



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE **HIGHWAYS and GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** MEETING  
HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2020** 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 P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr D Carson	(P)
	Cllr M Clay	(P)
	Cllr N Rusbridger	(P)
	Cllr K Scholey	(P)
	Cllr G West	(P)
	Cllr R Whatley	(P)

**Also Present:** No members of the public were in attendance.  
Lydia Merriman, Deputy Clerk to the Council.

**111/20H** **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr West. **Noted.**

**112/20H** **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made at this time. **Noted.**

**113/20H** **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were submitted for approval. **It was RESOLVED that these minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.**

**114/20H** **Public Participation:** There was no requirement for a public session.

**Matters Arising and Outstanding Matters from previous Minutes:**

**115/20H** (a) **Street Lighting Maintenance:** Members were informed that the revised street lighting arrangements, as advised by HCC Highways, had now been implemented. Members commented that the streetlights located in the main roads in Denmead appear to be significantly dimmer since the implementation. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that HCC Highways should be contacted in order to seek clarification, in relation to the exact times the lights are turned on and off, and by how much the lights are now dimmed on the new regime.**

**116/20H** (b) **Little Frenchies Field Road Sign:** A site meeting was conducted in December between DPC and the Technician from WCC, in relation to the possibility of relocating the road sign. It was confirmed however that the signage could not be moved to another location, but it was agreed that directional arrows, showing the numbers of the properties would be added to the existing signage to enable clearer direction. Residents of Little Frenchies Field had already been informed of the decision and the new signage would be installed shortly. **Noted.**

**117/20H** (c) **Highway Sign ~ Village Green:** A request had been sent to HCC Highways, in relation to the fact that the replacement sign should not be illuminated, unless HCC current regulations had changed. A response had not yet been received from HCC Highways. **Noted.**

(d) **Glow in the Dark AED Location Signs ~ Defibrillators:** Cllr Clay informed members that since the last Committee meeting, he had carried out an investigation, with the assistance of his family members, to ensure that all defibrillators located in the village were adequately visible in the dark. Cllr Clay provided a verbal report of his findings and photographic evidence, which suggested that the defibrillators owned by DPC, particularly the one located at The Old School, was very poorly lit during the hours of darkness. He therefore recommended that AED location signs should be purchased and installed, as stated in the Health & Safety Regulations 1996.

In the interests of health and safety, members agreed that all defibrillators should be clearly

visible at all times. It was unanimously RESOLVED that approval should be given to purchase and install overhead Glow in the Dark AED Location Signs for DPC's two defibrillators. It was also RESOLVED that correspondence should be sent to the owners of the six external 24-hour access defibrillators in Denmead, to request that each specific cabinet number and location postcode should be obtained, so that a list or map may be produced for public information. It was also RESOLVED that DPC wished to offer provision of Glow in the Dark AED Location Signs to the owners. It was further RESOLVED that Cllr Clay should write an informative article to include in the Denmead Scene.

#### Correspondence:

- 118/20H (a) Street Lighting ~ Martin Avenue, Denmead: Correspondence had been received from a local resident, in relation to the view that the current street lighting in the lower end of Martin Avenue was deemed to be unsatisfactory. Members commented that the village should not be illuminated at night due to the need to protect wildlife. According to the Police, there is no evidence to suggest that there has been any significant change in anti-social behaviour, and in fact there is evidence to support that there is less criminal activity during times in the night when it is dark.  
The resident also stated that there was a risk of accident, due to the fact that the pavements in Martin Avenue were in need of repair. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that a reply should be sent to the resident to inform that HCC Highways would be contacted to clarify the exact times the lights are turned on and off, and by how much the lights are now dimmed on the new regime. It was further RESOLVED that the matter of the pavement requiring repair should be reported to HCC.**
- 119/20H (b) HCC Highways Roadworks in Denmead: Correspondence had been received from HCC, in relation to the fact that Denmead had not been previously notified prior to the commencement of highways works, which were carried out along Hambledon Road last year. HCC Highways advised that email alerts could be set up to inform of highway works due to be carried out in Denmead. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that HCC Highways should be contacted to request that DPC would receive email alerts for a trial period.**

