



PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE **HIGHWAYS and GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** MEETING
HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 22nd May 2019** IN THE OLD SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD,
COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm.

Members:	Cllr I Brown (Chairman)	(P)
	Cllr K Andreoli	(P)
	Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr N Rusbridger	(P)
	Cllr K Scholey	(P)
	Cllr G West	(P)

Also Present: 5 members of the public were in attendance and Cllr Berry, Andy Shaw, Principle Transport Planner from HCC and Damian Walsh, Design Engineer from HBC were also present together with Lydia Merriman, Deputy Clerk to the Council.

018/20H **Apologies:** All members were present. **Noted.**

019/20H **Election of a Vice-Chairman for the Highways and General Purposes Committee:** It was **unanimously RESOLVED** to elect Cllr West as Vice-Chairman of the Highways and General Purposes Committee for the municipal year 2019 – 2020.

020/20H **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made at this time. **Noted.**

021/20H **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2019 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.

022/20H **Public Participation:** At 7.35pm the meeting recessed into open forum to allow comments and questions from members of the public. The meeting re-convened at 7.48pm.

023/20H **Denmead Works Phase II:** The Chairman informed those present that Andy Shaw, Principal Transport Planner from HCC and Damian Walsh, Design Engineer from HBC were in attendance in order to answer questions by Council, in relation to the overall objectives of works for the whole of Denmead Works Phase II project. Cllr Brown stated that DPC wished all improvements detailed in the Phase II feasibility report to be implemented, using the available funding of £120,000. This included many improvements as well as the need to address the flooding issue in the location of Ashling Park Road Greenway. Cllr Langford-Smith reminded Mr Shaw and Mr Walsh of DPC's original request to make all the Greenways into dual purpose cycle ways. She continued that in relation to the feasibility study, Councillors had previously conducted a comprehensive visit around the village, in order to highlight the areas of work which needed improvement.

Mr Shaw confirmed that the S106 funding was still available in relation to any transport improvements which had previously been identified.

Mr Walsh commented that he was aware that some areas of the Greenways were already successfully being used for both pedestrians and cyclists but stated that some of the Greenways areas were not deemed sufficient in width to be designated for dual purpose cycle ways. Cllr Langford-Smith stated that it was important for residents to receive clarity in relation to the purpose of usage. She explained that DPC therefore wished to create an officially designated space in which cyclists and pedestrians could have shared use of the Greenways. Mr Walsh proposed that there could be a possible opportunity within the budget, to designate some areas of the wider Greenways sections for dual purpose cycle ways. He explained that a link could be created around the village for the chosen priority routes and that this would be a more financially viable option instead of upgrading the whole of the Greenways.

Cllr Andreoli emphasised the importance of rectifying the drainage issue, which was located at the Ashling Park Greenway. Mr Walsh identified the four points which caused the flooding, which he said could be effectively repaired using Flexipave. He reassured members that the cost would not be significant in relation to the allocated funding. Cllr Langford-Smith wished to clarify that although DPC had responsibility for maintenance of the verges either side of the Greenways, the footways are owned by HCC. She stated that therefore any cost incurred for repairs and maintenance should be the responsibility of HCC.

The Chairman asked if there would be any additional funding available in relation to any further identified improvements. Mr Shaw advised that general funding was limited but an application for Sustrans Funding could be considered, although the charity mainly covered long distance routes.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the costings for all the work identified for the Denmead Works Phase II project, should be provided by HBC. It was further RESOLVED that a request should be made to find out the feasibility of using the major routes of the Greenways for dual purpose cycle ways and to receive the relevant costings. It was also AGREED that HBC would provide a map which highlighted all the pinch points of the Greenways.

