

# PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2018 AT THE DENMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

<u>Members:</u>	Cllr K Andreoli	(P)	Cllr I Brown	(P)
	Cllr N Lander-Brinkley	(P)	Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr E Marks	(P)	Cllr J Morphet	(P)
	Cllr N Rusbridger		Cllr K Scholey	(P)
	Cllr G West	(P)	Cllr M Willoughby	(P)

Also present: Two members of the public and Mr Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

**091/18C** Apologies: No apologies for absence were received.

**092/18C** Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest made at this time.

**093/18C** Minutes of the previous Meeting: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 29 November 2017 were submitted for approval. It was **unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

**094/18C** Public Participation The Public Session commenced at 7.32pm to allow members of the public to address the Parish Council. The Public Session was brought to a close at 8.01pm.

**095/18C** County and District Councillors Reports

- (a) An apology was received from C/C Stallard. Her report was tabled at the meeting and is appended to these minutes.
- (b) An apology was received from D/C Stallard. There was no report to receive from the District Councillors.

**096/18C** Vacancies on the Parish Council

- (a) The Clerk advised that two applications had been received for co-option onto the Council. One applicant was away during January and could not attend the meeting. The other applicant was new to living in Denmead and had yet to appear on the Register of Electors. Both applications would be considered during the meeting of the Council on 21 February 2018. **NOTED.**

**097/18C** Youth Provision

- (a) A report from the Youth Leader had been received summarising activity of the youth clubs for the preceding three-month period. The Chairman read out a summary of this report. The report had been previously distributed to all Councillors. **NOTED.**
- (b) The income and expenditure of the youth clubs for the period 8.11.2017 – 12.12.2017 was received and **NOTED.** The Clerk advised that until the Constitution and the name of the youth club was agreed then the RFO could not set up a bank account for the youth clubs.

**098/18C** Village Matters

- (a) West of Waterlooville: Cllr Andreoli reported that he attended a Christmas social for the West of Waterlooville residents. This was not well attended and the opportunity to speak with those residents interested in becoming Councillors for the proposed new Parish was missed. The Community Governance Review was now being undertaken by Winchester City Council. WCC had advised that two consultation sessions were to be held on the Development during January. A formal letter to advise the initial stages of the consultation to the Review had been sent to Chief Executives and Chairs of Authorities that could be affected. **It was AGREED that this Council would send a letter of support for the proposals in response to this letter. It was further AGREED that the letter would be circulated to all Councillors and they could respond on a personal level to the consultation if they wished.**
- (b) Market Towns Development Officer (MTDO): The Clerk advised that Christmas trees and lights

had been organised by the MTDO for the retailers in the Village Centre. The Scouts had also held a Christmas Fayre. **NOTED.**

**099/18C** **Correspondence**

- (a) Dementia Friendly Denmead: The Chairman summarised an email from Chris Roby on making Denmead dementia friendly. He requested Council involvement in the Dementia Action Group. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Andreoli would represent the Council on this Group.**
- (b) HALC Legal Services: Council received a summary of arrangements with HCC Legal Services for member Councils to receive legal support from HCC. The agreement was limited to 40 minutes of Helpline service for each individual query. **NOTED.**
- (c) Poppy Appeal: Council received the figures of the Poppy Appeal collections from the Appeal Organiser. These figures would be shared with Denmead residents in the next Denmead Scene. **NOTED.**

**100/18C** **The Heath Field**

- (a) Cllr Andreoli advised that there had been no meetings of the Working Party since the last meeting of Council. The next meeting was planned for February. In the discussion on this item, the following views were put and questions raised and answered:
  - the meetings of the Working Party were not clerked but notes were taken of the meetings.
  - the car park at Heath Field was integral to the viability of the War Memorial Hall and the same was true for the field to the Playgroup, although the Hall had successfully operated for over 50 years without a car park or field.
  - the Heath Field should continue to be fenced and the Council had no other car parks that aren't fenced. The Old School was cited as an example of a building that hosted a preschool that had a car park which was not fenced off from the adjacent field.
  - fencing was of benefit not just to the Playgroup but to others such as those who wanted to play football on the Heath Field.
  - whips had been planted at Kidmore KGV to provide longer term space division between the car park and the field and would provide the barrier when the fencing failed.
  - Council had previously resolved that the fence at Heath Field would be removed and replaced with a knee rail.

