

## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 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		Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr E Marks	(P)	Cllr J Morphett	(P)
	Cllr N Rusbridger	(P)	Cllr K Scholey	(P) (Until 8.30pm)
	Cllr G West (until 8.30pm)	(P)	Cllr M Willoughby	(P)

**Also present:** Twenty-two members of the public, D/C Read, D/C Brook Mr Gareth Davies Clerk to the Council and Mr Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Committee.

**125/18C** **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Lander-Brinkley.

**126/18C** **Declarations of Interest:** A declaration of interest was made by Cllr Marks that she had a personal and prejudicial interest with regards to Heath Field.

**127/18C** **Minutes of the previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 21 February 2018 were submitted for approval. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**128/18C** **Public Participation** The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm to allow comments from the public. The meeting reconvened at 8.14pm.

### **129/18C** **County and District Councillors Reports**

(a) Apologies were received from D/C Stallard. She had submitted a written report which the chairman read out. A copy is appended to these minutes. **NOTED.**

(b) Apologies were received from D/C Stallard. D/C Read stated that the District Council is currently in purdah and cannot vote on any issues at the moment. Although he did state that with regards to the Aquind interconnector site that he had noticed that there are plans for a sizable building which has been registered with East Hampshire District Council and not with Winchester City Council and he would make enquiries into this. **NOTED.**

### **130/18C** **Vacancies on the Parish Council**

(a) It was discussed that there had been an application for a position on the Parish Council and that this would be discussed at the next council meeting. The chairman advised that vacancies remained **NOTED.**

### **Youth Provision**

#### **131/18C**

(a) Cllr Willoughby reported that he believed that the bank account was now open for the youth club. The constitution had been presented in draft and once signed at the meeting on the 5 April 2018 they are able to apply for charitable status. There was a request for volunteers to help with the youth charity. **NOTED.**

**132/18C Village Matters**

- (a) With regards to the West of Waterlooville, a report was read out which had been submitted by Cllr Lander-Brinkley stating that there were some significant matters to report in that a poll had taken place. All parishioners of Denmead, Southwick and Widley were invited to respond and there was an overwhelming majority in creating a new Parish, with 74.2% of the vote. WCC has now moved on to a second consultation which will only involve the residents of the proposed parish which will be to ascertain the details of the parish. This consultation runs until 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Following a recent meeting of WOWAG (West of Waterlooville Advisory Group) Mr Brown WCC Head of Policy and Process, reported new aspects of the process namely that WCC will set the precept for the first year of the council's existence West of Waterlooville considered that it would be prepared by the shadow parish council as soon as the results of WCC work is known. A consultation in detail with regards to the contribution and impact on both parish councils is to be conducted by the Chairman, Cllr Lander-Brinkley and the RFO in order to decide the figures which are to be put before WCC. The report continued that there had been over 950 house completions on the MDA although this does not include care homes, the open space had been named as Newlands Walk and the project of the children's art space is making good progress. Due to technical difficulties the community building will not be completed until June.

A presentation has been given to West of Waterlooville Forum with regards to the commercial area of the Grainger site, it was reported that this has been sold to the Cole pension property company. Their agents Quad have proposed that they will develop the property in five phases with the emphasis on Hi tech business. **NOTED.**

- (b) With regards to the Town Centre Management it was reported that that an email had been received from Kate Cloud WCC Head of Economy which stated that the contract of Kat Lemon had been extended for a further six months. **NOTED.**
- (c) Operation Overlord is being held at the Lawns Denmead on the 26th until the 28th May 2018. It was proposed by Cllr Brown that the event organizers are reminded to remove all banners and for safety reasons to clear the mud off the main road. **NOTED.**
- (d) With regards to the chicken run it was stated that a number of people had participated and that the activity was a success. The chairman thanked Kat Lemon and the shops who supported this. **NOTED.**
- (e) With regards to Denmead litter pick it was reported that more bags of litter had been collected than previous years including a number of larger unusual items. **NOTED.**
- (f) A member of the public stated that there had recently been the first meeting of the Denmead Dementia Action Group and as a result of this meeting a memory café was organized which was oversubscribed. She requested a host venue for the dementia café and for volunteers to be trained as dementia champions. She continued that with the help of local businesses they could provide safe places for sufferers of dementia to attend if they were feeling unwell. It was added that the local Scout troop were interested in being involved with the project. **NOTED.**

Cllr Scholey and Cllr West left the meeting at this point.

