



PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 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 Morphett	(P)
	Cllr N Rusbridger		Cllr K Scholey	(P)
	Cllr G West	(P)	Cllr M Willoughby	(P)

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

107/18C **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Rusbridger.

108/18C **Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest made at this time.
Cllr Lander-Brinkley questioned why two items in exempt business were not being taken in open forum. He was answered that one item was commercially sensitive and the other had not received permission from a third party to discuss in public and the items would remain under exempt business.
It was agreed that agenda item 10, Heath Field, would be taken after the public session.

109/18C **Minutes of the previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 10 January 2018 were submitted for approval. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

110/18C **Public Participation** The Public Session commenced at 7.37pm to allow members of the public to address the Parish Council. The Public Session was brought to a close at 7.56pm.

111/18C **Heath Field**

(a) Councillors received a letter from a resident of Ashling Gardens with comments on the Heath Field interim report. The letter concluded that the only sensible options were to continue to use the field for recreation or to lease it to the War Memorial Hall.

In the discussion that followed, Councillors commented that

- Some of the conclusions agreed with that of the report in discounting some options considered.
- If all green spaces were lost, then you got a town
- Views of residents should be considered
- Amenities decided to completely remove the fence to the field but after some past discussions, it had been agreed to provide a knee rail.

Council appreciated the comments and thanked the resident for her letter.

(b) Heath Field Working Party. Cllr Andreoli advised that the valuation report had now been received. This had been discussed by the working party. A further interim report would be prepared for the next meeting in April. Meanwhile there were still opportunities to put forward further uses for consideration. **It was AGREED to await the report at the next meeting.**

112/18C **County and District Councillors Reports**

(a) An apology was received from C/C Stallard. Her report was tabled at the meeting and verbally summarised by the Chairman. A copy of her report is appended to these minutes.

(b) An apology was received from D/C Stallard. There was no report to receive from the District Councillors.

113/18C **Vacancies on the Parish Council**

(a) In the absence of the applicant, Council deferred this matter until the next meeting, or until the applicant could attend. The application was **NOTED**.

(b) The remaining open vacancies for co-option onto the Council were **NOTED**.

114/18C Youth Provision

- (a) Cllr Willoughby reported that a constitution document for the youth club was progressing. Cllr Andreoli summarised the progress to regenerate the youth club over the past year. **NOTED**

115/18C Village Matters

- (a) West of Waterlooville: Cllr Lander-Brinkley introduced this item and covered agenda items 8a) i and ii together. Residents would have received a copy of the consultation form on the West of Waterlooville from WCC giving a summary of the four options being considered. Both Denmead and Southwick and Widley Parish Councils preferred the option to form a new parish for the area. This option was also favoured by respondents to the consultation. The Review would now move onto the next phase to consult on boundaries for the new parish, if it would be warded and other matters which both parish councils had already commented upon to WCC. **NOTED.**
- (b) Community Facility. On completion of a set number of dwellings, the developer at the West of Waterlooville MDA was required to provide a community facility. This would be a temporary modular building sited within the boundary of Southwick and Widley Parish, although it would serve residents of that parish and that of Denmead. A fit out of the building would be required depending on intended use. Councillors agreed that DPC received precept income from residents of the development. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to agree in principle to contribute towards the fit out of the building and await the cost of this before committing any sums of money.**
- (c) Market Towns Development Officer (MTDO): The Clerk advised that the Chicken Run was planned for 24 March 2018. The Chairman advised that support from the WCC Officer was due to finish at the end of March. If this was so, then the village was in danger of losing its regular events. Funds that were paid to WCC for this service could be used to retain the service. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that should WCC terminate this service, then the funds should be used to continue to get the services of an Officer.**

