



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE **HIGHWAYS and GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** MEETING  
HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018** IN THE OLD SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD  
COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm.

**Members:**

Cllr I Brown (Chairman)	(P)
Cllr K Andreoli	
Cllr N Lander-Brinkley	
Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
Cllr J Morphett	(P)
Cllr N Rusbridger	
Cllr K Scholey	
Cllr G West	(P)

**Also Present:** Two members of the public were in attendance and Lydia Merriman, Deputy Clerk to the Council.

- 001/19H** **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Andreoli, Cllr Lander-Brinkley, Cllr Rusbridger and Cllr Scholey. **Noted.**
- 002/19H** **Election of a Vice-Chairman for the Highways and General Purposes Committee:** It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr West as Vice-Chairman of the Highways and General Purposes Committee for the municipal year 2018 – 2019.
- 003/19H** **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made at this time. **Noted.**
- 004/19H** **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 were submitted for approval. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.
- 005/19H** **Public Participation:** At 7.34pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow comments and questions from members of the public. The meeting re-convened at 7.39pm.  
**Matters Arising and Outstanding Matters from previous Minutes:**
- 006/19H** (a) **Footpath Matters:** Cllr Langford-Smith informed members that since the matter was taken back to Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, no-one has offered to join the Footpaths Sub-Committee. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that at this time, it is not viable to reinstate.
- 007/19H** (b) **Defibrillator Relocation from Baptist Church:** Cllr Brown informed members that last week the Defibrillator, stationed at the Baptist Church, was removed and is now re-installed at its new location at South Downs Funeral Service. Cllr Morphett raised concerns about the Defibrillator re-setting itself during power cuts. However, the Deputy Clerk reassured members that the electricians are more modern at South Downs Funeral Service and a device is already built into the consumer unit, preventing similar problems from before. **Noted.**
- 008/19H** (c) **Bus Shelter Replacement:** A claim on DPC's insurance has now been processed. The existing shelter is deemed as stable until the new bus shelter is to be replaced at the end of July 2018. **Noted.**
- 009/19H** (d) **Denmead Works Phase II:** The Deputy Clerk is still awaiting an update from the relevant person at HCC in relation to the available funding connected to Denmead Works Phase II report. **Noted.**

### Correspondence:

- 110/19H** (a) Car Parking Space for Cultivation Area, Plot 1: Correspondence had been received from resident Linda Johnson requesting signage to allow disabled parking in the car parking area, opposite the Cultivation Plot. Cllr Langford-Smith said that as Mrs Johnson currently rents a Cultivation Plot from DPC, it automatically gives her entitlement to park her vehicle in this car parking area, which is specifically allocated for people who use the Cultivation Plots. Cllr Langford-Smith continued that as long as a vehicle is taxed and insured, it is permissible for a parked car to remain. She also said that local residents have no authority to issue signs to stop people parking there. Cllr Brown asked members if consideration should be made to give allocation of a disabled bay, although on a recent visit, only one car was seen to be parked and the remaining seven spaces were free. Cllr West said in view of these facts, it was not deemed as necessary, of which the other members agreed. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that DPC should remove any signage which states parking there is for residents only. To clarify the situation, it was also RESOLVED that a DPC sign should be put up clearly stating that parking is for “Cultivation Plot Holders Only”. It was further RESOLVED that a letter from DPC should be sent to Mrs Johnson clarifying the situation, as discussed.**
- 111/19H** (b) Winchester Passenger Transport Forum: Correspondence had been received from HCC to invite Councillors to attend the next Winchester Passenger Transport Forum on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at Elizabeth II Court from 2pm-4pm. The Agenda had been subsequently received, together with correspondence regarding a public consultation in relation to Passenger Transport Services and Concessionary Travel Scheme. Cllr Langford-Smith gave members a summary of HCC’s cost cutting proposals, which includes reducing the frequency of the Public Bus Service route D1 & D2 (Waterlooville to Hambledon) and by removing the subsidy for those already using an Older Person’s Concessionary Bus Pass. The introduction of an additional charge per journey on certain bus routes may be implemented. There is also an indication that support will be reduced by eradicating printed bus timetables and by issuing a fee to organisations who promote the bus services. In addition to these proposals, it is also suggested that HCC residential street lights may be switched off for two hours per night. **It was NOTED that no-one was available to attend this forum but Minutes would be circulated once received. However, as part of the consultation process, Cllr Brown encouraged committee members to complete the online questionnaire before the closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018, in order to provide DPC feedback to HCC.**
- 112/19H** (c) Park Road ~ Parking Issues: Correspondence had been received from Mr Stuart regarding his continued concerns relating to the parking issues in Park Road. The Deputy Clerk informed members that no response had been received from HCC after requesting that this matter is to be given financial consideration at the next HCC Traffic and Parking Committee meeting. It was discussed as to whether HCC would give priority to this location due to the fact there are other more dangerous hot spots within Denmead. Cllr Langford-Smith told committee members about her recent conversation with Sgt Gilmour, relating to Park Road. Sgt Gilmour gave his view that the parking was inconsiderate but not dangerous. After discussing the facts of the matter, **it was unanimously RESOLVED that this issue should not be pursued.**

