



PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE **HIGHWAYS and GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** MEETING HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 10th FEBRUARY VIA A SCHEDULED VIDEO MEETING, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Members:	Cllr I Brown (Chairman)	(P)
	Cllr K Andreoli	(P)
	Cllr D Carson	(P)
	Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr K Scholey	(P)
	Cllr D Searle	(P)
	Cllr G West	(P)

Also Present: Mark Strachan (Operations Manager)
Shelley Holliday (Deputy Operations Manager)
Jo Hollingshead (Minute Clerk)
Two members of the public were also present

117/21H Apologies: No apologies were received.

118/21H Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest to note.

119/21H Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2020 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.**

120/21H Public Participation: Neither of the two members of the public present at the meeting wished to comment or ask questions. The Public Participation session was duly closed.

121/21H Matters Arising and Outstanding Matters from previous Minutes:

(a) HCC Highways repairs in Denmead

No updates were received. The Chairman to discuss additional necessary highway repairs with the Deputy Operations Manager.

(b) Kidmore Lane Carpark – Vehicle Charge Point

Cllr West spoke to SSE, who cannot find any scheme on their books for this work being done. This is disappointing, as it has been connected onto their network, so they should have a record of a scheme raised for this. Cllr Scholey added that Winchester City Council should be able to advise as it is their car park. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that correspondence be sent to Winchester City Council to ask permission for DPC to replant the hedging.**

(c) Replacement of Dog Bins for a Dual Purpose Bin at Ashling Park Greenway Entrance

The Chairman advised that a Dual Purpose Bin has been ordered, but has not yet been installed due to the difficulties of the grounds staff not being able to work in close proximity due to Covid-19. Cllr Andreoli reminded the meeting that it had been discussed to move the bin, so it is not so close to the green bin next to the bottle bank. Cllr Andreoli advised that there is a gap in the hedgerow that leads into the carpark, that is currently being used as an entrance, and proposed that the new bin be placed in this gap to avoid further damage to the hedgerow. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Carson and was unanimously **AGREED.**

(d) Notice of Rights of Way

The Chairman advised that there were no further updates on this matter.

(e) Denmead Neighbourhood Watch

The Chairman noted that Denmead Neighbourhood Watch are not attending tonight's meeting and have not provided this committee with any further update. Cllr Langford-Smith asked that it is Minuted that Denmead Neighbourhood Watch would need to approach Council if they wish signs to be located on our lamp-posts, and that any signs that are put up will need the permission of Hampshire County Council or Hampshire Highways.

(f) Maintenance of Bus Shelters and Bus Stop Poles

The Chairman advised that there are no updates on ownership of the bus stop poles at present.

On a separate matter concerning bus shelters, Cllr Carson advised that the plastic sheets on the bus shelter on Hambledon Road en route to Hambledon were storm damaged and need urgent attention as they are a hazard to wildlife, grazing cattle and road users. Cllr Andreoli added that the Head Groundsman was going to order some cladding to repair the shelter. The Chairman asked that the Deputy Operations Manager contact the Head Groundsman over this matter and Cllr Langford-Smith suggested that the grounds staff could remove the damaged plastic.

(g) Royal Mail Pouch on the corner of Harvest Road

The Chairman advised that a planning application for the removal of the Pouch had been submitted and the Pouch has now been removed. Cllr Scholey advised Committee that there is another Pouch located on the bend in Mead End Road. The Chairman asked that Cllr Scholey speak to the Deputy Operations Manager about this Pouch so that an application for its removal could be made.

(h) Highway Repairs Required

Cllr Carson reported the defect on Lower Crabbick Lane going towards Forest Road as a member of the public and was advised within 24 hours that it had been inspected and required no work. However, she noted that some work had been carried out further up the lane, but she was unclear as to whether the whole of the repairs had been done. Cllr Searle added that there was a very dangerous pothole near the Chairmakers on Forest Road. The Chairman asked that the members of this committee report all known potholes to the Deputy Operations Manager so that a report could be prepared for Hampshire Highways.

(i) Denmead Speedwatch Scheme

Cllr Carson advised Committee that she had been asked for a progress report by PCSO Read but was unable to give one. After some discussion, it was established that the grounds staff cannot socially distance and work together to move the speed sign or change the battery. Cllr Langford-Smith said that the Speedwatch training is a PowerPoint, and so this could be delivered over Zoom, etc. She also added that she and the Chairman could set up the equipment and are both trained in Speedwatch and could assist in running socially distanced sessions after lockdown was lifted.