116/18C Correspondence

- (a) HALC Annual Conference: The Chairman summarised the agenda for this conference. Cllr Lander-Brinkley would attend in his capacity as an Executive Officer of HALC. The Chairman would check her availability to attend. **It was RESOLVED by a majority that attendance at the Conference was as an approved duty.**
- (b) Council Process: The Chairman verbally summarised the content of a letter dated 5 January 2018 from a resident of Ashling Gardens. The Chairman answered the points made by the resident. In the discussion, Councillors considered that whilst process may have been followed, it didn't always empathise with the views of residents. **It was AGREED that council process would be discussed at the next meeting and that the Clerk would draft a letter of reply and include the links to documents on the Council's website.**
- (c) Rural Affordable Housing: The Rural Affordable Housing Officer had requested a meeting to look at potential sites. This matter had also been discussed by the last Planning Committee. Cllr Marks would attend the meeting with another available Councillor. **NOTED.**
- (d) Letters of Complaint: With agreement from Council, the Chairman included letters of complaint to the agenda from residents. All Councillors had been sent a sample of the complaint letters. Letters previously received regarding the fence at Heath Field had been replied to. **It was AGREED that Cllr Willoughby would investigate the complaints in line with the Council's policy in handling complaints.**

117/18C Southern Parishes Group

- (a) Cllr Andreoli summarised discussions at the last meeting of this Group. This included speeding and the setting up of Speedwatch, fly tipping and enforcement issues. The newly appointed HCC Officer for fly tipping would attend the next meeting. The Chairman would try and attend the meeting. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that attendance at the next meeting should be as an approved duty.**

118/18C Annual Parish Assembly

- (a) No theme was agreed for the APA to be held on 20 March but if presentation material for the Interconnector at Lovedean was available, this would be displayed.

- (b) Light refreshments would be served to residents and Cllr Marks would give the introductory welcome. Residents at the West of Waterlooville MDA would be invited to attend. A banner would be displayed at the Church if space was available and a banner could be sourced in time. The outside lights at the Pavilion should be checked to ensure that they worked. The Police had been invited to attend and would provide a report if present. **NOTED.**
- (c) Chairman's reports should be sent to the Clerk by 10 March. **NOTED.**

119/18C Communications

- (a) Denmead Scene No 135: This issue had been prepared and would be delivered at the start of March. The Chairman complimented the office staff for the production of this issue. **NOTED.**
- (b) There were no other matters raised in relation to the Denmead Scene or to the Council's facebook pages. **NOTED.**

120/18C Financial

- (a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 15) should be APPROVED in the sum of £9,423.77 including VAT and that receipts of £3,914.11 are noted. Further payments of £24,908.25 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
- (b) Accounts: The accounts for January 2018 had been published. **NOTED.**
- (c) Bank Reconciliations for January 2018: The bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements for the two current accounts were reviewed and the balances as at 31 January 2018 were reviewed and confirmed. The balances were
The Co-operative Bank Account Number 65807918 Balance as at 31 January 2018 = £18,658.03
Lloyds Bank Account Number 23336468 Balance as at 31 January 2018 = £236,417.00
The Chairman signed both statements.
- (d) The Audit Report & Risk Assessment on the Financial Systems Internal Controls for the Financial Period 2017/18 (previously circulated) were received and **NOTED.**
- (e) A review of the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit and the Terms of Reference (previously circulated) was received and **NOTED. It was unanimously RESOLVED that this Council would continue to use Johnston Wood Roach as its Internal Auditor.**
- (f) The Analysis of Fixed Assets - Box 9 on the Annual Return and the Asset Register Items was received and **NOTED.**

121/18C 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 – Minutes 22 November 2017
- (b) Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – Minutes 20 December 2017
- (c) Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 13 December 2017.
- (d) Planning Committee – Minutes 3 & 23 January 2018.

122/18C Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations

- (a) Church: Cllr Morphett spoke of a walk on Good Friday and a service on the Green on Easter Sunday starting at 6.15am.
- (b) Denmead Community Association: Cllr Andreoli advised that the DCA were now in a position to discuss a new lease and this matter would be considered at the next FA&P meeting.
- (c) Winchester District Association of Local Councils: Cllr Lander-Brinkley spoke of the concerns of others in the attitude WCC had to working with Parishes. Parishes should also be involved in S106 negotiations. He referred to a Parish Charter and how there was a wish to have this in place for each Parish. These matters would be subject to further discussions.
- (d) Hambledon and Denmead Welfare & Educational Trust: Richard Hallett had reported that Derek Gilbey was now the Chairman of the Trust but had nothing else to report.

