

DENMEAD PARISH COUNCIL



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Date: 2nd November 2023

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Members are summoned to attend a meeting of the HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE of DENMEAD PARISH COUNCIL as detailed below:

TIME, DATE AND LOCATION	7.30pm on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at the Old School, School Lane, Denmead, Hampshire PO7 6LU
MEMBERS	Cllrs: I. Brown (Chairman), K. Andreoli, A. Berry, A. Boccini, C. Caine, M. Clay, B. Gibbs, P. Langford-Smith, K. Scholey, D. Stallard, G. West (Vice-Chairman)

AGENDA

(All supporting documents have been previously circulated)

- 1. Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
Arising from this Agenda, Members and Officers are invited to declare any relevant interests. Notwithstanding this item, Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point during the meeting.
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
To receive and confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Highways & General Purposes meeting held on 27th September 2023.
- 4. Highways & General Purposes Committee Project Report**
To receive the project report from the Committee Clerk.
- 5. Public Participation**
The meeting will recess for not more than 15 minutes to allow any members of the public to address the meeting.
- 6. Denmead Involvement with District Policing Team**
Minute Ref 043/24H (10.2) - Hampshire Highways have advised that they will not permit larger Autospeedwatch warning signs to be placed on or next to the 30mph speed signs. **To discuss and determine action.**
- 7. Entrance to Village Sign**
Newlands Parish now have 3 new signs at the entrances to their parish and it has been agreed to keep the existing Parish Council logo. **To discuss and determine action.**
- 8. Bins**
To discuss and determine action on the following points:
 - 8.1 There is a change in contractor for the dog waste bins collection to prevent a break in service at a cost saving of approximately £5k per year.
 - 8.2 The costs have been updated for the Pavilion bins collection at a cost saving of approximately £1k per year.
 - 8.3 There is a disparity in bin services around the village.

9. **Budget 2024-2025**

To discuss and determine action on the following points:

9.1 The budget allocation for final post refurbishment is £9,308.03; however, all 16 posts are in good order. The RFO has suggested that Council might be minded to authorise her to undertake a viement to reduce the precept and consequently council tax for residents.

9.2 Denmead in Bloom (DiB) have requested that the Parish Council take over the maintenance of three flowerbeds (village green, Ashling Park Road corner and entranceway to the village), and the planters. The RFO has advised that funding of £2k can be taken from the grant normally awarded to DiB (Sage Code 8751) and funding of £2.5k can be taken from General Planting (Sage Code 6089).

9.3 The Christmas tree lights for the village green flagpole are damaged beyond repair. A new 6 metre tree light is approximately £300. The RFO has advised that funding is available (Sage Code 3011 and 7130).

9.4 To receive the new cost of £1,026 in total for the village Christmas trees project. The RFO has advised that funding is available (Sage Code 7130).

9.5 To consider exchanging the current dog bins for dual-purpose bins in the next financial year. The RFO has advised that funding of £2,770.40 is available (Sage Code 3011) as per the previous resolution to purchase two bins per financial year.

10. **Road Repairs**

To find out the criteria for road repairs in reference to the poor state of Denmead roads and the recent repairs in Southwick. **To discuss and determine action.**

11. **Sponsorship of Flowerbeds**

To discuss and determine action on the following points:

11.1 A sponsor has requested to sponsor a roundabout for the next 5 years at the current price of £385 per year.

11.2 Another sponsor is keen to sponsor another site as he has been very impressed with how his roundabout has been looked after.

12. **Burial Ground**

12.1 **To note** the list of applications since the last committee meeting.

12.2 The inner measurements of a Welters chamber have been given to the Chairman, with a view to obtaining a quote for a neoprene bag to fit into the chamber. **To discuss and determine action.**

12.3 **To discuss and determine action** on the following points:

- To contract Benlee Construction Ltd to dig double-depth plots at a cost of £1800 per plot.
- To continue to contract C&P Curran Ltd to dig single-depth plots at an increased cost of £800 and cremation plots at a cost of £120.
- To pass on the above gravedigging costs in full to the customer.

12.4 To consider amendments regarding the availability of plots, sizes of images on memorials, and payments of fees.

12.5 To consider amendments regarding increased costs for the digging of all plots.

**The next Highways & General Purposes Committee meeting will be held
on Wednesday 20th December 2023**