



PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE **HIGHWAYS and GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** MEETING
HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 10th October 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: Three members of the public were in attendance. Mr Peter Beavon, Sales Consultant at KBI was present, together with Lydia Merriman, Deputy Clerk to the Council.

140/19H **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Andreoli, Lander-Brinkley, Rusbridger and Scholey. **Noted.**

141/19H **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made at this time. **Noted.**

142/19H **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 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.**

143/19H **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 7.48pm.

Matters Arising and Outstanding Matters from previous Minutes:

144/19H (a) **Denmead Works Phase II:** Mr Peter Beavon, Sales Consultant working for KBI, introduced himself and proceeded to give a presentation in relation to the benefits of using the material called Flexipave on the Greenways paths, in respect of HCC's recommendations for the Denmead Works Phase II. Mr Beavon informed those present that Flexipave, which is a completely porous material made of rubber and stone, is mixed with a specialised bonding agent. All installation is undertaken by hand. Flexipave was first used successfully in the UK nine years ago. This surface has specifically been designed for use on pathways and cycle paths, as the product enables better grip for walking, provides stability for cyclists and does not freeze water. Mr Beavon indicated that Denmead Greenways would benefit from the use of Flexipave, particularly because it would assist drainage which is currently an issue along specific Greenways paths. He continued by saying that HCC has been working closely with KBI during the last 18 months after the installation of Flexipave proved successful in local trial locations. Mr Beavon concluded his presentation to members, giving Councillors the opportunity to ask any questions.

Cllr Langford-Smith provided background information to public members about the need to replace the tarmac along the Greenways. She then proceeded to ask Mr Beavon if Flexipave is a suitable surface for the driving of grass cutting tractors, as DPC ground staff require access through the Greenways. Mr Beavon responded by assuring Council that Flexipave is designed to cope with any load of up to 80 tonnes, although it is not advisable for cars to drive, due to the friction of the rubber tyres. In response to other questions from members, Mr Beavon stated that although it is uncertain as to how long the material will last, there is evidence in existing locations, which show that the condition remains good after 20 years or more. In the event of using Flexipave, members were informed that the product is issued with a 7 year guarantee and he strongly advised to take advantage of the standard warranty. **Noted.**

Correspondence:

- 145/19H (a) **Road Markings:** Correspondence had been received from residents requesting that white lines are applied on the roads. Further correspondence had also been received from the Traffic Engineer at WCC, advising DPC to list the locations where restrictions are needed, which may be added to next year's programme. Cllr Brown informed members that the matter of road markings had been previously addressed. Cllr Langford-Smith wished to point out the fact that unfortunately it is very difficult to ensure that the public use road markings correctly, as Denmead does not have a regular Police presence in Denmead in order to enforce. There was discussion amongst members relating to the locations in Denmead where residents have requested white lines near junctions. However, due to Highways restrictions, it was felt that certain locations may not be considered. Cllr West gave the opinion that too many road markings can look messy and Cllr Langford-Smith said that the Police's current advice is to reduce the amount of road markings. To conclude, Cllr Morphett wished to mention that the yellow lines outside Denmead Infant School require re-painting. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that at this time, DPC would not wish to include any new locations to the list under the WCC Traffic Regulation Orders for next year. It was further RESOLVED that the issue of re-painting the yellow lines outside Denmead Infant School should be reported.**
- 146/19H (b) **Footpaths Matters:** In recent months, residents have reported several footpaths in Worlds End becoming impassable due to overgrown vegetation. After the matter had been reported to HCC Countryside Service to request urgent clearing, reply correspondence was received, advising that DPC may wish to consider a different priority cutting list for next year's annual cutting programme. Members were notified by Cllr Langford-Smith that an annual allocation of four footpaths are cut by HCC Countryside Service for Denmead Ward. Discussions then commenced in relation to the benefits of considering different priority paths for next year. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that a request is made to HCC Countryside Service for a change in the annual cutting programme for next year.**
- 147/19H **Budget Requirement for 2019/2020:** A draft budget had previously been prepared and circulated to members for consideration. Following discussion and amendments, the draft budget was accepted. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to forward the recommendations to be considered at the informal meeting to be held on 15th November 2018. It was further RESOLVED that any underspend from the 2018-2019 budget would be allocated as appropriate in relation to the RFO's recommendations.**
- 148/19H **Hampshire County Highways ~ Maintenance of Street Lighting on Private Land:** Correspondence had been received from HCH following a review of the County Council's inventory of illuminated street furniture. A proposal has been made to amend the inventory, to show that five street lights situated along the footpaths in Field Way/Brookside Close, should be shown as being in DPC's ownership. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that before agreeing to these changes, the Deputy Clerk should find out the ownership, by establishing where the street lights are exactly positioned.**
- 149/19H **Hampshire Highways Licence Fee Increases:** Correspondence had been received from Hampshire County Council Highways notifying of the introduction of a £25.00 licence fee from 9th October 2018, relating to any applications for banners, hanging baskets and decorative lighting which are to be located along the Highways. **Noted.**
- Burial Ground:**
- 150/19H (a) **Applications:** The list of applications received since 25th July 2018 had been distributed to members for their information. **Noted.**