123/18C Call for a Parish Poll. A resident called for Parish Poll on behalf of other residents attending the meeting. The Poll would ask if residents wanted the Heath Field and car park to be leased to the War Memorial Hall for a peppercorn rent for a period of 100 years. This wording may be subject to revision. The call was signed by 19 residents.

124/18C 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 10.20pm
The next Council Meeting is on Wednesday 4 April 2018.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

PUBLIC SESSION
Full Council Meeting – 21 February 2018

Twenty two residents were in attendance. The Chairman advised residents that the public sessions would be conducted in accordance with Standing Orders and read these out. Residents raised the following

- The Deeds to the War Memorial Hall should be made available to show who owned what
- The newly erected sign was illegal as the car park had never been closed
- A call for a public meeting to allow residents to speak and give views about the War Memorial Hall
- The fence at the War Memorial Hall was replaced by a knee rail to increase usage. How would this be measured and against what benchmark
- The Hall was built in 1920 by public subscription. Why change the name now
- The removal of the fence restricts usage of the field and the Council has no petition policy which makes it difficult to engage with them
- Due process had not been followed in resolving to remove the fence.
- Previous correspondence had not been replied to
- Views of residents were not heeded despite many letters objecting to the removal of the fence.
- The decision on leasing the land to the War Memorial Hall was not clear
- There was no evidence of the costs and savings associated with maintenance of the Heath Field and it was difficult to compare the costs to other fields such as Kidmore Field
- There was concern over the valuation costs
- The Council supported retail businesses but did not appear to support charity groups who wished to use its lands
- Councillors were asked if they supported democracy
- Minutes were inaccurate in that correspondence presented to Council was incomplete
- The cost of repairing the fence against replacing it was questioned and why other fences had been repaired.
- The field was previously called Buchannan Field and was purchased in 1960 for £600. This was corrected by Cllr Andreoli who gave the purchase price from 1978.
- In reply to another statement, Councillors advised that many had been elected in an unopposed election in 2015. The next parish elections would be held in 2019.
- The Parish Council was ripping the heart out of the village. Councillors replied that they all lived in the village too.
- Why did some questions get an answer whilst other did not?

Hampshire Road Repairs

The County Council has invested an extra £10m each year in our planned maintenance Operation Resilience programme and this is proving effective in reducing the rate of decline of our roads. However, without additional Government funding, it is simply not possible to deliver overall improvements in Hampshire roads from year to year. Consequently, the County Council are lobbying the Government for more money. The motorways and major trunk roads maintained by Highways England receive around 52 times more funding than local roads – this is a huge gap which must be addressed. Local councils are also drastically underfunded for maintaining highway bridges. In Hampshire, we estimate we have only around 20 per cent of the funds needed to safely maintain all of Hampshire's bridges over the next 10 years. A reminder that to report potholes to the Council at www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

Meals on Wheels for Young People

The Meals on Wheels service is being extended to include young adults for the first time. The County Council will continue to provide meals for older Hampshire residents but a new £16 million contract will enable the authority to support people aged 18 years and above. People with learning difficulties, mental health issues and physical disabilities are among those who will benefit from the new service. The service delivers a hot two-course lunch with the additional option of afternoon tea. Meals on Wheels drivers are also trained to carry out a wellbeing check as well as delivering the food.

There are currently 1,770 customers receiving Meals on Wheels from one to seven days a week and nearly 35,000 lunchtime meals are delivered each month. Over 64% of customers are aged 75 years and over, with 36 per cent aged between 55 and 75 years. The proportion of those people aged 85 years and over is expected to increase by almost 30% to 54,600 people by 2023 as society continues to age.

Employment Growth in Hampshire

The Economic and Business Intelligence Service at Hampshire County Council has released the following update on the local labour market –

- Employment growth amongst Hampshire residents is robust. At the start of this year, unemployment fell to the lowest in the South East and 5th lowest in the Country
- Hampshire had some 13,400 more people in employment in the year to September 2017 than in the previous year
- The employment rate reached 81.1%, the second highest in the South East
- The proportion of Hampshire residents in employment increased more than twice as fast as the UK average and faster than the South East average
- Hampshire had some 12,000 fewer unemployed people than in the previous year
- Youth unemployment in Hampshire remains stubbornly high with more than one in ten young people who are actively seeking work remaining unemployed in the year to September 2017

Patricia Stallard

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