These comments made during the discussion were **NOTED.**

**101/18C** **Southern Parishes Group**

- (a) The next meeting of the Southern Parishes Group was to be held on 15 January 2018. As requested by this Council, the matter of fly-tipping had been included on the agenda. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Andreoli and the Deputy Clerk would attend this meeting as an approved duty.**

**102/18C** **Budget 2018/19**

- (a) The band D equivalent tax base for Denmead was received from Winchester City Council and **NOTED.**
- (b) The Council Tax Support Grant from Winchester City Council was received and **NOTED.**
- (c) **It was RESOLVED by a majority that the Budget for 2018/2019 as previously circulated in the sum of £445,975.00 be ACCEPTED and it was further RESOLVED by a majority that the Precept requirement (to be submitted to Winchester City Council) for 2018/2019 should be set at £415,999.20.**

**103/18C** **Communications**

- (a) Denmead Scene No 134: This issue had now been delivered to households in the Parish. The Chairman considered that this was an excellent newsletter and thanked the Office Team for producing it. There were no matters raised relating to this issue of the Denmead Scene. **NOTED.**
- (b) Denmead Scene issue 135: This issue would be produced by the Deputy Clerk who had already suggested some articles for inclusion. Cllr Marks agreed to write an article for this issue. Also to be included was the figures donated to the Poppy Appeal. Copy should reach the Deputy Clerk by 31 January 2018. The issue would be distributed at the start of March. **NOTED.**
- (c) The Parish Council's Facebook pages. The Chairman reported that the Council's FB pages were now being viewed by residents and used to communicate with the Council. **NOTED.**

**104/18C Financial**

- (a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 13) should be APPROVED in the sum of £10,093.90 including VAT and that receipts of £1,896.52 are noted. Further payments of £14,708.53 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
- (b) Accounts: The accounts for December 2017 had been published. **NOTED.#**  
The Chairman reminded Committee Chairmen that as the end of the financial year approached, they should review their Committee budgets and complete any outstanding works.
- (c) Bank Reconciliations for December 2017: The bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements for the two current accounts were reviewed and the balances as at 31st December 2017 were reviewed and confirmed. The Chairman signed both statements.
- (d) Internal Audit: a recent interim Internal Audit reported that there was nothing adverse in connection with the review. **NOTED.**

**105/18C To receive the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions from the meetings listed below: -** *Note: In accordance with S.O.12(c) the only Minutes to be received by Council are those that have been approved by the said committee.*

**It was RESOLVED to receive the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions of the following committee meetings:-**

- (a) Amenities Committee – There were no minutes to receive
- (b) Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – Minutes 8 November 2017
- (c) Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 1 November 2017.
- (d) Planning Committee – Minutes 15 November & 6 December 2017. A matter relating to Enforcement was raised and it was noted that this had been notified to WCC.

**106/18C Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations**

- (a) Church: Cllr Morphett had nothing to report at this meeting.
- (b) Denmead Community Association: Cllr Andreoli advised that the next meeting of the Management Committee would be held next week. He had no other matters to report.
- (c) Winchester District Association of Local Councils: Cllr Lander-Brinkley had nothing further to report that had not previously been discussed.
- (d) Hambledon and Denmead Welfare & Educational Trust: There was no report to receive.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.43pm  
The next Council Meeting is on Wednesday 21 February 2018.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Full Council Meeting – 10 January 2018**

Mrs Thomas of Ashling Gardens asked the following questions:

- Would the interim report of the Heath Field Working Party be available for download from the Council's website? Until it was more widely available, other residents may be unaware of its content.
- Were any costs available for the maintenance and upkeep of Heath Field?
- Had there been any comparison of costs against other areas of amenity land?
- How would a knee rail keep dogs out of Heath Field?

Ms Caine, a resident of Ashling Gardens asked

- about the obligation of the Council to maximise assets.
- She asked how much is spent on maintaining Heath Field and how the value could be assessed if the costs were unknown.
- She reminded Council of the feelings of residents who were opposed to any development of the Hall during the Neighbourhood Plan period. The Hall was a historic building, valued by residents. If the field was unavailable for use, it may affect the viability of the Hall.
- How many charities were there in Denmead and how did the Council work with these.

In response, Councillors advised that the Council

- was obliged to maximise use of its assets and not just maximise value. Concern about the Heath Field was only being made by Trustees of the Hall.
- Examples of cost areas were given and the replacement of the fence with a knee rail would encourage use.
- The interim report of the Heath Field Working Party looked at all options for use of Heath Field. No decisions had yet been made on which option was the preferred one.
- Whilst other areas were fenced, these areas had also been planted with hedging whips. Council had decided that as and when the fence came to end of life, the hedging would have matured and be used to mark the division/boundary.
- The Neighbourhood Plan had considered development of a new Hall and using the site for old people's bungalows but this idea was not adopted after opposition from the War Memorial Hall
- When the fence was replaced with a knee rail, the play group could use removable fencing to safeguard the children.
- The viability of the Hall was not down to the Council
- One option in the Working Party's report was to lease the Heath Field to the Hall but Council would not want it fenced off.
- The Report would be made available from the Council's website

On a personal note, Ms Caine asked for some clarification about her recent application to become a Councillor. Council replied to her at the meeting.

