**DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Danehill Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at Chelwood Gate Village Hall.**

Present: A. Pattison (AP), R. Wood (RW), N. Macleod (NM), T. Blake (TB), C. Crouch (CC), D. Birchell (DB), G.Powell (GP) and R. Lewis (RL).

Absent: A. Goodburn (AG)

There were also members of the public present.

Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council was absent.

The Chairperson of the Parish Council for the meeting (TB), opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

**Cllr Galley and Cllr Roundell were not present.**

**Public:**

**There were several members of the public who expressed thanks at the engagement between the Danehill Memorial Hall and the Parish Council. In addition, there was an update on the progress of the flooring in the Memorial Hall along with a request to support architects fees. The Parish Council were informed that following the replacement of the floor in the Memorial Hall the removeable stage was scrapped.**

**Several members of the public commented on the further degradation of the waste collection within the Parish.**

**An update on the WW1 Armistice Centenary was requested.**

**A request for support regarding the Uckfield Community College bus service was made.**

**Comments regarding the siting of the path around the tennis courts, the coping on the burial ground wall and the burial ground steps being slippery were made.**

The public meeting closed at 7:50pm and the Parish Council meeting commenced.

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1. To accept apologies and reason for absence.
2. Goodburn (AG) holiday

In his absence T. Blake Vice Chair of the Council chaired the meeting.

1. 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.

RL declared an interest in the Uckfield Community college bus service.

1. To approve as a true record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2018.

Unanimously approved as a true record.

1. To deal with matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2018.   
   None
2. Correspondence List.

This had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The following were highlighted:

1. Local Plan
2. Uckfield Community College Bus Service
3. Finance.
4. To report on account year to date 2018/19.

This had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no further questions.

1. To approve Payment schedule.

This had been circulated prior to the meeting. Unanimously approved.

AP asked the rest of the council to consider what additional projects/maintenance works could be considered in the future. RL mentioned the increased use of the Rec and Pavillion as two areas requiring consideration.

1. To consider proposals for the parish telephone boxes.

CC presented details of 4 possible options for the Red Telephone box.

Option 1: Recommission the box in lieu of the modern telephone box in Chelwood Gate.

Option 2: Move it to another location and refurbish it.

Option 3: Refurbish and Leave it in situ.

Option 4: Sell it.

The council decided that detailed costings for options 1+2 should be ascertained prior to any final decision. GP proposed option 4.

1. To consider proposal for the centenary of the end of WW1.

TB presented updates to the WW1 commemorations. A silhouette has been ordered by the church and is expected to arrive shortly.

Other elements include knitted poppies (there has been a good response to this already) to be displayed at the memorial, there will be a book of remembrance at the church.

There are 48 names listed on the memorial.

It was suggested the school should be involved.

TB proposed that the council set aside £300 towards the WW1 commemorations. This was unanimously approved.

1. To receive update on facilities review including any expenditure.

The council considered the request to support architects fees for the proposed refurbishment and improvement of Danehill Memorial Hall. The council unanimously approved up to £2900 to be spent.

1. To consider proposals for the burial wall and any additional expenditure within the burial ground.

Two requests to be made to Barcombe:

1. Get confirmation that the coping on the wall can be returned to original state. If this can be done at no charge it was unanimously voted on that this should go ahead.
2. There are three posts for the handrail on the path that are loose in the ground and require concreting.

Further

The sleepers on the path are very slippery when wet – it was suggested that a wire mesh (similar to that seen on styles and walkways on public footpaths could be suitable. This work will need to be quoted for.

TB asked for further discussion regrading the wall/burial ground extension and earthworks to be deferred to a later council. This was agreed.

1. To consider quotes for installation of SID posts.

NM gave an update on quotes received for the installation of the SID posts.

Only one quote has been received which was over £2900. The council felt that this was potentially excessive (£1000 of the quote was for traffic management).

The council felt that they were unable to approve this spend without written evidence that other approved contractors were unable/unwilling to quote for the work.

1. To receive reports from Parish Councillors

AP reported on a recent surgery where there was feedback on the following:

Danger with walking where there weren’t pavements.

Noise from the Red Lion Pub. In particular a recent car meet at the pub.

Waste Collection

Housing Local Plan

DB reported on the new toilet facilities installed at Chelwood Gate Village Hall and mentioned the Memorial Garden.

CC stated next surgery would be 17th November. DB and AP to attend.

CC also stated that Weald Link are still desperate for drivers.

RW gave details of next Parish newsletter

RL gave update on BBQ use over summer – good use in Chelwood Gate, Unused in Danehill.

With two junior football clubs the Rec, Pavilion and storage shed are now in use and that the cleaning rota for the Pavilion needs to be reinstated. Horsted Keynes have only committed to one season, Lindfield wish to use the Rec in the future as well.

Someone has contacted the council regarding setting up a tennis club in Danehill – this is to be explored further.

1. Matters to report and for consideration at future meetings.

None so far.

1. To consider planning applications.

TB gave an update on the massive influx of planning applications received over the summer. There were 3 objections made with the remainder being approved subject to neighbours. There were no further applications to consider.

Date of next meetings

Parish Council Meeting 17th October 2018 – Danehill Memorial Hall

**Meeting closed at 0950pm**