- 151/19H (b) Drainage Survey: The Chairman informed members that quotations had been sought from specialist drainage companies in relation to the design and installation of a new drainage system. A visit had been made from Popes (Hightown) Ltd and a quotation was later provided. Payment had also been requested by the Director of Popes (Hightown) Ltd in respect of his travelling costs. The future possibility of purchasing additional land adjacent to the North Field was addressed by members and it was discussed that the prospect of additional drainage may therefore be required. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that no instruction should be given to specialist drainage contractors until after the meeting is held with Winchester College. It was further RESOLVED that due to the fact that no fee was mentioned prior to the visit by Popes (Hightown) Ltd, the Deputy Clerk should request that payment of travelling costs should only be made if future instruction is given for work to commence.**
- 152/19H (c) Additional Bins Required: Cllr Brown informed members that due to a significant increase of rubbish and waste at the Burial Ground, it has been recommended by the Head Groundsman to install two additional bins. **It was RESOLVED that two additional bins should be supplied and emptied by Biffa contractors and that funding is to be taken from SAGE Code 7010. It was further RESOLVED that clarification should be made with the contractors, to inform them that none of the rubbish collected from the Burial Ground is ever contaminated and is considered general waste only. Charges should reflect this.**
- 153/19H (d) Extra Land Required for Denmead Burial Ground: Cllr Brown reminded members that due to future need, a meeting is to be held with Winchester College on 18th October 2018, in response to the request sought from DPC for consideration to purchase additional land. **Noted.**
- 154/19H (e) ICCM Learning Convention and Exhibition 2018: The Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) Learning Convention and Exhibition was held between 1st and 3rd October 2018. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Deputy Clerk was unable to attend but she requested that consideration should be given for attendance on another occasion. **Noted.**
- 155/19H Christmas Lights: Due to the recent removal of the small tree on the Village Green, members were asked to consider the option of purchasing a Christmas lighting decoration which would be annually installed over the existing flagpole. Photos had been previously distributed, showing various options available and Cllr Langford-Smith informed members of costings for each. After discussing the advantages of purchasing a particular lighted tree costing less than £2,000.00, **it was unanimously RESOLVED that funding should be taken from SAGE Code 8020. It was further RESOLVED that Hampshire Highways is approached in order to proceed.**
- 156/19H Unauthorised Display of Property Sale Boards: Several property sale boards and unauthorised posters have been observed around the village, attached to highway road signage. Committee members were informed that the estate agent who is mainly responsible for the unauthorised signage, had been contacted by the Deputy Clerk with a request to remove any of their advertising from the highways. **It was RESOLVED that no further action should be taken at present.**
- 157/19H Finial Rings: Committee members were informed by Cllr Brown that the repair and refurbishment of the Barn Green finial ring has now been completed by the contractors, in preparation of the Remembrance Service, due to be held on the Village Green on Sunday 11th November 2018. The Deputy Clerk informed members that the finial ring is due to be re-installed this month. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the expenditure should be retrospectively approved and that funding is to be taken from SAGE Code 7177.**
- 158/19H Pyles Farm ~ Drainage Problems: The Chairman of the Committee informed members that unfortunately due to time constraints, he has been unable arrange a meeting with the farm owner and was therefore unable to provide any further updates in respect of the matter. **Noted.**
- 159/19H Flooding: There were no new issues reported. **Noted.**

The meeting closed 9.05pm

**The next scheduled meeting of this Committee
will be held in The Old School, School Lane, Denmead
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21st November 2018**

Signed _____ Date _____

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10th October 2018

A couple living in Great Mead introduced themselves to members, requesting that the matter of the ongoing speeding issue along Forest Road should be addressed. Both residents, after recently moving to Denmead, informed Committee members that they wish to see traffic calming and restrictions put in place so that the speeding issue is curtailed.

The Committee Chairman of H&GP responded by saying that DPC is fully aware of the issue but unfortunately it is a difficult problem to fully resolve. He explained about the Community Speedwatch programme, of which three DPC Councillors are authorised to conduct along designated roads, including Forest Road. Cllr Langford-Smith informed members of the public that although abuse is often hurled at them along the roadside, plus the fact that they have no authority to issue speeding tickets, it is still felt to be a very worthwhile exercise in helping to deter people from speeding. She stated that new volunteers are always welcome to join. She also informed residents that DPC has their own in-house fixed, battery powered Speed Limit Reminder signs which are regularly moved to different locations around the village, as the Police have advised that movable signs are proved to be much more effective.

In response to the residents' view of the need to provide more signage around the village in relation to speeding, Cllr Langford-Smith provided information from the recent Police and Crime Commissioner's Road Safety Report in respect to keeping our communities safer. She proceeded to read out the following recommendations in which Councils are advised to consider:

- Village Gateways
- Enhanced village place name signs
- Traditional finger post signing
- Sign de-clutter works
- Temporary electronic Speed Limit Reminder signs
- Minor signs and carriageway lining alterations
- Bollards to prevent footway overrun
- Informal crossing points for pedestrians

Cllr Langford-Smith wished to point out that Denmead benefits from all the above recommendations, apart from the installation of bollards which are deemed to be unnecessary due to the minimal risk of vehicles mounting pavements.

One of the residents said he wishes to see width restriction along Forest Road but the Chairman advised that this would not be permissible due to the fact that it is deemed as a main route.

Another resident, Mr Lamond, gave his deep concerns about the traffic leading into Inhams Lane and he said that when turning out of the junction into Forest Road, it is very hard to see the traffic, which he has seen speeding up to 60mph. Mr Lamond continued that he would like lorries prevented from coming into Denmead village and he would also wish to see more painting signs on the road itself. Cllr Morphett said that he has also witnessed speeding along Forest Road and has recently seen a towed-caravan going faster than 30mph. Cllr Brown said that most speeding vehicles seen during Speedwatch are residents from Denmead. Mr Lamond also wished that greater road spacings should be used to slow down traffic but Cllr Brown responded by saying that the correct spacings are already being used and it is the responsibility of Hampshire Highways to decide. Cllr Langford-Smith reminded Mr Lamond that there is statistical evidence to suggest that indications show that people tend to drive more carefully where there is less paint on the roads and less signage.

Cllr Langford-Smith concluded the Public Participation item by reassuring public members that DPC continues to do everything in its power in trying to help resolve the speeding problem in Denmead.