**DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the public meeting preceding the Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at Danehill Memorial Hall.**

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

Absent: None

In addition, 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:** The County Council meeting would fix the precept at a cabinet meeting in two weeks time, however it had already considered a 2.99% increase and social care levy of 3% so an increase of 5.99% overall was likely, this was necessary due to the national central government grant decrease. There were also likely cuts to services including the closure of the Forest Row amenity tip. WDC cabinet would meet next week and there was a likely 2.7% increase. He also reported that there would be no civil enforcement of on street parking and WDC was committed to free car parks to support the market towns.

**Report from Cllr Roundell –** He confirmed the air quality reports from Natural England were due by the 17th February and the Local Plan could then move on to the next stage. The Fairfax Developments application was likely to be refused. Finally he reported on the purchase of the retail units at Vicarage Fields. With central government grants decreasing it was important to invest to generate income to replace lost grants.

**Public:**

There was a question on the redevelopment of Pine Grove. Cllr Roundell confirmed it was still in the planning process.

The public meeting closed at 7:55pm and the Parish Council meeting commenced.

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81. To accept apologies and reason for absence.

None

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

The Chairman reminded Cllrs to declare when necessary.

83. To approve as a true record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2017.

**Proposed by NM seconded by RL and unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.**

84. To deal with matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2017.

NM reported on the yellow lines proposed for Church Lane – All approved by ESCC just awaiting scheduling by ESCC.

AG reported on recent follow ups with the finance officer for the Ashdown Forest and highlighted the problem with grant delays.

85. Correspondence List.

The List had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1. To ratify Pension Discretions document.

**Unanimously approved and adopted.**

1. (ii) Request for the finger post to be reinstated at the junction between Boxes Lane and Coach and Horses Lane - Mrs McParland.

**It was agreed not to pursue new fingerposts locations at the current time.**

86.Finance.

(i) To report on account year to date 2017/18

AP reported on the account which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The account was tracking to budget with a small surplus.

(ii) To accept expenditure list.

**This had been circulated prior to the meeting totalling £11,219.82. An additional invoice for fingerposts was noted. This amended list was unanimously approved.**

(iii) To ratify Finance Committee Minutes 10/1/18.

**This had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was unanimously approved.**

(iv) To accept bank reconciliation and risk assessment.

**This had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was unanimously approved and signed off previously by AP at the finance meeting.**

(v) To accept Finance Committee recommendation to set the precept at £98790.00 for 2018/19 (a decrease of 11% from 2017/18.)

**Proposed by TB seconded by RL and unanimously approved.**

**This was unanimously approved.**

(vi) To approve the budget for 2018/19 as approved at the Finance Committee meeting.

**This had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was unanimously approved.**

87. To approve following expenditure   
(i) on Danehill burial ground to complete wall works with York stone topping £2200 plus VAT Barcombe Landscapes.

**This had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was unanimously approved.**

(ii) Hard core track on Jubilee Green £980.00 plus VAT The Old Dairy.

**This had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was unanimously approved.**

(iii) BBQ costs and supplier to be confirmed at the meeting.

**These had been circulated prior to the meeting. More information was required, this decision was deferred to a future meeting.**

88. To approve new fee schedule for the Cemetery and the Garden of Remembrance.

**This had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was deferred to a future meeting when grave digging costs could be confirmed.**

89. To receive Highways proposals update.

The School Lane feasibility study had been received and circulated to all Cllrs. The matter was discussed briefly.

**The Council agreed to review in full at the SLR meeting with ESCC on 30th January before any decision was made.**

90. To receive facilities review update and expenditure plans.

RL outlined the possibilities.

It was agreed that AG, RL and AP would meet on the 31st January to agree wording for a questionnaire to present options. It was agreed to get this questionnaire out to the Parish after the next newsletter and highlight it in the next newsletter and hold a public consultation on the subject at the Annual Parish meeting in April.

91. Parking Sticker Wording for approval.

This was deferred to a future meeting as no wording had been received.

92. To receive reports from Parish Councillors.

DB reported on recent successes with fundraising for the Christmas appeal. Future dates were highlighted 21st February AGM and 23rd February Quiz.

CC reported on feedback that a summer event would be best held on alternate years to the Ashdown Weekend.

CC requested help with the village market on 17th March it was agreed to only man a Cllr stall from 11-1pm and DB agreed to do the second hour.   
  
AM reported on the Boxing Day football match.

AP reported on the Danehill Memorial Hall repairs. He also highlighted the AGM date on the 12th March.   
  
93. Matters to report and for consideration at future meetings.

Cllr A. Martorana confirmed his intention to resign. The Chair thanked him for all his work and especially the efforts with the newsletter.

94. To ratify planning minutes.

**This had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was unanimously approved.**

95. To consider planning applications

Application No. WD/2018/0006/F Application

Location: WEST WING 1 CHELWOOD VACHERY, MILLBROOK HILL, NUTLEY, TN22 3HR Description: NEW WINDOW AND SLIDING FOLDING DOORS TO SOUTH WEST ELEVATION AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS.

**The Parish Council supports the application subject to any neighbour concerns.**

96. To consider newly submitted planning applications

Application No. WD/2018/0042/FA

Location: CATS PROTECTION NATIONAL CAT CENTRE, ISLE OF THORNS LANE, CHELWOOD GATE, RH17 7TT Description: VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 2 AND 8 OF APPLICATION WD/2017/1410/F (PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES AND RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING PARKING AREAS).

**The Parish Council supports the application**

Date of next meeting 28th February 2018 at Chelwood Gate Village Hall.

**Meeting closed at 9:30pm**