### **Adoption and Fostering ‘web chat’**

Deciding to apply to adopt or foster a child is a big step, and it’s important that all the information and advice people might need to make a decision is easy to access. Hampshire County Council’s new “web chat” service makes it easier to get in touch with adoption and fostering specialists quickly for information, or arrange a call back.

During office hours, people can opt to begin a live, online ‘chat’ with an adviser if they would like to ask questions about adoption, including their potential eligibility to adopt. There are more than 40 children in the care of Hampshire County Council who are waiting to be adopted. There is a particular need for adopters who feel they could give a home to sibling groups, or a child with disabilities. HCC provide support for adopters and the new additions to their families, and our Adoption Support Team of social worker specialists is on hand for as long as needed.

Anyone over 18 who has a spare room and some personal or professional child care experience can apply to adopt a child, whether an individual or a couple. To find out more, please call 0300 555 1384.

### **Stay Well and Warm this Winter**

As the weather turns colder, some people and families will struggle to keep their homes warm. Hampshire County Council’s *Hitting the Cold Spots* initiative can help. Now in its seventh year, this county-wide fuel poverty project offers advice and support to people who are having trouble staying warm during the winter, including home visits, help to access funding for boiler repairs and replacements, temporary heating, and small grants for winter fuel emergencies. Hampshire residents can also receive advice about tariff switching and how to be referred to other services for further help, including ‘safe and well’ visits and healthy living advice.

If you or someone you know is struggling to stay warm and well this winter, please contact an advisor on Freephone 0800 804 8601 (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm) or email [staywarm@environmentcentre.com](mailto:staywarm@environmentcentre.com)

If anyone is worried about an elderly neighbour or relative, they should call Hampshire County Council’s Adult Services team on 0300 555 1386, during the week in working hours, (8.30 am to 5 pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Friday) or call 0300 555 1373 out of hours and on weekends and Bank Holidays.

### **Domestic Abuse**

A reminder that anyone affected by domestic abuse can get help. The **Integrated Domestic Abuse Service for Hampshire (IDASH)** is funded by the County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and offers confidential support to women, men, children and young people. Those affected can call 03300 165 112 to receive immediate information as well as referral to the most appropriate service for ongoing support.

In Hampshire, an estimated 44,000 women and 25,000 men experience domestic abuse a year, and one in four women and one in six men will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime - often with years of psychological abuse. Domestic abuse has far-reaching effects on individuals, families and whole communities.

Support is also available for people perpetrating domestic abuse in Hampshire through the **Domestic Abuse Prevention Partnership (DAPP)** which engages with them, reducing risk to victims, and improving long term outcomes for children. Both men and women may perpetrate or experience domestic violence and abuse. However, it is more commonly inflicted on women by men. Those people who are, or think they may be, abusing someone can contact DAPP on 02380 009898 to get information as well as referral to the most appropriate support service.

## Alcohol and Drugs

Did you know that if someone needs help with an alcohol or drug problem in Hampshire they can access treatment services and support for adults or young people. Further information on the services available and how to access support along with links to more help and advice is available at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/alcohol>. The Hampshire treatment services for adults or young people are easy to find in local centres across the County – see *Inclusion Recovery Hampshire* (<http://www.inclusion.org/inclusion-recovery-hampshire/> or call 0300 124 0103) for adults over the age of 18 years and *Hampshire 24/7* (<https://www.catch-22.org.uk/services/hampshire-247-substance-misuse-support/>), a drug and alcohol treatment service for young people aged under 18 years old. Confidential support and advice for parents, families and friends of those who use drugs and alcohol is available from *ParentSupportLink* (<http://www.parentsupportlink.org.uk/> or call 023 8039 9764 for 24/7 support and information).

An estimated 24% of the population drink at above the safe recommended levels for alcohol each week in Hampshire. This represents around 257,000 people across the County, or one in five people. It is estimated that there are around 40,000 people in Hampshire who are classified as ‘high risk drinkers’ or ‘dependent’ on alcohol.

## New Year’s Resolution?

If you are concerned about your body weight why not take up this offer? Almost 7 in 10 of Hampshire adults are overweight or obese and the cost to the NHS in Hampshire in managing diseases related to obesity is estimated at almost £340 million per year! The County Council has commissioned a new self-referral service for people aged 18 years and over. If you are a resident in the administrative county of Hampshire, or are registered with a Hampshire GP and have a Body Mass Index [BMI] of 30+, or don’t know what your BMI is but think you might qualify for this **free service**, call 0345 602 7068 and quote WWRS095. People who qualify will be offered a free tailored service and will aim to lose not less than 5% of their body weight.

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