



PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE **EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2017** IN THE DENMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, OLD SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 8.07pm

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

Also present: Eighteen members of the public, District Councillors Brook and Read and Mr Brendan Gibbs, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman introduced Mr Brendan Gibbs to everyone present announcing that he has recently taken up the position of Clerk to the Council.

110/17C Apologies There were no apologies for absence.

111/17C Declarations of Interest Cllr Hull recorded a personal interest in the agenda item regarding the review of the Denmead Youth Partnership as the Parish Council's representative on youth issues, as the Honorary Secretary of Denmead Swings & Things, as a Trustee of the Denmead Swings & Things charity, as the Chairman of the Youth Provision Working Party and as the Denmead Activity Nights organiser.

113/17C Public Participation (S.O1(d)): At 8.17pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow questions and comments from members of the public. The meeting re-convened at 8.29pm.

114/17C Following the resignation of Mr Stefan Nienaltowski from the Parish Council it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to declare a casual vacancy and that this vacancy was to be advertised in the correct manner. If no poll was requested, then the Parish Council would invite applications for co-option to be considered at the next ordinary meeting of Council following the closing date for applications.

115/17C In response to comments made in the public session the Chairman said that it was agreed that sections of the draft review report would be removed in the light of fresh information. The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the statement made by the Chairman of the Swings & Things charity in the public session may lead to a dispute between it and the Parish Council. He advised the Parish Council that the meeting should pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the discussion of the report emerging from the review of the Denmead Youth Partnership.

Before entering exempt business the Chairman said that the Parish Council had noted all the comments made in the public session and she assured them that the Youth Club was not under threat.

116/17C It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussions regarding 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 9.58pm

The next scheduled Council Meeting is on Wednesday 22nd February 2017

PUBLIC SESSION

Full Council – 15th February 2017

20 members of the public present

Mr Peter Hull, Chairman of the Denmead Swings & Things charity made a statement that had previously been circulated to all members of the Parish Council for their consideration. The statement concerned the review of the Denmead Youth Partnership and the report that had been circulated to the charity.

Several other members of the public spoke about the Denmead Activity Nights and the Senior Youth Club.

All comments are summarised as follows.

- Sections of the report are defamatory.
- The report is not impartial.
- The youth club is well supported and people will be sad if it is shut down.
- The youth club supports vulnerable children in the community and it was vital that it continued.
- The Denmead Swings & Things charity had not been given an opportunity to comment on the report.
- There is no adequate provision for a youth club in the Wellington Park and other areas of the West of Waterloo development.
- The youth club enables vulnerable children to develop opportunities in their lives.
- The youth club enables vulnerable children to enjoy activities and holiday breaks.