122/21H Correspondence:

(a) HCC Local Transport Plan Engagement: The Chairman advised that DPC has been invited to take part in the consultation process for the development of a new Hampshire Local Transport Plan and there is a link for DPC to give feedback by 28th February 2021 at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan>

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Chairman would respond on behalf of DPC.

(b) An application has been received from Barchester Care Home who wish to sponsor something in the village. Various possibilities were discussed, and it was agreed that Barchester Care Home should be offered the sponsorship of the Noticeboard on the Village Green, or the green planters around the village. Cllr Scholey suggested that sponsorship of the Pavilion might be of interest to Barchester Care Home. **It was RESOLVED that the sites that are available be offered to Barchester Care Home.**

(c) Footpath 11: a resident has contacted us concerning missing signage. It has been reported to Adam Macey in the Footpaths Team. It was unanimously **AGREED** to leave the matter with Mr Macey.

(d) Correspondence has been received from the gravediggers regarding their new fees as of April 2021. **NOTED.**

(e) Correspondence has been received about speeding along Forest Road and Hambledon Road. As we have neither proof nor reply details from the letter, we are unable to reply.

123/21H Denmead Involvement with District Policing Team:

Cllr Searle has issued an invitation to Denmead residents via the Denmead Scene to ask questions of the District Policing Team. Our PCSO is willing to meet via Teams so long as we have residents with questions to ask. Cllr Searle had attending the Neighbourhood Watch meeting where it was stated that DPC had abandoned the Safer Neighbourhoods Panel. The Chairman advised that DPC has NOT abandoned the Panel, adding that the Police did not want to attend the last Panel meeting due to Covid-19. Cllr Searle was meeting with the PCSO and would speak to the PCSO to that effect.

124/21H Denmead Works Phase II:

The Chairman advised that part of Phase II is to change the greenways throughout the village to dual-purpose cycle and walkways, and he asked the Deputy Operations Manager to progress this. The Chairman confirmed that DPC funds are available for the project as soon as permissions are granted by HCC. **NOTED.**

125/21H Burial Ground:

(a) Interment of ashes: Correspondence has been received from a lady wishing to have her mother's ashes interred with her late father at the Burial Ground. **It was RESOLVED that the lady should be regarded as a Denmead resident in terms of the fee payable, that the ashes should be interred or scattered, and the headstone be engraved.**

(b) Change of ownership of a cremation plot memorial: A stonemason has been in contact to advise that another person was to be added to a memorial, and to query whether a change of ownership was necessary. **It was RESOLVED that a change of ownership of the plot should take place so that we have a living contact for the plot, and that the new engraving should also take place.**

(c) Application for memorial benches from Angus Reid from The Chairmakers: Cllr Langford-Smith advised that Mr Reid would like to purchase some benches (number unknown until funds are raised) in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore, which he would like to place on the Village Green. Cllr Scholey proposed that no more benches be placed on the Village Green, and Cllr Andreoli seconded the proposal. Cllr Langford-Smith suggested the new Village Green or the planned wildflower meadow at Goodman Fields. Cllr Andreoli suggested Forest Road or Hambledon Road. **It was RESOLVED to reply to Mr Reid that we would be glad to receive the memorial benches, which need to be DPC standard benches, and we need to be able to choose the locations for the benches.**

(d) Applications: The list of applications received since 12th November 2020 was received. **NOTED.**

(e) Extension of Denmead Burial Ground: At the Finance, Admin & Personnel meeting on 9th December 2020 (Minute Reference 061/21FAPd), Committee were informed of the meeting between DPC and Hallum Land (on behalf of Winchester College). The Chairman advised that we are not likely to be able to obtain more land, and that the drainage works should go ahead as a stand-alone project. Cllr Andreoli advised that we had put repair work to the access road to the Burial Ground on hold, and that the gravediggers had advised that no more burials should take place until the weather improves as there is risk of ground collapse. The Chairman advised that funds have been earmarked to carry out this work and requested that Pear Technology be contacted to geoplot the graves in the

Burial Ground. Cllrs Searle and Langford-Smith said that the removal of the surface water was a matter of respect and safety for visitors. **It was RESOLVED that new quotes are obtained for the repair work, including the access road, and that Pear Technology should be contacted to input Burial Ground data onto Parish Online.**

126/21H Finial Rings:

The Chairman suggested that refurbishment should be on hold until the end of lockdown. Cllr Langford-Smith proposed that she update the list of Finial Rings to be renovated. **NOTED.**

127/21H Flooding:

There are no new matters in relation to flooding. **NOTED.**

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The meeting closed at 9pm

**The next scheduled meeting of this Committee
will take place via video conference call
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th March 2021**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

