



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 IN THE DENMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, OLD SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

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

Also present: One member of the public and Mr Brendan Gibbs, Clerk to the Council.

**118/17C** Apologies to be received Apologies for absences were received from Cllrs Hargreaves, Hull, Huntington and West. County & District Cllr Stallard and District Cllr Read also sent their apologies.

**119/17C** Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest made at this time.

**120/17C** Minutes of the previous Meetings: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and the Extraordinary meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were submitted for approval.

**It was RESOLVED that these minutes be accepted as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

**121/17C** Public Participation (S.O 1 (d)): At 7.42 pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow questions and comments from members of the public. The meeting re-convened at 7.49pm.

**122/17C** County and District Councillors Reports

- (a) Apologies were received from C/Cllr Stallard. Her report was summarised by the Clerk. Her report is appended to these minutes.
- (b) Apologies were received from D/Cllrs Stallard and Read.

**123/17C** Vacancy for a Councillor

- (a) The Clerk reported that there had been no applications to fill the vacancy available for co-option. The Council asked that the vacancy be re-advertised.

Members noted that there is also a notice advertising a second vacancy to be filled by election.

If no election is to be called then the two vacancies would then be advertised together from the end of business on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**124/17C** Correspondence

- (a) HALC: The draft agenda for the Annual Conference to be held on Wednesday 22 March 2017 was received. The Chairman asked the meeting would any councillor be willing to attend. The Clerk was asked to attend the Conference and another place was to be reserved for a councillor to attend.

**It was RESOLVED to allow attendance as an approved duty.**

- (b) The HALC February update had been circulated to all Councillors with no matters arising. **To note.**
- (c) Mayoral Reception for Youth Volunteers. The Clerk had circulated the invitation to the secretaries of the many organisations in the village working with youth. These organisations were asked to liaise directly with Winchester City Council. **To note.**

## 125/17C Village Matters

- (a) West of Waterlooville: since the last meeting of WOWAG Cllr Lander-Brinkley & Mr Jaime Bridges had been asked to produce a plan for delivering the request for a community governance review of Winchester City Council. The aim of the review is to establish a new parish within the Winchester district to serve the new community west of Waterlooville. There was a residents meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February where it was explained to them what the review was meant to achieve. The first stage of the review is to petition WCC (containing more than 187 signatures) and the task of collecting signatures has now commenced. Cllr Lander-Brinkley thanked Cllrs Langford-Smith & Andreoli for their support at this meeting. Further gatherings will take place on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at various points in the development to continue the process and to collect more signatures. The petition should be presented to WCC sometime in April 2017.
- (b) Town Centre Manager: a report from the Town Centre Development Manager was received. The main item to note is the re-launch of the “Denmead Card” scheme that is published in the latest edition of the Denmead Scene. Other items to note were the dates of the Denmead Chicken Run (8<sup>th</sup> April) the Denmead Village Party (23<sup>rd</sup> June) and the Denmead Apple Day (7<sup>th</sup> October).
- (c) Pétanque Court: The Clerk provided a brief report of a meeting between himself and two representatives of the Denmead Twinning Association. The following points were made:
- A Section 106 agreement between the developer and the Local Planning Authority (Winchester City Council) may yield a court at the Carpenter’s Field development.
  - There is also the possibility of providing a court within a parcel of public open space that is already in the Parish Council’s control.
  - Any proposal to develop on these parcels of land would require a significant amount of consultation with surrounding property owners.
  - The Parish Council will ask for evidence of a need or to show that there is a demand for the provision of a court.
  - There are no funds allocated towards a project of this nature in either the financial year of 2016-17 (EOY 31st March 2017) and 2017-18 (EOY 31st March 2018).
  - Therefore any request for funding will need to be made now for allocation in the financial year 2018-19.
  - The Twinning Association may be asked to make a financial contribution to the project.

The Clerk was asked to identify if there are an existing S106 funds available for a project of this nature.

- (d) Annual Parish Assembly: The APA is scheduled for the evening of 14th March 2017. The Clerk had begun the process of gathering reports from the committee chairman prior to the agenda being published.
- (e) The Great War 100th Anniversary Commemorations 2014-2018. Members agreed that it would be a good idea to provide a secular memorial on the Village Green. It was suggested that the Parish Council should lead the project and provide funding. The Clerk was asked to investigate ideas for the design and also an indication of costs. Cllr Andreoli volunteered to produce an article for the next Denmead Scene.

**It was RESOLVED that Parish Council provides a secular memorial to honour the fallen from the Civil Parish of Denmead covering all campaigns from the beginning of the Great War until the present day.**

## 126/17C Matters referred by other Committees

- a) Heath Field: Cllr Scholey began the debate by saying that councils are under a duty at Common Law to make the best use of their assets in the interests of the local residents/council tax payers. He said that the Heath Field costs the Parish Council a significant amount of money to maintain with very little revenue being received from hirers. It has also cost the Parish Council money as the result of some boundary disputes with that money not being recoverable.

