**DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Public meeting prior to the Danehill Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at Chelwood Gate Village Hall.**

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

Absent: R. Lewis (RL), A. Goodburn (AG) and A. Pattison (AP).

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 (TB) opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

**Public:**

There were several members of the public who raised concerns over the proposed development at Lilac Farm.

Steve Barns spoke out against the application at 2 Main Building Chelwood Vachery.

Eric Walsh raised some concerns over the public footpath near Cumnor School.

There were various concerns over lack of planning notifications from WDC.

There were concerns raised over the footpath near to Lilac Farm.

Brian Elliot representing Danehill Memorial Hall updated the Council on progress with the architect and costing report and the likely date for a public consultation at the Ashdown Café on 8th March had been postponed due to costs being higher than expected. 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.

**Cllr Galley reported:**

The budget and precept had been agreed by ESCC. He had sent his monthly report which was available on the DPC website.

WDC had met Biffa to progress the new contract. There were still issues with roadside waste and Kier but he was chasing this up.

**Cllr Roundell had no report to add.**

The public meeting closed at 8:05pm and the Parish Council meeting commenced.

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95. To accept apologies and reason for absence.

AG and AP – Holiday

RL – Meeting commitment.

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.

1. To approve as a true record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2019.

**Unanimously approved.**

1. To deal with matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2019.

The Clerk confirmed she was awaiting a tree quote for Chelwood Common.

The Clerk was liaising with RL over ownership of the Rec.

1. To consider planning applications received. *(This agenda item was moved to the earlier part of the meeting from the published agenda due to the public interest in the planning applications.)*

Application No. WD/2019/0222/F

Location: LILAC FRUIT FARM, SCHOOL LANE, CHELWOOD COMMON, RH17 7JQ Description: CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO. TWO-BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND THE DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION OF LILAC FRUIT FARM, PHASED BY EACH UNIT, TOGETHER WITH RE-ALIGNMENT AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING ACCESS DRIVE.

Application No. WD/2019/0109/F

Location: LILAC FRUIT FARM, SCHOOL LANE, CHELWOOD COMMON, RH17 7JQ Description: CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO. TWO-BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL UNITS AS A PHASED DEVELOPMENT AND RE-ALIGNMENT OF EXISTING ACCESS DRIVE

**The Parish Council discussed both applications on Lilac Farm together and confirmed it objected to both applications. The style of the development is modern and rather basic, but the Council has more serious concerns over the scale and mass of the proposal. The whole development is out of keeping within the AONB and the proximity to the Ashdown Forest is a concern with this increase in new housing. Chelwood Common is an open space between the villages and this would encourage a suburban sprawl and the Parish Council wishes to retain the open space in this location. The proposed road is not in keeping with a rural environment and is restrictive in terms of access for refuse and emergency vehicles. The Parish Council has had several concerns raised by neighbours and would ask that WDC reject these applications. (Cllr Wood abstained from the discussion)**

Application No. WD/2019/0252/F

Location: ROSE COTTAGE, STONE QUARRY ROAD, CHELWOOD GATE, RH17 7LP Description: PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR REAR EXTENSION

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

Application No. WD/2019/0177/F

Location: 2 MAIN BUILDING, CHELWOOD VACHERY, MILLBROOK HILL, NUTLEY, TN22 3HR Description: USE OF FORMER MAINTENANCE BUILDING AS RESIDENTIAL ANNEXE ANCILLARY TO 2 MAIN BUILDING.