Matters Arising and Outstanding Matters from previous Minutes:

- 024/20H (a) Burial Ground Notice Board: The new notice board at the Burial Ground had been replaced. **Noted.**
- 025/20H (b) Lighting at Kidmore Carpark: The bright flood lighting still remains in situ at Kidmore Carpark. No updates had been received from WCC in relation to implementing ways to reduce the brightness. **Noted.**
- 026/20H (c) Speeding Vehicles Along Hambledon Road: Further to the resolution to locate DPC's Speed Limit Reminder sign in Soake Road on a rotational basis, members were informed that a suitable post had now been established. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that all the locations listed on the schedule should remain and that Soake Road location should be added to the list for random rotation and that if possible, a more suitable location should be found in Anmore Road. It was further RESOLVED that if the Speed Limit Reminder signs include the facility to provide data of how many vehicles are seen speeding when situated in a certain location, this statistic evidence from all locations on the schedule should be sent to the Police and HCC Highways for their attention.**
- 027/20H (d) Highway Signage and Road Markings: Correspondence had been received from HCC Traffic Management in response to DPC's request to only replace paint on the road which has a specific road benefit. HCC Highways stated that they would consider not replacing some markings following any resurfacing schemes, although most road markings were provided due to a safety benefit. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that HCC should be asked to consider the fact that DPC wishes to reduce signage in Denmead.**
- 028/20H (e) Introduction of Part-Night Lighting: Additional information had been provided from HCC in relation to any concerns or enquiries from residents, following the recent introduction of Part-Night Lighting in Denmead. HCC's complaints procedure can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/contact/commentsandcomplaints> **Noted.**

Correspondence:

- 029/20H (a) Installation of Sleeping Policeman and Bollards at Mill House Gardens: Correspondence had been received from a local parishioner to inform that residents living in Mill House Gardens, had wished to install sleeping policeman and bollards in order to help reduce speeding traffic. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that due to the fact that Mill House Gardens is a private, unadopted road, DPC would have no jurisdiction in relation to the decision to install traffic calming measures and therefore a reply would be sent accordingly.**
- 030/20H (b) Prioritising Road Resurfacing: Correspondence had been received from a resident who had a complaint in relation to the lack of road resurfacing in Denmead. During the Public Session, a resident had asked what constituted as the criterion for choosing particular roads to be resurfaced. Cllr Brown stated that Denmead Parish Council were usually informed by HCC Highways of the roads due to be worked on but the Parish Council had no jurisdiction over the decision-making process. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that DPC should contact HCC Highways to find out the criteria for prioritising roads for resurfacing. It was further RESOLVED that HCC Highways should be requested to carry out work to resurface the whole of Hambledon Road.**

- 031/20H (c) No Dog Bin Provided at Creech Woods, Apless Lane: A resident had made a recent request for the provision of a dog bin at the entrance to Creech Woods in Apless Lane, World's End. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that a reply should be sent to inform that the provision of a dog bin in this area would be the responsibility of either WCC or the Forestry Commission.**
- 032/20H Defibrillators ~ Child Size Electrode Pads: The Chairman informed those present that a recent recommendation had been made by a First Aid Trainer to advise that suitable child size pads should be provided in the existing defibrillators, situated at The Old School and South Downs Funeral Service. A quotation had been received from the supplier with separate costings to purchase an infant /child kit or individual infant/child pads with transformer. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that clarification should be sought to ensure that the most appropriate option of infant/child size pads would be provided and that approval be given to supply pads for the two defibrillators, funding to be taken from SAGE Code 7004. It was further RESOLVED that South Central Ambulance Service should be informed of the fact that child size pads are to be provided in the defibrillators located at The Old School and South Downs Funeral Service.**
- 033/20H Notification of Increase in Private Finance Initiative Maintenance Rates for 2019/20: Correspondence had been received from HCC to inform that the annual maintenance charge for Denmead streetlights would increase by 1.35% from £34.26 to £34.72 per unit. This would be back dated to 1st April 2019. **NOTED.** Cllr Langford-Smith stated that Southwick & Widley Parish Council have instructed a private contractor to provide its streetlight maintenance. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that costings should be obtained from a private contractor in order to compare maintenance charges.**
- 034/20H New Power Connection ~ Village Green: Members were informed that SSE is the only provider who has authority to install a new power supply on the Village Green. A quotation had been received in relation to works. A further meeting between SSE and DPC would clarify feasibility in respect of the installation process and who may be responsible for the preparation of the ducting. If DPC's Ground staff were expected to carry out any work on the Village Green, Cllr West stated that clarification would need to be sought, as permission may not be granted for the Parish Council to conduct work on the actual highway. It was noted that confirmation should also be obtained in relation to the size of the external meter kiosk, and that any installation should avoid the flowerbeds if at all possible.
It was unanimously RESOLVED that approval should be given to instruct SSE to provide power connection and that funding of £512.39 would be taken from SAGE Code 7001. It was further RESOLVED that clarification should be sought in relation to digging the trench for the cable installation and to also determine the exact location of the external meter kiosk.
- Burial Ground:
- 035/20H (a) Applications: The list of applications received since 10th April 2019 had been distributed to members for their information. **Noted.**
- 036/20H (b) Memorial Application: An application for the approval of a cross to be engraved on a new memorial headstone, had been received from a stonemason on behalf of the applicant. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that approval should be granted.**
- 037/20H Finial Rings: Two quotations had been received from a local specialist contractor in relation to the refurbishment of the Rudley Mill Finial. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that evidence of the contractor's appropriate insurance certificate should first be obtained. It was further RESOLVED that the first quotation (Option 1) of £195.00 should be approved and that funding would be taken from SAGE Code 7177.**
- 038/20H Flooding: Members were informed that in 2016, a site visit had been conducted by the Flood Sub-Committee. It had been identified by HCC that due to the lack of provision of a watercourse, the ditch located along the whole length of Whitehorse Lane should be re-installed. Recent correspondence from HCC stated that the clearance of ditches is the responsibility of the adjacent land owner, who has a duty of care. HCC Highways informed that they would not agree to carry out the work. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that DPC should firstly seek confirmation as to whether an original ditch existed in Whitehorse Lane and to then identify the land owner of the field, whose responsibility it would be to re-instate any existing ditch.**