As part of the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan (DNP) the area was considered as a development opportunity for the provision of some social housing for the elderly. Cllr Scholey concluded his report by making a proposal to form a working party to discuss the future of the area.

The working party would be asked to produce a document that will flow into the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan review process when this begins.

Comments from other councillors include the following:

- The field is used by many people as informal recreation despite not much revenue being generated.
- The field is used by the Pre-school hosted by the Denmead War Memorial Hall.
- The DNP chose to exclude this area from its final draft.
- Any proposal to change the status of the field will need to fit in with the timetable of the DNP review process.
- Several councillors said that they would support development in principal.
- Any proposal for social housing would need a Responsible Social Landlord or Housing Association as a strategic partner.

**It was RESOLVED that Parish Council forms a working party to consider future uses of the Heath Field and to report back to a full council meeting in due course.**

**The Clerk was asked to provide terms of reference for the working party.**

#### **127/17C Communications**

- (a) Facebook: To receive guidelines on the use of Facebook by DPC. As Cllr Huntington had been unable to provide a report before her holiday this item was deferred to the next meeting. **To note.**
- (b) Denmead Scene Issue 131: This issue has been prepared and will be delivered at the start of March. **To note.**

**128/17C Southern Parishes Meeting:** Members received the notes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2017. Cllr Langford-Smith said that the main topics discussed at the meeting were the proposed Botley by-pass and the lack of a local plan for Eastleigh Borough. She reported that the Bishop's Waltham and Swanmore Community Support Officers have recently had their hours increased. **To note.**

#### **129/17C Financial**

- (a) Orders for Payment (S.O.19): **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 15) should be APPROVED in the sum of £5,853.78 including VAT and that receipts of £154.50 are noted. Further payments of £1,395.26 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
- (b) Accounts: The accounts for January 2017 had been published. **To note.**
- (c) Bank Reconciliations: The bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements for the two current accounts were reviewed and the balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 were reviewed and **Agreed.** The bank statements were signed at the meeting by the Chairman. In response to a question regarding the Co-Operative Bank the Clerk commented that the RFO would review the Parish Council's banking arrangements in due course
- (d) 2016-17 Financial Risk Assessment document. Members had previously been given the document to review. A question was asked about additions to the asset register and what was the process to note these if any occurred. The Clerk said any additions before the end of March 2017 would be noted at a future meeting.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the 2016-17 Financial Risk Assessment.**

- (e) 2016-17 Insurance and Asset Register documents. Members noted the comments made in the previous agenda item regarding the asset register.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the 2016-17 Insurance and Asset Register.**

#### **130/17C Youth Provision**

- (a) To receive the minutes from the Youth Provision Working Party meeting held on 17th January 2017 (Previously circulated). **To note.**

- (b) Review of DYP Agreement: There will be a further extraordinary meeting to discuss the review document and to receive comments from the trustees of Denmead Swings & Things. **To note.**
- (c) Child Protection Policy: It had previously been agreed that the adoption of this policy would be held in abeyance until the Review of the DYP Agreement concludes. **To note.**

**131/17C Standing Orders**

- (a) The last full review of the Parish Council's standing orders was undertaken in 2012-13. There have been significant changes to legislation in the intervening period and it is thought appropriate to begin a process to review them. The Clerk began the discussion by saying that sections of the Parish Council's current standing orders were out of date.

Notwithstanding this fact it should be understood that the Parish Council can continue to manage its meetings meanwhile. The Clerk requested comments from councillors with regard to typographical errors and if there are any errors or omissions within the document. There are several options listed in the document that are highlighted in red.

**It was RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to complete the review of the proposed Standing Orders and to present a report to the next Full Council meeting.**

**132/17C 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 14 December 2016
- (b) Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – 21 December 2016
- (c) Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 23 November 2016
- (d) Planning Committee – Minutes 4 and 25 January 2017

**133/17C Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations**

- (a) Church: Cllr Lander-Brinkley informed the meeting that he had attended the licencing of the new Vicar, Rev Emma Racklyeft at All Saints Church.
- (b) Denmead Community Association: Cllr Andreoli agreed to act as the Parish Council's representative on Denmead Community Association's Management Committee.
- (c) Winchester District Association of Local Councils: Cllr Lander-Brinkley advised members that he had recently attended an "away day" at South Wonston Parish Council's new pavilion.
- (d) Hambleton and Denmead Welfare & Educational Trust: There was nothing to report.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm

The next scheduled Council Meeting is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Full Council – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**

1 member of the public present

Mr John Knight spoke in the public session regarding agenda item 8(e) and said he supported the provision of a new memorial on the Village Green. He also commented that the Memorial should record the names of all those from the parish who have lost their lives in any conflict since the Great War. Finally, Mt Knight was of the opinion that any memorial should be secular in design.

