**DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the public meeting preceding the Council meeting held on Thursday 30th March 2017, at Danehill School.**

Present: T. Blake (TB), C. Crouch (CC), A. Goodburn (AG), R. Lewis, (RL), A. Pattison (AP) and D. Birchell (DB), N. Macleod (NM), and A. Martorana (AM).

In addition Roy Galley (District and County Councillor) was present. There were also members of the public present.

Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council was in attendance.

The Chairperson of the Parish Council, Andrew Goodburn (AG), opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

**Report from Cllr Galley**

Cllr Galley had reported to the Council prior to the meeting. At the meeting he highlighted the additional social care budget. Cuts should be less drastic than planned.

The education funding formula continued to be a point of concern and protest.

Cllr Galley explained with the 4th May local elections a period of purdah would be entered and he would be unable to enter into certain correspondence to avoid any issues with the integrity of the election.

The Church Lane yellow lines were in the final stage of consultation and funding had been confirmed. Site notices were expected shortly.

In regards to WDC he confirmed the Local Plan draft had been published with less homes planned than originally specified. Ashdown Forest pollution continues to the driving factor.

There were questions on business to residential development and also more information on unsustainable developments and pollution were requested.

**Public Meeting**

Mike Wells reiterated Mike Fishlock’s concerns over payments to the DHMH. He requested cheque signatories were published.

Mike Fishlock requested the minutes were changed for the last meeting to confirm the signatory request. AG suggested the public look to the future and the correct processes were now in place.

Sylvia Martin requested a change to public minutes to report the DHMH path request was not for aid but to highlight issue as the path was the responsibility of DPC.

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Absent: E. Mills (EM) and Peter Roundell (District Councillor).

In addition Roy Galley (District and County Councillor) was present. There were also members of the public present.

Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council was in attendance.

The Chairperson of the Parish Council, Andrew Goodburn (AG), opened the meeting at 8pm following the Public Meeting.

69. To accept apologies and reason for absence.

Emma Mills – Daughter injured.

70. To receive Declarations of pecuniary and declarable Interests from members in respect of any matter on the agenda.

The Chair reminded Cllrs to declare when necessary.

71. To approve as a true record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2017.

**Unanimously approved.**

72. To deal with matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2017.

Forest School – Contracts signed no further update on drop off arrangements to date.

Good neighbour correspondence had been acted on by DB and CC along with Beryl Blake and a working party was working on progressing it,

AM confirmed the newsletter would be sent out early April.

73. Correspondence List.

This had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Items of note included the conservation area which had been slightly extended by WDC more information would follow in due course.

The Conservators’ meeting was highlighted an alternative date was being investigated as it clashed with the annual meeting.

ESCC letter re wildlife verge at Perrymans’ Lane was reviewed – The Council had no objections.

St Catherine’s Hospice poster request for make a will incentive was reviewed – It was agreed to add the poster to the notice boards.

74. Finance.

(i) To report on account year to date.

AP reported on the account which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The yearend projection was close to actual figures and likely expenditure would be 90k with 132k in the current account and 80 k in the savings account.

There were no further queries.

(iii) To report on ear marked reserves and confirm any transfers.

No updates required.

(iii) To accept expenditure list.

**Two expenditure lists had been supplied for £6807.28 and £1006.44 both were unanimously approved.**

(iv) To accept bank reconciliation.

**This had been reviewed by AP and proposed for approval by the Council which was duly approved.**

(v) To accept risk assessment.

**Unanimously approved.**

75. To consider proposals for the parish facilities review. Costs to be confirmed.

A quote from AIRS had been received.

**The Clerk was asked to ask AIRS for a copy of a similar report and arrange an initial meeting with AIRS and PC representatives prior to a formal decision on the expenditure.**

76. To consider the floor proposal for expenditure considering the additional second survey visit and results for Danehill Memorial Hall.

The Council considered the history, quotes and survey addendum, whilst there appeared to be some remedial works it was still unclear that a full floor replacement was required. There were also many maintenance concerns including flat roof replacement and repointing and gutter works. The Council have already paid £2500 towards the floor works and WDC had provided a 5k grant.

**The Council asked the Committee to provide a repair quote rather than replacement quote for consideration if further funds on top of the £2500 already paid were to be considered. The Council was considering assets and future maintenance needs. This decision was unanimously approved.**

77. To consider Jubilee Green proposals. Costs to be confirmed.

Quotes had been received to level and reseed the area – The best value quote received was £6500.

**It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the quote from the Old Dairy for works up to £6500 to commence works in September to ensure the ground was not too dry.**

**It was also agreed if the tree surgeon carrying out local works could remove the silver birch and chestnuts up to a cost of £300 that should be confirmed.**

78. To receive Highways data and proposals if available.

The information had been recently received by NM and he would present it at the annual meeting.

79. To receive reports from Parish Councillors.

CC reported on Conservators’ meeting planned for 27th April clashing with the annual meeting. CC had requested a different meeting date. Repairs to three car parks had been completed however thefts had increased and further surveillance cameras had been installed.

CC thanked Cllrs for their help with the Village surgery. Positive feedback had been especially welcome.

CC reported on Weald link and their future schedule of works which would be presented at their next meeting.

DB reported on electrical works to the CG hall and a recent fundraising evening which raised £291.

RL reported on recent working party activities and reported fouling on the courts and future mole and court works. The Clerk was asked to provide some signage for fouling and also warning for future works.

AG reported on nursery AGM and possible relocation.

AG reported on the visit to the burial ground with the grave digger. He confirmed there is a power to provide not a duty and there was ample space at the current time but looking forward to the future he proposed getting quotes for capping the wall and repairs to hand rails and path – This was unanimously approved.

TB reported on recent approvals including the Cumnor application. More planning information would be provided at the next planning meeting.

80. To consider Planning Applications if applicable.

**Application No. WD/2017/0456/F**

Location: CHELWOOD COMMON FORGE, TANYARD LANE, CHELWOOD GATE,

RH17 7LY

Description: ENCLOSE EXISTING OPEN BARN TO FORM DOMESTIC STORAGE

**The Council supports the application subject to neighbours’ comments**.

Date of next meeting

Annual Meeting 27th April 2017 Chelwood Gate Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting 25th May 2017 Danehill School

**Meeting closed at 9:35pm**