#### Denmead Works Phase II:

- 120/20H (a) Flexipave ~ Ashling Greenway: Members were reminded that Flexipave is due to be installed at the beginning of this year, in order to remedy the existing flooding issue on specific areas of the footway along Ashling Greenway. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the contractor should be contacted, in order to confirm the date for installation.**
- 121/20H (b) Greenways Cycle Routes: Correspondence had been received from Havant Borough Council, in relation to the implementation of the proposed cycle routes along the Greenways. DPC had been notified that HCC had recently carried out a Safety Audit on the Greenways, which included proposed improvements, where possible. Specific sections of the Greenways could be improved by widening and cutting back of vegetation, whereas other parts, due to safety implications, would require legislation for cycle tracks to be permitted. Dual-purpose cycle routes could be used without formal signing, once the recommended improvements had been carried out.  
Members commented that widening of the footways had been considered in the Phase II feasibility report, although confirmation would need to be obtained in relation to responsibility and who would carry out the works. **Noted.**
- 122/20H (c) Individual Costings for Works: It was noted that DPC had still not received individual costings for the overall objectives of works for the whole of Denmead Works Phase II. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that HBC and HCC should be invited to attend a meeting with DPC, in which all the outstanding issues of Denmead Works Phase II would be discussed.**

#### Burial Ground:

- 123/20H (a) Applications: The list of applications received since 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 had been distributed to members for their information. **Noted.**
- 124/20H (b) Review of Regulations: A review of the current Regulations had been previously carried out. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the amended Burial Ground Regulations.**

- 125/20H (c) Extra Land Required to Extend Denmead Burial Ground: Correspondence had been received from Winchester College in response to a request from DPC to provide updates in respect of the last meeting held in October 2018. Winchester College informed that a series of options would be considered by the College, in relation to facilitating an extension of land for the Burial Ground. The Chairman stated that any land for consideration would need to be sustainable. As advised, DPC would await to receive further correspondence from Winchester College. **Noted.**
- 126/20H (d) Health and Safety Signage: Health & Safety notices had been displayed in the notice board at the Burial Ground, to warn the public of uneven surfaces and to inform of future safety testing of memorials. **Noted.**

**Finial Rings:**

- 127/20H (a) The Denmead Finial: Members were informed that The Denmead Finial, located at the junction of School Lane, Broad Lane and Uplands Road was soon to be refurbished, dry weather permitting. **Noted.**
- 128/20H (b) Three Ways Finial: A quotation had been received in relation to the refurbishment of the Three Ways Finial, located at the junction of Benley Lane and Sheepwash Lane, close to the property named The Three Ways. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the quotation of £220.00 should be approved and that funding would be taken from SAGE Code 7177. It was further RESOLVED that the additional HCC “Looking After Hampshire Roads” signage which had been fixed to the main post, should be removed and not replaced.**

**Flooding:**

- 129/20H (a) Re-installation of Ditch at Whitehorse Lane: Ownership of land had now been established in relation to the re-installation of the ditch at Whitehorse Lane, and the exact area had been identified. No further updates had been received from Winchester College in respect of the work due to be carried out. **Noted.**
- 130/20H (b) Blocked Ditch ~ Furzeley Road, Denmead: In order to prevent further flooding on the road, HCC Highways had recently contacted the land owner at the site, to request that the blocked drainage culvert should be cleared by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that HCC Highways should be contacted, to request an update in respect of the work due to be carried out by the land owner.**
- 131/20H (c) Flooding at Kidmore Lane, Denmead: Correspondence had been received from HCC Highways, in relation to a recent request to rectify the recurring cause of flooding in Kidmore Lane. Cllr Langford-Smith stated that correspondence had also been received from a previous HCC Engineer, to inform that the flooding issue was an historical one, due to a local property owner who had blocked paved his driveway, covering over an existing Spring. Water was therefore not draining properly from the driveway and therefore flooding the highway. He explained that the issue of flooding was in fact the responsibility of the property owner but the issue would probably need to be rectified by HCC Highways. **It was NOTED that the Deputy Clerk would continue to request that HCC should help to resolve the issue of flooding in this area.**

The meeting closed 8.34 pm

**The next scheduled meeting of this Committee  
will be held in The Old School, School Lane, Denmead  
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

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