



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE **HIGHWAYS and GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** MEETING  
HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018** IN THE OLD SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD  
COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm.

<b>Members:</b>	Cllr I Brown (Chairman)	(P)
	Cllr K Andreoli	(P)
	Cllr N Lander-Brinkley	(P)
	Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr J Morphett	(P)
	Cllr N Rusbridger	
	Cllr K Scholey	(P)
	Cllr G West	

**Also Present:** One member of the public was in attendance and Lydia Merriman, Deputy Clerk to the Council.

- 119/19H** **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Rusbridger and Cllr West. **Noted.**
- 120/19H** **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made at this time. **Noted.**
- 121/19H** **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 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.**
- 122/19H** **Public Participation:** At 7.33pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow comments and questions from members of the public. The meeting re-convened at 7.44pm.
- Matters Arising and Outstanding Matters from previous Minutes:**
- 123/19H** (a) **Bus Shelter Replacement:** Committee members were informed that the damaged bus shelter along Hambledon Road is to be replaced with a new one on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- 124/19H** (b) **Denmead Works Phase II:** In respect of the Denmead Works Phase II report, Cllr Brown informed members that HCC have made a recommendation to install a new porous material called Flexipave on the Greenways paths, which are particularly prone to flooding. HCC have reported there is available funding in respect of the provision and installation of Flexipave.
- Cllr Langford-Smith wished to know whether Flexipave has been used before and whether it is proven to be durable. Cllr Lander-Brinkley thought that a similar material has been used at the West of Waterlooville play area and advised the Deputy Clerk to contact Mr Bridges for more information. Cllr Brown expressed his concern as to whether HCC would be prepared to remove the Flexipave material if it did not work in preventing future flooding. Cllr Scholey wished to know whether all the greenways paths would be included or only those paths known to be previously affected by flooding. Both Cllrs Andreoli and Scholey expressed their concerns in relation to how Flexipave would look aesthetically, as they would not wish to see a mixture of different materials used along the footpaths. It was agreed that if used, Flexipave would need to blend in with the rest of the greenways. **It was therefore unanimously RESOLVED that more information is obtained before any conclusion is reached in relation to using Flexipave and the Deputy Clerk should report back her findings to committee.**

### Correspondence:

- 125/19H (a) Additional Gateway Signs: Correspondence had been received from Mr David Griffiths on behalf of Well Hill Neighbourhood Watch Group, requesting that Gateway Signs are to be installed at the entrance to Denmead village on the B2150 from Hambledon. The correspondence was discussed by committee members and they were reminded that this issue had been raised previously. Cllr Langford-Smith and Cllr Scholey mentioned that it had been noted before that the location of Well Hill did not have sufficient room to install Gateway Signs or any other similar alternatives as there would be a risk of vehicles becoming damaged if signs were installed. Cllr Langford-Smith also made members aware of the fact that due to a lack of funding from HCC, it would now become the responsibility of DPC to cover the expense. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that because the matter had already been considered and nothing has changed in the meantime, DPC would not consider the provision of signs at this location.**
- 126/19H (b) Request for Trail Camera to be Installed ~ Criminal Damage to Grave: Correspondence had been received from a resident whose late husband is interred in the Burial Ground. Committee members were informed that it is her request to install a trail camera, due to the on-going criminal damage caused by someone who is moving and destroying flowers placed on and near the grave.  
After making enquiries into the legal situation and being advised by the local PCSO, Cllr Langford-Smith told members that DPC would not be complying with the strict regulations if a CCTV camera was to be allowed to be used in the Burial Ground. She continued, that unfortunately DPC does not have the resources to employ a designated officer, who would be required to monitor all the footage.  
Members of the Council recognised the distress this has inevitably caused to the family but agreed it is a police matter and should be dealt with accordingly. **It was therefore unanimously RESOLVED that a reply should be sent to the resident, explaining that due to the fact that DPC have to comply with regulations, a camera will not be allowed in Denmead Burial Ground.**
- 127/19H (c) Traffic Warning Safety Mirror at the Junction of Anmore Road: Correspondence had been received from a new resident Mr Peter Jenkins concerned about the safety of the junction at Anmore Road leading into Hambledon Road and therefore seeks permission to install a safety mirror. Cllr Brown commented that permission may be required from the person whose land it is on the opposite side of the road. Cllr Andreoli revealed that HCC have been reducing the usage of mirrors and that if a mirror is installed in a place not agreed, it would always be removed.  
After discussing the facts of the matter, **it was unanimously RESOLVED that this issue should be submitted to HCC for their consideration, on behalf of Mr Jenkins.**
- 128/19H (d) Parked Cars in Lowland Road ~ Obstructing View of the Road: Correspondence had been received from a resident living at the end of Lowland Road in relation to parked cars obstructing the view of the road. It was noted by members that this location is known to be difficult to manoeuvre, due to the obstruction of vehicles. However, it was also observed that there are other places in the village which have similar issues and Cllr Langford-Smith expressed her concerns that it would not be possible to consider rumble strips and speed bumps throughout the village. She continued that there are potential complications in considering any of these options. **It was RESOLVED that WCC Enforcement Parking Officers should be approached for their advice and in the meantime the Deputy Clerk would await upon the reply from HCC for recommendation.**

### Burial Ground:

- 129/19H (a) Applications: The list of applications received since 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 had been distributed to members for their information. **Noted.**