**133/18C Correspondence**

- (a) An invitation had been received for councilors to attend the AGM of the War Memorial Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018. **It was AGREED that Cllr Langford-Smith, Cllr Brown and Cllr Andreoli would attend.**
- (b) HALC update: it was unanimously **APPROVED** that a GDPR course is arranged for a member of staff in order to understand and implement the changes in data protection at DPC.
- (c) Parish Poll: It was asked that the results of the poll are passed to the Working Party in order for them to consider the results of the poll in their deliberations, with regards to Heath Field and their recommendation to full council. **It was RESOLVED that the results of the poll be passed formally to the working party so the results of the poll can be taken into consideration.**

**134/18 Heath Field**

It was discussed that it would be considered predetermination if the Working Party had met prior to the poll. **NOTED**

**135/18C Southern Parishes Group**

- (a) The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 have been previously circulated. At the meeting a report was given by HCC stating that a working party has been formed to address the issue of fly tipping. It cited that charges on recycling on trade waste options and lack of parish council partnership were some of the issues it had identified. There is a presentation which is to be circulated to the council.
- (b) A correspondence was received from Chief Superintendent Dibden with regards to community speedwatch. The report suggested that a group from different Parishes is formed in order to implement speedwatch cross parish in an effort to encourage more volunteers. Police reports state that most people who are speeding are residents of that area and by deploying members of speedwatch into another parish would reduce any issues that would arise from reporting local motorists. It was also suggested that equipment be shared with other parishes although this is not viable as the equipment is in regular use.
- (c) It was stated that Boarhunt Parish council has made a request to join the Southern Parishes Group bringing the total up to nine parishes improving the strength in representation with WCC.
- (d) Other matters: Considerations are to be given towards other parishes joining the group. An MP had also visited Owsbury with regards to the eastern local plan with concerns regarding traffic with the development in Eastleigh. The next meeting is to take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at the Jubilee Hall in Bishop's Waltham. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Chairman attend the next meeting along with the clerk to allow both to attend as an approved duty, and as an opportunity for networking.**

**136/18C Annual Parish Assembly**

- (a) The Annual Parish Assembly was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March and feedback from the assembly was discussed, Cllr Brown invited the Public to attend the next meeting. **NOTED.**

**137/18C Communications**

- (a) Denmead Scene No 136 This edition will be distributed in June and contributions are to reach the deputy clerk by 30<sup>th</sup> April **It was unanimously RESOLVED that reports from the annual parish assembly be included in the Denmead ~~parish~~ scene providing an overview of the previous municipal year. It was further unanimously RESOLVED that the edition include an article thanking the retiring Deputy Clerk and welcoming the two new members of staff.**
- (b) Cllr Andreoli voiced his concerns with the distribution of Denmead scene and it was pointed out that a conversation had already taken place with the distributor. **NOTED.**
- (c) Consider and agree any matters relating to the parish council Facebook pages, **It was unanimously RESOLVED that a training course be provided for staff with regards to social media.**

**138/18 Matters Referred by other Committees**

- (a) Bereavement Policy: It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt a bereavement policy for parish council staff.
- (b) Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA): Cllr Andreoli stated that this was a two-yearly request by the WCC for land owners to declare land that could be used for development. It was stated that there had been no land identified by DPC. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that currently DPC has no land identified for development.**
- (c) Footpath sub-committee: It was discussed that the disbanded sub-committee for Footpaths be reinstated. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the former members of the sub-committee be approached and asked whether they would like to resume the sub-committee.**

**139/18C Financial**

- (a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 17) should be APPROVED in the sum of £16,418.66 including VAT and that receipts of £2,603.00 are noted. Further payments of £12,240.52 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
- (b) Accounts: The current financial year is now 2018/19 and that the budget for this year is now active. **NOTED.**
- (b) To note that the Responsible Finance Officer is now working on 2017/18-year end. **NOTED.**

**140/18C 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 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- (b) Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – Minutes 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018
- (c) Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018.
- (d) Planning Committee – Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**141/18C Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations**

- (a) Church: Cllr Morphett stated that he had been in contact with Cornerstone with regards to the ownership and the location of the defibrillator. It was stated that it had been suggested that the equipment may be relocated to the dentist building. It was also discussed that the parish council has ownership of the equipment and has recently paid a bill with regards to electrical work which was required.
- (b) Denmead Community Association: Cllr Andreoli stated that there was nothing to report as the last meeting had been cancelled due to weather conditions and that the next meeting was the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
- (c) Winchester District Association of Local Councils: It was stated that Cllr Lander-Brinkley attended as a board member of Hampshire Association of Local Councils and his report was read out in his absence which outlined his attendance to the conference. He considered that the event was important to an understanding of public life in a wider world and that no other councillor for the parish attended. The chairman stated that the event did not represent value for money and that it was very similar to the Annual General Meeting which she had previously attended.