**Burial Ground:**

- 113/19H (a) Applications: The list of applications received since 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 had been distributed to members for their information. **Noted.**
- 114/19H (b) Drainage Survey: After seeking clarification from NORSE South East, it was discovered that their quotation of £4,950.00 for drainage work was not exactly as detailed in the Drainage Survey. In view of this, further quotations were received, including one from Kestrel Contractors. Due to the fact that there is no guarantee that the drainage works will rectify the present flooding in the North Field, it was strongly recommended by the engineer who visited Denmead Burial Ground, that in the first instance, an investigation should be carried out to establish the efficiency of the existing drainage system. It was agreed that Kestrel Contractors Ltd provided a much more considered approach in their quotation and **it was therefore unanimously RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Kestrel Contractors Ltd to do investigative works at a cost of £695.00, with funds coming out of the Burial Ground budget.**
- 115/19H (c) Cemetery Lane: Cllr Brown informed committee members that since the last H & GP Committee meeting, it has been noted that the ditch, which is the responsibility of Ludcombe residents, is not along the Cemetery Lane side of the hedging but in fact is on the side of Ludcombe itself. Cllr Brown told members that correspondence has since been received from Ludcombe Management Team whereby they have given their reassurances in relation to the regular maintenance of their ditch. Their properties have never been flooded and therefore the residents have expressed concerns that they would not wish for any extra water to be diverted into the ditch if it was to be dug deeper with a soakaway pit.
- It was discussed by committee members that the ditch on the Cemetery Lane side has become blocked and consequently, has become ineffective over time. Cllr West indicated that as there is no-where for water to drain, he proposed the most appropriate way forward would be to re-establish a proper road make-up. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr West would provide a detailed specification required to re-instate the road, which he would then send to the Deputy Clerk in order for her to obtain quotations.**
- 116/19H Finial Rings: Committee members were informed that two existing finial rings at Sawyers Hill and The Crossways have now been refurbished, with funding supplied by Hampshire County Council. **Noted.** For the new Financial Year 2018-2019, a budget of £3,500 has been allocated from H & GP Projects SAGE code 7177 to fund further finial posts requiring restoration. **It was therefore RESOLVED that Cllr Langford-Smith would submit details to the Deputy Clerk of the next two finial posts on the list from the Refurbishment Schedule.**
- 117/19H Pyles Farm ~ Drainage Problems: At this time there is nothing to report. Cllr West agreed to peruse the funding from SEE for the cost of hiring a digger and he would keep the Deputy Clerk informed of any updates. **Noted.**
- 118/19H Flooding: No meeting has been recently held as Cllr Langford-Smith informed committee members that she is now the only remaining member of the Flood Working Party. She then proceeded to give those present a background resume of how the Flood Working Party originally started and its main purpose in trying to prevent flooding around specific areas in Denmead. Cllr Morphett offered to join and assist Cllr Langford-Smith in her efforts. **Noted.**

The meeting closed 8.08pm

**The next scheduled meeting of this Committee  
will be held in The Old School, School Lane, Denmead  
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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

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**110/19H Correspondence – Car Parking Space for Cultivation Area, Plot 1:**

Steve Johnson who lives at 3 Old River, introduced himself by explaining he wished to speak to members on behalf of his wife Linda Johnson, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr Johnson described the reasons why Mrs Johnson (who drives a mobility vehicle), does not like parking outside their house or on their driveway. The position of the car parking space in Old River is too near the road, causing Mrs Johnson to feel vulnerable. She also finds visibility difficult when reversing out of her driveway. As she rents Plot 1 in River End, for the last year and a half she has been parking her mobility vehicle in the allocated car parking bay outside the Cultivation Area. Mr Johnson told members that this has not caused any issues until last month. During the 9-10 weeks which Mrs Johnson became bed bound, her car, which is taxed and insured, remained parked in the bay. On returning to their car one day, Mr and Mrs Johnson discovered a note which had been left on the windscreen. The note said that the car would be disposed of if it wasn't moved. Although Mr and Mrs Johnson do not know the sender, they suspect this note was put there by a disgruntled resident living in the properties opposite River End Cultivation Area. Mr Johnson explained to committee members that residents in River End are under the misapprehension that these parking spaces are for residents only.

Mr Johnson concluded that he and his wife were seeking clarification from DPC as to whether they are entitled to continue parking opposite the Cultivation Area. He also asked Councillors permission to designate one of the spaces for disabled use, to ensure his wife can park there legitimately.

Mr John Symons, who lives in the vicinity, reported to members that during the school run there are an excessive number of cars continuing to park along River End. He also expressed his concerns about the dangerous speed of traffic in this area.