- 130/19H (b) Drainage Survey: Cllr Brown informed members that Kestrel Contractors Ltd had completed their investigation of the existing drainage system at the Burial Ground and subsequently issued a report. Cllr Brown then summarised the contents of the report. There appears to be a blockage by the stone perimeter surrounding the willow tree in the North Field. Also, the average depth of lateral drainage was not installed to sufficient depths and it was recorded that the majority of the lateral drains are currently running either in the wrong direction or at a shallower than expected fall. After discussing the facts of the matter and receiving confirmation from the report that the existing drainage system is not working, **it was unanimously RESOLVED that quotations and timescales of work are to be sought from specialist contractors in relation to the installation of a new drainage system.**
- 131/19H (c) Cemetery Lane: Cllr Brown informed committee members that since the last H & GP Committee meeting, a quotation was received from Benlee Construction relating to the reinstatement of the road, based upon the detailed specification supplied by Cllr West. **It was unanimously AGREED to accept the quotation of £20,736.00 + VAT, once the company provides confirmation of its guarantee for the life of the new road surface.**
- 132/19H (d) Extra Land Required for Denmead Burial Ground: A reply had been received from Winchester College on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018, informing DPC that the request to purchase additional land north of Hambleton Road, is currently being considered by their joint promoters Hallam Land. DPC are awaiting any further updates. **Noted.**
- 133/19H (e) Review of Regulations: A review of the current Regulations in respect of photographs and any other images being permitted on memorial headstones and plaques, was considered. **It was AGREED that the current 2018 Burial Ground Regulations should be modified, as discussed. It was unanimously RESOLVED that for the purpose of clarification, section 9 e) should be included which states no photographic or any other images are to be permitted on memorial headstones or cremation plaques.**
- 134/19H (f) ICCM Learning Convention and Exhibition 2018: The Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) Learning Convention and Exhibition is to be held between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk could attend as an approved duty.**
- 135/19H (g) North Field Footpath: The footpath in the North Field is breaking up in places and is in need of repair. It was questioned as to whether the footpath will collapse. Cllr Brown advised members that it would be prudent to wait upon the completion of any drainage works before repairs are made to the footpath. In the meantime, **it was RESOLVED that DPC's Head Groundsman would monitor the footpath regularly and also advice should be sought to ensure the footpath will not collapse.**
- 136/19H Speed Limit Reminder ~ Repairs: Due to the necessity of moving the Speed Limit Reminder to different locations around the village on a regular basis, the fixings had become weak and therefore it became necessary to purchase new brackets and fixings, at a total cost of £100.00 plus VAT. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to ratify the expenditure.**
- 137/19H Finial Rings: Committee members were informed by Cllr Brown that a quotation has been received for the repair of the Barn Green finial ring, situated on the village green. Cllr Langford-Smith informed members that this is one of the only remaining original finial rings in Denmead and she would therefore like to see it preserved. She indicated that the finial ring only requires refurbishment and **it was therefore unanimously RESOLVED that another quotation from an alternative contractor is obtained.**
- 138/19H Pyles Farm ~ Drainage Problems: Cllr Brown informed members that unfortunately DPC is not able to receive funding from SEE as the date to request community funding has now been closed until next year. The pond requires cleaning out urgently, in order to increase its capacity. After discussing the matter at length, **it was RESOLVED that alternative companies should be approached in order to obtain community funding. Cllr Lander-Brinkley advised that if this proves unsuccessful, the District Councillor should be contacted to ascertain whether HCC could provide funding. It was further RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk will write to the farm owner to inform them of DPC's intention to commence the work before October 2018.**
- 139/19H Flooding: There were no new issues reported. **Noted.**

The meeting closed 8.47pm

**The next scheduled meeting of this Committee  
will be held in The Old School, School Lane, Denmead  
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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

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Mr John Lamond addressed the Chairman and committee members by explaining that he has been a Denmead resident since 1964 and he has noticed that speeding of vehicles in the village has progressively exacerbated. In order to try and rectify the current situation, Mr Lamond wished to put forward suggestions to help reduce the potential for serious accidents. He felt strongly that Denmead should make it a precedence of implementing a speed limit of 20mph throughout the whole village.

Mr Lamond gave the view that painted signs indicating “20 is Plenty” should be logistically placed outside the veterinary practice and Parkers hardware shop, which he said would significantly slow vehicles down, particularly once they pass the traffic lights. He has also noticed that after vehicles pass the pedestrian crossing along Hambleton Road, some cars tend to speed up. He also commented that the signs at the entrance to the school are now faded and therefore need replacing. He gave the opinion that any painted signs on or near a road do not require monitoring and he thought they are cheap to implement. Mr Lamond concluded that the increase in traffic has been substantial in recent years and that his cat was recently nearly killed by a car which was travelling at a very high speed near where he lives.

Cllr Brown thanked Mr Lamond for his contribution and wished to encourage him to attend the Safer Neighbourhood Panel, held in October.

In response to Mr Lamond’s views, Cllr Langford-Smith reported that Sgt Gilmour from Hampshire Constabulary has been adamant that a compulsory 20mph reduction would not be permitted, as the speed has to be consistent throughout the village. She continued by saying that due to a lack of funding from local government, HCC only agree to paint on roads which have been known to have had a fatality. She continued that it would therefore be the responsibility of DPC to provide the expenditure but this has not been budgeted for this financial year. Cllr Andreoli told Mr Lamond that signage is being reduced, not increased. Cllr Langford-Smith concluded by saying that there is statistical evidence to suggest that less paint on the roads indicates that people tend to drive more carefully.

Mr Lamond expressed his disappointment of the view of the police but thanked committee members for their time and his opportunity to speak.

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Cllr Lander-Brinkley observed that he is pleased to see that all the recent road repairs carried out around Denmead have been completed to a high standard. He therefore suggested that the Deputy Clerk would contact the Highways department at HCC, to thank them on behalf of the village.