

DENMEAD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Highways & General Purposes Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 7.30pm At the Old School

Members: Cllr I Brown (**Chairman**) (P) Cllr M Clay
Cllr K Andreoli (P) Cllr P Langford-Smith (P)
Cllr A Berry (P) Cllr K Scholey (P)
Cllr A Boccini Cllr D Stallard
Cllr C Caine Cllr G West (**Vice-Chairman**) (P)

Also present: Jo Hollingshead (Committee Clerk)
Gary Brown (Fly Tip Officer – Winchester City Council)
1 member of the public

061/24H Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Boccini and Clay.

062/24H Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest to note.

063/24H Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 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.**

064/24H Highways & General Purposes Committee Project Report

The project report was received from the Committee Clerk.

065/24H Public Participation (S.0.3 e))

The public participation session opened at 7.33pm and closed at 7.37pm.

066/24H Fly Tipping Presentation – Gary Brown

Winchester City Council's Fly Tip Officer Gary Brown gave a short presentation on fly tipping in Denmead. The Chairman of Council thanked Gary for coming along and for giving such an interesting talk.

067/24H Forest Road Speeding Measures

An update was received on the proposed speeding measures in Forest Road. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to obtain an update from Hampshire Highways.**

Action:
CC2

068/24H Bere Road Parking

The issue of inconsiderate parking in Bere Road causing damage to verges was discussed. The Committee Clerk has reported the issue to Hampshire County Council (Hampshire Highways). After further discussion, **it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to write to Hampshire County Council to suggest that dragons' teeth are installed on all verges near to the schools on the basis that parking on the verges poses a safety risk to children at the beginning and end of each day.**

Action:
CC2

- 069/24H Speeding in the Village**
 1. Two emails from a resident of Well Hill were received and discussed. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Parish Council will not obtain a licence for a permanent speed indicator device at Well Hill and that the Committee Clerk will advise the resident that he should apply to Hampshire Highways for a licence and find a location for the device.** **Action: CC2**
2. Due to the current lack of daylight, **it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to remove the autospeedwatch device from its location temporarily.** **Action: CC2**
- 070/24H Finial Post Refurbishment**
 The quote for the replacement of the finial post at Forest Gate was considered. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to proceed with the replacement post.** **Action: CC2 / Cllr L-S**
 Cllr Langford-Smith advised that she would provide the information to go onto each of the three arms.
- 077/24H Sponsorship Signage Request**
 A request to exchange a sign on the Bunkers Hill/Forest Road roundabout was considered. **It was RESOLVED by a majority of 5 (1 abstention) to in future allow only one sponsor per location and that all sponsor businesses must be located in the village.** **Action: CC2**
- 078/24H Resurfacing of Cemetery Lane and Burial Ground carpark**
It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to award the tender contract for the works outside of committee and to ratify the decision at the next committee meeting. **Action: CC2**
- 079/24H Collector Mower Purchase**
It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to purchase a ride-on mower/grass collector for the Burial Ground at a cost of £7,500 + VAT as agreed in the formal budget at the Full Council meeting on 6th December 2023 (Minute Ref 113/24C (2)). **Action: CC2**
- 080/24H Burial Ground**
 The following items were discussed:
1. The list of applications since the last committee meeting was **noted.**
 2. The spoil heap in North Field was considered. After discussion, **it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to obtain a quote from Benlee Construction to remove the spoil heap to Kidmore carpark on a regular basis, and to accept the quote outside of committee and to ratify the decision at the next committee meeting.** **Action: CC2**
 3. The Committee Clerk will check which reports the Planning Officer at Winchester City Council requires. After discussion, **it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to obtain a quote for an arboricultural impact assessment and tree information at Rookwood Nature Reserve and to accept the quote outside of committee and to ratify the decision at the next committee meeting.** **Action: CC2**
 4. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to terminate the offer of half-plots alongside the path in North Field after the remaining 2 plots in the block are used.** **Action: CC2**
 5. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to accept the amendments to the Regulations.** **Action: CC2**

6. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to accept the Service Level Agreements for both gravediggers with an amendment to be included in both in reference to the spoil heap.

Action:
CC2

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

The next scheduled meeting of the Highways & General Purposes Committee will take place at the Old School at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th February 2024

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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