

DENMEAD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Highways & General Purposes Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 7.30pm At the Old School

<u>Members:</u>	Cllr I Brown (Chairman)	(P)	Cllr B Gibbs	
	Cllr K Andreoli	(P)	Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr A Berry	(P)	Cllr K Scholey	(P)
	Cllr A Boccini	(P)	Cllr D Stallard	
	Cllr M Clay		Cllr G West (Vice-Chairman)	(P)

Also present: Jo Hollingshead (Committee Clerk).

034/24H Fire Exits

The Chairman advised all those present of the location of the fire exits.

035/24H Recording

The Chairman advised all those present that the meeting would be recorded and uploaded to the Parish Council's YouTube Channel.

036/24H Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clay and Stallard.

037/24H Declarations of Interest

Cllr Berry declared a Prejudicial Interest in agenda item 14 as he also serves on Newlands Parish Council. There were no further Declarations of Interest to note.

038/24H Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 2023 were submitted for approval. **It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman at the meeting.**

039/24H Highways & General Purposes Committee Project Report

The project report was received from the Committee Clerk.

040/24H Public Participation (S.0.3 e))

There was no requirement for a public participation session.

041/24H Warm Space

Two grant schemes are available: the District Small Grant Scheme from Winchester City Council and the Household Support Fund Community Grants from Hampshire County Council. It was queried as to whether funding could be used for other initiatives as well as warm spaces. After discussion, **it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to contact the luncheon club at Denmead Community Centre regarding a warm space, and to promote the availability of the Household Support Fund on the Parish Council's Facebook page and website.**

Action:
CC2

042/24H Denmead Community Centre Event

After discussion, **it was RESOLVED by a majority of 4:1 (with 2 abstentions) to decline the application to place an event banner on the flowerbed adjacent to Hambledon Road / Forest Road roundabout.**

Action:
CC2

043/24H Denmead Involvement with District Policing Team

10.1 Autospeedwatch Device – Hampshire Police have advised that they will not accept data from the device nor enforce it as it is not Home Office approved. It was discussed that Donna Jones, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & IOW, had advised she was keen on the idea at a recent meeting and was surprised that Hampshire Police will not accept data. Cllr Langford-Smith further advised that she is meeting with the Home Secretary in the next few weeks and will raise the matter with her. Other police forces currently accept data from devices. After further discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to:

- **Discuss the issue with the police at the upcoming Safer Neighbourhoods Panel meeting on Thursday 26th October (7.30pm at the Community Centre). Donna Jones has been invited to the meeting.**
- **Contact Swanmore Parish Council as Denmead’s nearest neighbour also using autospeedwatch devices.**
- **Contact NALC to obtain advice on Home Office approval.**

**Action:
CC2**

10.2 Autospeedwatch Device Warning Signs – It was discussed that the device’s objective was to be a deterrent. Sign options and locations were discussed. **It was RESOLVED by a majority of 6:1 to buy larger warning signs on the proviso that permission is obtained before purchase from Hampshire Highways to place them next to the 30mph speed signs.**

**Action:
CC2**

044/24H Speed Indicator Signs

A proposal was received to make the use of the signs more effective. After discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to agree the new rota and to purchase new poles on the proviso that the cost is under £500.

**Action:
CC2**

045/24H Request for Traffic Volume Survey

A resident has requested a traffic survey to see what impact the temporary closure of the Co-Op has had. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to advise the resident that the Parish Council does not have the resources to carry out a survey, and to refer the resident to Hampshire Highways.**

**Action:
CC2**

046/24H Sponsorship of Flowerbeds and Roundabouts

After discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to increase the sponsorship fees by 10%.

**Action:
CC2**

047/24H Entrance to Village Sign

Cllr Berry advised that Newlands Parish have been required to change the design again at the request of Winchester City Council. **It was therefore UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to wait until the design is agreed and until the new Denmead Parish Council logo is agreed, and to re-discuss at the next committee meeting.**

**Action:
CC2**

048/24H Burial Ground

1. Applications - The list of applications since the last committee meeting was noted.

2. Resurfacing of Cemetery Lane and Burial Ground Car Park – After discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to agree the Parish Clerk’s recommendations.

**Action:
PC**

3. Welters - The Chairman will try to obtain a quote for the next committee meeting. **Action ongoing.**

**Action:
Cllr B**

4. Extension of the Burial Ground – Further to a letter received from Hallam Land, Cllr Langford-Smith advised that Winchester College have carried out surveys on several plots of land surrounding the Burial Ground, and the survey results are due in late November. Following discussion, **it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to respond to the letter.**

5. Rookwood Nature Reserve – **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to retain (and manage) all bramble patches on site for the benefit of animal, bird, and reptile species present.**

Action:
CC2

6. Burial Query – It was noted that after publishing the agenda, the Committee Clerk had received information that only 1 casket was to be interred. Therefore, **it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that one non-resident fee would be charged.**

Action:
CC2

7. Headstone Image Request – The Committee Clerk was asked to obtain the diameter of the image. **Providing that it does not exceed 13cm in diameter, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the request.**

Action:
CC2

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

The next scheduled meeting of the Highways & General Purposes Committee will take place at the Old School at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th November 2023

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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