## **Devolution**

You will no doubt have seen in the Press that the proposed “Solent City” deal between Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight has failed to get the support of Westminster. This follows a series of meetings, including one attended by all the Council Leaders, including Hampshire County Council, and the relevant MPs. The County Council has always advocated that the proposal made no economic sense by creating false divisions, geographically and between Authorities.

## **Council Tax**

At a recent Cabinet meeting Executive Members were asked to approve recommendations to balance the budget for 2017/18 – prioritising funding for vulnerable children and adults, and on track to deliver £98 million of savings, as set out in proposals agreed in 2015. The County Council spends around £1.9 billion per annum on serving Hampshire’s 1.3 million residents and ever since national austerity measures began in 2008, we have applied a two-year financial planning strategy. This involves delivering significant savings early, and reinvesting them into more modern and efficient ways of working, while making careful use of reserves to meet gaps in funding, to protect services as far as possible. To date, this approach has served Hampshire well and we have delivered £340 million in savings, in total, so far. We have kept Council Tax the lowest of all County Councils nationally, and up to last year, we had frozen Council Tax at the same level for five years.

Unfortunately, over the next two years, the funding picture gets no better, and by April 2019, we will need to find a further £140 million in savings to balance our budget, on top of the £340 million we have already saved. Meanwhile, demand continues to go up in areas such as social care, especially for Hampshire’s growing older population and Government now expects Councils to increase Council Tax by a maximum of 6%, over the next three years, to specifically address these social care pressures.

In Hampshire, we are proposing to accept the Government’s invitation – but bring forward the 6% increase over a two-year period instead. This would enable us to use the money prudently, upfront on a one-off basis, and help offset the major pressures we know are coming our way, especially in adult social care. This will mean that for 2017/18, there will be a 3% increase in the County Council’s Council Tax precept to address the adult social care funding pressures, plus a 1.99% general increase, representing a 4.99% increase overall. This will mean that for the year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, at Band D, an extra £1 per week. At the present time we provide long-term support to over 20,000 residents, but the money generated will still not be enough to deal with the expected increases in demand for social care over the next few years.

## **Helping Older People**

Hampshire County Council is investing more than £3 million to help older people in the Winchester District stay independent for longer. Funding has been approved to commission “around the clock care” to be provided at the new Chesil Lodge Extra Care Scheme in Winchester. As well as providing a safe environment, Extra Care housing also enables couples with different care needs to stay living together and is more cost effective than residential care.

We know that most people would prefer to continue to live independently in a home of their own, rather than enter residential care. The County Council is therefore investing up to £45 million over a decade to help to develop schemes of this kind. The £15 million Chesil Lodge scheme is due to be completed in autumn 2017 and will provide 52 Extra Care flats on the site of the former Chesil car park.

For more information on Extra Care visit the County Council’s [Extra Care web pages](#) at

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adultsocialcare/housingoptions/otherhousing/extra-care.htm>

## New Director of Public Health

Following a national search and selection process, Dr Sallie Bacon has been confirmed as Hampshire's Director of Public Health (DPH) by the Local Authority and Public Health England. Dr Bacon has held the position of Interim Director since December 2015. She now formally replaces Dr Ruth Milton, Hampshire County Council's first DPH subsequent to the transfer of public health responsibilities from the NHS to local government.

With 1.3 million residents, Hampshire's population is becoming more diverse, getting older, living longer which is good news, but there are greater inequalities and more people are experiencing lifestyle related illness. The role of Director of Public Health is critical in helping to tackle these issues. Dr Bacon has overseen the recent launch of a new five year public health plan – Towards a Healthier Hampshire - which sets out the Local Authority's public health priorities for the next few years.

See web site <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/healthierhampshire>

## Support for Alcohol or Drug Misuse

The County Council provide treatment, recovery and support services for people with an alcohol or drug problem. If you need help with an alcohol or drug problem you can contact the Hampshire treatment services for adults or young people. Inclusion Recovery Fareham and Havant Hubs provides a range of interventions for anyone **aged 18 years and over**, using drugs and/or alcohol or experiencing any of the problems that are associated with its use and live around the Fareham area. These include:

- Advice and Support – including information on a range of drugs and alcohol.
- Harm Minimisation Services – Needle Exchange including overdose and safer injecting advice, blood borne virus screening and vaccinations.
- Medical – substitute prescribing for opiate dependency, access to inpatient and community based detoxification and healthy lifestyle clinic
- Psychological – Relapse prevention and access to a range of online, one to one and group based psychological therapies.
- Practical Support – support and signposting around subjects including education, training and employment, housing, finance and debt advice.
- Access to Peer Support and Mutual Aid – both one to one and through groups.
- Specific Support for Families and Carers.

Ring 0330 124 0103 (by selecting option 4), or email to [inclusionhants@sssft.nhs.uk](mailto:inclusionhants@sssft.nhs.uk) and they will be in touch.

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