**The Parish Council objects to the application due to the proximity of Ashdown Forest and increasing residential properties within the locality. The distance to the proposed annexe and the main building is far too excessive to be considered an annexe or ancillary. It is deemed inappropriate residential development. The application wording is also concerning as the Council are unaware of a lawful use for the building either current or proposed. (Cllr Crouch abstained from the discussion)**

Application No. WD/2019/0230/F

Location: CHAPEL WOOD MANOR, CHELWOOD GATE ROAD, NUTLEY, TN22 3HE Description: PROPOSED EXTENSION & ALTERATIONS

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

Application No. WD/2019/0338/F

Location: FERNDALE, TANYARD LANE, CHELWOOD GATE, RH17 7LY Description: PROPOSED ORANGERY TO REAR

**The Parish Council supports the application subject to any neighbour’s concerns. (Cllr Wood abstained from the discussion)**

Application No. WD/2019/0098/F

Location: LITTLE MILLBROOK FARM, MILLBROOK HILL, NUTLEY, TN22 3PH Description: DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW BUILD LOW-ENERGY (REPLACEMENT) DWELLING AND SINGLE-STOREY LINK CONNECTION, PROVIDING ACCESS TO CONVERTED HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION WITHIN AN EXISTING HOVEL STORE

**The Parish Council supports the application.**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Planning Appeal against Refusal of a Householder Application Appeal by Mrs Kat Zahran (the Appellant) Site: FEATHER VIEW COTTAGE, BEACONSFIELD ROAD, CHELWOOD GATE, RH17 7JU Proposal: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION TO GROUND FLOOR. LOFT CONVERSION INCLUDING NEW DORMERS AT REAR OVER EXISTING Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/C1435/D/18/3219016 Appeal Start date: 15 February 2019

**The Parish Council notes the appeal and has no further comment.**

1. Correspondence List.

The list had been circulated prior to the meeting.

There was new correspondence from Danehill Memorial Hall which was noted.

The correspondence on Cumnor was noted. **The Clerk was asked to write to the School with concerns over the footpath.**

The grant request from the Market Committee was noted. **The Council broadly supported the initiative for a shed and it would be added to the March agenda.**

The grant request from the School was noted and the Clerk would add this to the March agenda. Any further information required from the School should be requested via the Clerk.

The thank you letter from the Nursery was noted.

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.

1. To approve Payment schedule.

The list had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**The list totalling £7429.02 was unanimously approved.**

1. To consider the cemetery update and any expenditure proposed.

The Danehill cemetary update was deferred to the next meeting.

DB provided an outline and plan for the Chelwood Gate garden of remembrance and would bring a proposal and costings back to the March meeting.

1. To consider Danehill Memorial Hall update and any expenditure proposed.

The Council were disappointed in progress and would review earmarking of funds at the next meeting. The asked the Clerk to chase the Committee for a firm proposal.

1. To receive reports from Parish Councillors.

RW reported on the newsletter which had gone out.

He had moved the PC hub in Chelwood Gate to the kitchen to benefit all hall users as requested.

He also asked if he could fix the notice board in Chelwood Gate and the Council agreed.

CC reported on the next village market on 23rd March.

She also highlighted the Weald link increase in passenger numbers to 15.

Ashdown Forest had thanked DPC for the grant. The recent fires were noted as a combination of human error and exceptionally dry conditions. She also reminded the meeting of the byelaw of no drones.

She outlined her actions in the recent poor weather with her list of vulnerable parishioners.

NM reported on the Cat Protection meeting. **It was agreed to propose at the next meeting another SID purchase and to ask the Cat Protection to aid movements of SIDs between sites. The speed results were available and would be posted to the website shortly.**

DB reported on the Fletching Charity She was willing to continue with this post May elections and highlighted the fund availability for those in need. She also confirmed the Parish Office would be redecorated by the Chelwood Gate hall Committee in August 2019.

She also reported on the rumoured closure of St Raphael’s.

TB reported on the recent nursery and hall dialogue. There were no further actions or meetings planned yet it was understood RL was liaising with the nursery to progress matters.

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

**The nursery bake off – DB and CC agreed to attend on behalf of the Council. The Clerk would let the nursery know.**

**Date of next meetings**

Planning 13th March 2019 – 9:30am Chelwood Gate Parish Office

Parish Council Meeting 27th March 2019 – 7:30pm Danehill Memorial Hall

**Meeting closed at 9:45pm**