonging the discussion.

Mrs Travaglini, a resident of Great Mead complained about the cutting of the greenway hedge which she alleged had disturbed nesting birds and other wildlife. The Chairman replied that the Groundstaff had checked for nesting birds but there was no evidence of this. Cllr Hull suggested that Mrs Travaglini take out a license to cultivate and manages the hedge herself. She then asked if DPC had a biodiversity policy and a maintenance policy for landscape management and if she could attend the Landscape Working Party (LWP) meetings. She was advised that LWP reported to the Amenities Committee and she could attend meetings of that Committee. She was given a summary of the landscape maintenance policy.

Mr Hull, a resident of Forest Road expressed his concerns that a free to use public wifi service at the Pavilion would result in a high risk that the Council may fail in its duty of care to young people, and may not comply with the Prevent requirements. He asked what the Council was trying to achieve by providing a new service. Council reiterated its desire to make wifi available to all users of the Pavilion and that it would use a third party supplier who provided a system that met all current requirements.