The report continued that with regards to IT and GDPR presentation was given by Edge IT demonstrating how it supports local councils. Some of the content of the presentation was challenged with regards to security however the report stated that DPC should not be complacent. It was stated that the current IT provider is adequate for the purpose of DPC.

With regards to Southdowns National Park: It was stated that the staff of the SDNP expressed an interest in DPC use of the Neighbourhood Plan, containing that there are 33 Neighbourhood Plans in place or under development in the SDNP, and that the DPC has reached the first review of the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan. SDNP have offered professional planners who can act as advisors at an advantageous rate.

With regards to Streetscape: It was stated that a quote for the MUSA had been received from streetscape and this was now the third quote for consideration. Mant Leisure decided not to quote as it was considered that the project was too large.

- (d) Hambledon and District Welfare and Educational Trust: Cllr Hallet, No reports received with regards to the HDWET.
- (e) Denmead Twinning Association: Cllr Rusbridger stated that between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 Denmead would be visited by a delegation of the twin village in France, which would include a number of social events taking place within Denmead. This representation to be on further agenda

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm  
The next Council Meeting is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Full Council Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Public Participation** The Public Session commenced at 7.30pm to allow members of the public to address the Parish Council, twenty two members of the public attended and the following points were raised with regards to the Heath Field.

- A resident of Anmore Road stated that now that the result of the poll has been completed, the comments in the press by the chairman with regards to 6000 people being eligible to vote the number of yes votes were very low in comparison to the electorate and that most people in the parish did not feel affected by the issue or the requirement to vote, she continued that with a 16.3 % turnout and the factors limited time, short notice and no postal vote, she considered that it was a very good result for the yes vote winning 89% of the poll in comparison to the Parish Council elections in respect of turnout and campaigning. She continued that it was mentioned by the Chairman, that the DPC had limited input into the poll and should this have been brought to the attention of electors prior to the poll continuing that the word peppercorn could have been raised at that point, It was then requested that the DPC takes its responsibilities with regards to the War Memorial Hall and work with the War Memorial Hall management for the common good. She stated that she would also like to bring to the attention of the flyer of the no campaign that was delivered by a councillor and contained the leaflet of the DPC. It was stated that she had been contacted by other members of the public who were outraged by the contents of the flyer which she and others considered an attack in that they were described as a local pressure group She continued that the issue began with the failure of the council to replace the fence with a child safety fence despite 176 letters being sent to the council with regards to this issue. She concluded that she did not appreciate being regarded to as a pressure group and that the councillor in question was on the Heath Field's working party and suggested that he should be removed from the working party as she believed that he has a conflict of interest.
- A resident of School Lane stated that in the result of the poll had been completed was it time that the DPC and members of the parish work together with regards to the War Memorial Hall. He continued that it was clear to him that the hall needed the car park and the adjacent space, he continued that Denmead was already short of 6 hectares of green space, parks and recreational grounds. He continued that any development of this would not be the way forward and proposed a meeting between DPC working party and members of the Memorial Hall management committee along with the Denmead Village Association meet together to discuss the matter further.
- A resident of Uplands Road stated that in his opinion the DPC were supporting what he described as the no vote stating that 109 no votes out of a possible 5000 votes with regards to 900 yes votes it was clear mandate in the result. He concluded by stating that the DPC should take note and work with the result in a positive way.
- A resident of The Orchard stated that she understood that the term peppercorn rent was a contentious issue and that a more realistic rent be agreed between the DPC and the War Memorial Hall Committee.

