**DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of public meeting preceding Danehill Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30th October 2019 at Chelwood Gate Village Hall.**

Present: R. Wood (RW), R. Lewis (RL) (Chair), N McPherson (NMCP), T. Blake (TB), M Mockridge (MM).and A Martin (AM)

Absent: N. Macleod (NM), G.Powell (GP) and M Lewer (ML).

There were also members of the public present.

Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council was present.

**Cllr Galley** reported that the ESCC budget and cuts were sufficient going forward although there were likely to be further cuts to children’s services following a review of underused services. He also reported that Fletching School future was as yet underdermined.

There was no planned works on hedges in Beaconsfield Road despite lobbying ESCC.

After declaring a climate emergency WDC were trying to liaise with parishes now to engage on climate change.

Finally he reported on the BIFFA waste contract which was going well with only 72 missed bins last week over the whole district – A record in recent times and hopefully this number would decrease over time.

**Public:**

Emma Gilham asked Cllr Galley to investigate road stripes in the 30mph area of the A275. The Clerk agreed to raise the issue with ESCC to see if it was viable.

Andrew Goodburn congratulated the Council on a good measured job on Danehill Memorial Hall and urged public consultation on the pavilion and all-weather track.

Anouk Barrott had received the window stickers financed by the Council and agreed these would be available at community events and from the Parish Council.

The meeting closed to the public and the formal meeting commenced at 7:45pm

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1. To accept apologies and reason for absence.

N. Macleod (NM) – holiday

G.Powell (GP) – work

M Lewer – holiday

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 25th September2019

**These were unanimously approved by the Council and signed as a true record.**

1. To deal with matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2019

The Clerk confirmed the insurance company had agreed to pay the solar light claim. The Council would consider the quote for the lighting in conjunction with the resurfacing project in the Spring.

The Clerk reported that ESCC after much lobbying had agreed to de- weed the path from the cemetery to the centre of the village.

The Clerk reported the tennis courts would be de-mossed and cleaned when the weather was drier.

The Clerk had been asked to ask Facebook to archive the old PC account and get a new account to publicise PC messages. Facebook and the owners of the page had been unresponsive and the previous Clerk had not administered it. RW agreed to look into it further.

1. Correspondence.

The list had been circulated prior to the meeting and was read out by the Chair. There were new items and those highlighted of interest were also examined.

The lychgate attempted theft was noted and the volunteer repair noted. Further works to the gate were required and the Clerk would action this and also a roof inspection for future works.

The Christmas tree festival correspondence from Beryl Blake was noted and it was agreed a simple tree with Cllr photos to be taken at the next PC meeting would be actioned.

1. Finance.
2. To report on account year to date 2019/20

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was accepted by Cllrs at the meeting.

NMCP reported on the account which was running to budget with known agreed overspends at this stage in the financial year.

1. To approve Payment schedule.

The list had been circulated prior to the meeting. **Payments totalling £34605.76 were unanimously approved.**

1. To ratify Finance Committee Minutes.

**These minuted were duly ratified.**

1. To consider initial budget proposal.

This had been circulated prior to the meeting with a small increase to the precept to cover running costs and some projects outlined but using reserves to cover expenditure. **Some tweaks were agreed and the Clerk would action for approval at the next meeting.**

1. To consider expenditure on History Society Cupboard £1704.00

**The Council agreed it needed further information on fireproofing of the archive and would revisit this decision at the next meeting.**

1. To consider expenditure on tree works as per schedule.

The report and quotes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**The following was agreed:**

* **Works to the cemetery as per ML request £350.00**
* **Works to Jubilee Wood as per the tree report and specification £1650.00**

**The Council reviewed the overall costs for hedging in the cemetery and agreed to include in the budget but that the Council would look at the quote in more detail once the burial project strategy was agreed.**

1. To consider expenditure on the all-weather track

**The Council agreed to get further quotes but agreed the project for 2020 in principle and for an allocation to be made for it in the 2020/21 budget.**

1. To consider expenditure on grounds works in addition to those previously agreed and budgeted.

No further works were required above that agreed at the current time.

1. To consider planting scheme on the burial ground and common as per schedule.

**The Council reviewed the possible proposal for the copper beech planting scheme instigated by RW. This would need public consultation and a further quote and therefore this was deferred to a future meeting.**

1. To receive update on the Memorial Garden project.

**RL after unanimous approval opened the meeting for Mike Mulford to speak.**

Mike Mulford reported works were about to commence and the low-level planting for easy maintenance would commence early in 2020.

He agreed he was happy to liaise with ML re re-greening the cemetery slope.

**RL after unanimous approval re-opened the PC meeting.**

1. To consider the future use of the site of Ashdown Forest Cricket Club and any action the Parish Council should consider including costs.

There were no further requests or information supplied to the Council since the initial request. **The Council agreed to park the request and not add to future agendas unless new information came to the Council’s attention.**

1. To consider whether the Council consider a future project to the pavilion on the REC and to hear proposals from the Nursery.

**RL after unanimous approval opened the meeting for a short presentation by the nursery.**

The need for a nursery and wrap-around care at the School was reported.

**RL after unanimous approval re-opened the PC meeting.**

**After some discussion it was agreed that the Council would review the needs of the community and the condition of the current building and would investigate options with the nursery prior to the meeting in November.**

**The Nursery were asked to supply their information on costings and their business plan in advance of the meeting.**

**The Clerk was asked to ensure the electrics at the pavilion were disabled.**

1. To consider cemetery update.

This item was deferred until the next meeting and Cllr Lewer’s return.

1. Reports from Parish Councillors on their areas of responsibility if applicable.

TB reported that the remembrance display had been installed successfully.

TB reported on the WDALC meeting he had attended and the sites allocation from the Mid Sussex local plan.

MM reported on the process for recruiting a new youth worker.

MM reported on the school’s aspirations for a Multi- Use Games Area – MUGA.

RW reported on the Chelwood Gate Hall AGM – no changes in the line up.

RW invited the Council to enter the Hall quiz on 13th November.

RW reported on the Christmas tree lighting on 13th December.

RW reported footpath tidying continued.

RW confirmed the next newsletter would go out immediately after the next meeting and invited articles ASAP.

TM reported on the need for Wealdlink drivers. The success continues and the shopping service had increased in numbers recently. A 3% increase was being requested in 2020/21.

TM reported on initiatives from the Forest on fundraising and deer safety.

RL reported on the drainage works and future tennis court works. He also reported on the future plans with Lindfield Football club and charging schedule and grass cutting requirements in 2020/21.

In the absence of NM the Clerk reported on the purchase of the second SID, instruction of the ESCC recommended contractor as before and the completion of the relevant licenses.

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

Precept and budget for 2020/21

Cemetery

Pavilion

Date of next meetings

Parish Council 27th November 7:30pm

Meeting closed 10:25pm