**DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Danehill Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at Danehill Memorial Hall.**

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

Absent: G.Powell (GP)

There were also members of the public present.

Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council was present.

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

**Cllr Galley reported:**

Central government had provided additional funds for adult social care, winter care and potholes and as part of the business rates pilot ESCC had received an additional payment from the Government meaning only 5 million savings are needed to balance the budget rather than the 11 million originally needed.

School finances continue to be focused on however he reported it was not as dire as sometimes suggested and in 2017/18 a third were over budget but as many had not used their budgets. RL highlighted the school meeting on 24th January to discuss future options.

**Cllr Roundell sent his apologies.**

**Public:**

Brian Elliot representing Danehill Memorial Hall reported on the loss from the Panto despite being a good community event it was hoped it would be more profitable next year.

He also updated the Council on progress with the architect and staged costs and the likely date for a public consultation at the Ashdown Café on 8th March. The Parish Council asked him to get the plans to the Council ASAP for their review. The Council also agreed to put the issue of funds on the next agenda for earmarking within the reserves.

Katherine Allenby representing the nursery spoke in support of a new scheme for the pavilion, and the urgent need for new Danehill based premises.

The public meeting closed at 8:20pm and the Parish Council meeting commenced.

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1. To accept apologies and reason for absence.

GP – work

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.

TB confirmed interests in grants to the Church and youth worker.

1. To approve as a true record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2018.  
   **Unanimously approved.**
2. To deal with matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2018.   
   270 bus reduction was limited to the 6:35pm timetable so the cuts were less than had been feared.
3. Correspondence List.   
   The list had been circulated prior to the meeting.

There was new correspondence from Danehill Memorial Hall which was duly noted.   
The correspondence on trees was noted and the Clerk was asked to proceed with works on trees and liaise with the landowner direct.

1. Finance.
2. To report on account year to date 2018/19

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The account was tracking to budget expectations. The only underspend likely was the Chelwood Gate memorial garden project.

The Clerk was asked to change the DHMH budget heading to DHMH donation in line with the VAT advice.

1. To approve Payment schedule.

The list had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**The list totalling £20643.75 was unanimously approved.**

*The following items were allocated ten minutes each maximum for discussion prior to a vote.*

1. To consider grant proposal from the Forest Centre for 2019/20 for £1000.00

**The Parish Council agreed to support the proposal unanimously. The Clerk would confirm this and request a plaque and acknowledgement on the Forest website.**

1. To consider the grant proposal for Chelwood Gate church for funding up to £2500.00 2019/20.

**The Parish Council was not inclined to agree this and wanted to see a more joined up use of community facilities to help all community groups and so instead agreed to review this request in conjunction with a longer term strategy for the parish facilities.**

1. To consider the Youth Worker 3 year proposal for funding £10,000 per annum 2019/20 – 2021/22.  
   **The Parish Council agreed to a further year of funding in 2019/20 at £8200. The Church would need to apply to the newly elected Council for** **future years funding.**
2. To receive update on the Danehill Memorial Hall plans including expenditure required, monies from Parish Council funds requested and to note the VAT reclaim position.  
   **The Parish Council agreed** **to increase the funding for progressing the project from £2900 to £6000 including that spent to date. This was agreed by majority vote with one against.**

**The Council noted the VAT advice and was satisfied (majority vote – RW noted his continued concern).**

**The Council reviewed the panto loss request letter and unanimously agreed to not cover the loss from the Panto.**

1. To consider proposal from Chelwood Gate nursery group for the pavilion including capital expenditure and options on the building.   
   **The Parish Council unanimously agreed that it could not afford a new pavilion but was interested in the possibility of helping the nursey move to ensure its viability and ongoing benefit to the school so in turn agreed to facilitate a meeting between the two hall committees and the nursery and the Church. RL and TB would represent the Council and the Clerk would contact all parties shortly.**
2. To approve £35.00 for London Bridge website preparation.

**The Parish Council agreed to support the proposal.**

1. To receive reports from Parish Councillors.

RW reported on the newsletter which was expected to go out next week.   
He reported on the Wealden Conference.   
  
DB reported on the Christmas tree fundraising. The hall AGM would be held at 8pm on 20th February.

CC reported on the next village market on 23rd March. She also highlighted the Wealdlink increase.

NM reported on the SLR meeting.   
**The Council agreed that they would pay ESCC for a speed survey near the Cats Protection site up to £500 and asked the Clerk to write to the Cats Protection for possible funding for this and the second SID purchase. The Clerk would also add the SID purchase to the next agenda.**

RL reported on the continued dry weather and the continued use of the Rec.   
There were some maintenance issues to report and arrange repairs for.   
He would liaise with the Clerk on this and the purchase of some new football goals for Jubillee Green. Likewise the Clerk would liaise with him on the Rec ownership so progress can made on the grant working group on the running track project.

TB reported on the WDC local plan which was now with the inspector. This meant the outstanding applications would not be determined including the one at Sandy Lane.

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

None.

1. To consider planning applications received if noted on the agenda and those received since the agenda was published.

Application No. WD/2019/0074/F

Location: 3 MASKETTS MANOR COTTAGES, CHELWOOD GATE ROAD, NUTLEY, TN22 3HD Description: SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS TO FENESTRATION

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

Application No. WD/2018/2442/F

Location: DANEHILL SOCIAL CLUB LTD, LEWES ROAD, DANEHILL, RH17 7HR Description: RE-SUBMISSION OF WD/2013/0984/F AND WD/2013/2197/F TO BUILD TWO EXTENSIONS TO THE SOCIAL CLUB, ONE TO ALLOW PART OF THE CLUB TO BE USED AS A VILLAGE SHOP AND THE OTHER TO PROVIDE STORAGE FACILITIES. EXTENSION TO BOUNDARY WALL

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

1. To approve a motion to exclude the public from the final part of the meeting to receive a confidential report from David Carden.

**The Council agreed to support the motion and entered a private confidential meeting.**

1. To receive the report from David Carden and approve implementation of the recommendations.

The Council agree to support the recommendations and would proceed with the recommendations in the report.

**The Council agree to support and implement the recommendations within the report.**

**Date of next meetings**

Planning 6th February 2019 – 9:30am Chelwood Gate Parish Office

Parish Council Meeting 27th February 2019 – 7:30pm Chelwood Gate Village Hall

**Meeting closed at 10:30pm**