- A resident of Ashling Gardens stated that he had to take issue with comments made by the DPC on previous occasions, he continued that many were incorrect and that he had substantiated this through his own personal legal networks. He gave an example by stating that in the press the DPC Chairman had been quoted to say that local government councils are not allowed to give peppercorn rents and he referred to section 127 of the Local Government Act stating that it was his understanding that a peppercorn rent could be given and questioned why it could not be given to the war memorial hall trustees, he requested that the DPC revisit their legal advice in that area . He then questioned that with a majority vote of yes why the DPC could not progress with the lines of the question?
- A resident of Mill Close stated that he considered the DPC to be floundering over the issue and that they should ask for help with the issue. He continued that the solution was to keep the War Memorial Hall and the greenspace safe.
- A resident of Kidmore Lane stated that if the area was developed how would the DPC propose parking? She continued that there are not many halls in the village and understood that the proposed hall at Carpenters Field but this was not going to be built and it was now down to the DPC. She continued that she had noted that the DPC would have to contact the Secretary of State with regards to building on a Brown site. She continued that the War Memorial Hall was essential with regards to the children’s play area and the car park. It is considered to be a vital area of the community would be removed and the whole village would have to be consulted with regards to this.
- D/C READ stated that the whole issue had been exaggerated and asked the Chairman if any development had been planned for the Heath Field site. A reply was given by the Chairman stating that a working party had been implemented to ascertain uses for the field. The Chairman pointed out that the parameters were between being left as it is or have a development built on it. She continued that if there were to be any change at all then it would be called to consultation, continuing that the poll had been called early or even if it was required. He reiterated how upset he was that the whole issue had been blown out of all proportion and described how the yes leaflet campaign had “Pulled on heart strings “By placing poppies on the literature continuing that in his opinion the hall or the management of it were never in danger.
- A member of the public stated that he could not let the issue rest without bringing up a comment on social media which described people as nasty, and disingenuous. She continued that the person who made this comment should hang his head in shame and is not capable of being a councillor. It was pointed out by the Chairman that these leaflets were not from DPC. It was then suggested that the official leaflet had been delivered along with a different leaflet by a counselor and that was in contravention of the code of conduct

Other points raised were

- The minutes of the meeting of the Heath Field working party were publicly available.
- Lack of trust between residents and the DPC.
- OFFSTED had safeguarding children as its top priority.
- Name change to Heath Field was disingenuous.
- A brief history with the DPC involvement in land and grass areas.
- Replace the fence, discuss rent and protect the Heath for a hundred years.
- The use of Facebook for communications. Cllrs to stop using Facebook.

The Public Session was brought to a close at 08.14 pm.

## **Preferred Choice Secondary School**

**Of the parents applying for a September 2018, Year 7 place at a Hampshire secondary school, 98 per cent have been offered a school of their choice - with more children (over 92 per cent) being allocated a place at their preferred first choice school. The County Council received 13,981 on-time applications this year, up by 428 from last year.**

**Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their chosen schools have been allocated a place at a school near to where they live, with available spaces. Parents have the right to appeal in these situations and their child's name will be added to the waiting list for their preferred schools. Places do become available if parents change their mind, or families move home. The admissions team is now busy processing primary school applications with offers due to go out to parents on 16th April 2018.**

## **Council Tax**

**At full Council held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 elected members agreed a 5.99% increase in the council tax precept for 2018/19 (which is made up of a 2.99% core council tax increase which Government now expects all councils to implement, and 3% specifically to support adult social care pressures). Residents in the average band D property will pay £1,200.96 for Hampshire County Council services in 2018/19 – or around £1.31 extra per week.**

**Hampshire's council tax precept will still be nearly £100 lower than it would have been when measured against inflation since 2010 and remains one of the lowest in the country, whilst still protecting valued services. This has been no mean feat when factored alongside the very tough decisions we have needed to make in order to live within our means given the reduction and eventual removal of the Revenue Support Grant and the £480 m of savings we have to make by 2020.**

**Despite those challenges and the need to make economies the Cabinet and Conservative group have agreed to save all Hampshire household waste recycling centres, as well as community transport schemes and school crossing patrols. Reductions in these services had been under review but the pressure was eased by an extra 1% council tax increase Government authorised us to make for social care and in the final adjustment of the local government settlement by the Government, when additional funding was allocated to Hampshire. All that helped to offset demands on the budget, although it should be noted that social care costs HCC significantly more than £1 million every day!**

## **£3 million Refurbishment Plans**

**Buildings at three Hampshire schools are to be refurbished as part of a £3 million project to modernise classrooms and reduce energy costs. Work at the Westgate School in Winchester is due to start this summer.**

## **£1 million for Leisure Centre**

**The County Council has agreed to give £1 million towards the cost of a proposed new sport and leisure complex at Bar End, Winchester.**

## **Patricia Stallard**

**County Councillor for Winchester Southern Parishes [Denmead, Boarhunt, Southwick, Wickham, Knowle, Newtown, Soberton]**

**Executive Member for Public Health; Supporting Families Programme; Emergency Planning & Resilience**

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