The meeting closed 8.52 pm

**The next scheduled meeting of this Committee
will be held in The Old School, School Lane, Denmead
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd July 2019**

Signed _____ Date _____

Mr John Symons wished to inform that a For Sale Board had been seen attached to number 1 lamp post, located outside 2 Old River. Cllr Brown said that the Deputy Clerk would report the matter to the Estate Agent and request its removal.

A resident living in Bunkers Hill, expressed his grave concern about the continuous dangerous speeding of vehicles, particularly at the approach of the roundabout which leads into the village. He said vehicles have been seen exceeding well over the 30mph limit and that even DPC's Temporary Electronic Speed Limit Reminder Sign, which had been located in Bunkers Hill over the Easter period, did not prevent many people from speeding. The resident had been told by a staff member who had been removing the sign, that the speed sign had activated over 6,000 times in a two-week period. The resident asked Committee members what could be done to stop people speeding.

Cllr Brown said that DPC and Police were aware of the speeding problem and that the matter was regularly discussed, especially at SNP meetings. He continued that HCC Highways had previously refused to install a pinch point in Bunkers Hill, due to the fact it was on the brow of the hill and other traffic calming measures such as gateway signs were not to be considered, due to the fact that DPC wished to de-clutter the village of road signs. Cllr Langford-Smith said that Bunkers Hill was a diversion route in emergencies and therefore the road needed to be kept clear to allow a flow of traffic. She informed the resident that some Councillors were part of the Community Speedwatch programme, of which she felt was a very worthwhile exercise in helping to deter people from speeding. It had been noted by the Police however, that the people seen speeding in Denmead were in fact mostly residents.

A resident living in Mill House Gardens, wished to inform members that their road is "becoming like a racetrack". Cllr Brown responded by saying that tyre marks have been left on the village green as well as other locations around the village, which he said is caused by vehicles sliding sideways at high speed.

Another resident suggested that speed cameras should be installed at hot spots in Denmead. Cllr Brown stated that the installation of any speed cameras was a Police decision.

In relation to Item 8. (b) on the Agenda, a resident referred to Clifton Crescent, which had recently been resurfaced. He said the road appeared to be adequate before the resurfacing and he therefore did not understand why HCC had prioritised Clifton Crescent instead of choosing to repair other main roads, which are full of pot holes. Cllr Brown stated that it is the responsibility of HCC Highways to determine the priority of repairs and resurfacing. He concluded that HCC may be aware of specific problems relating to the condition of the roads, which may not appear obvious to others.