



DOGMERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held at Dogmersfield Primary School 10th November 2014

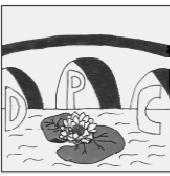
Councillors present:

CLlr Geoff Beaven (GB)
CLlr Alastair Clark (AJC)
CLlr Mike Ricketts (MR)
CLlr Graham Leach (GL)
CLlr Martin Hannah (MH)
CLERK Claire Inglis (CI)

Members of Public present:

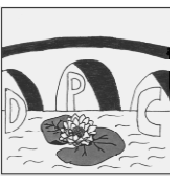
Mary Morrison (MM) Susan Wall (SW) Steph Thomas (ST)
Jo Thomas (JT) Carol Leversha (CL) John Kennett (JK)
Max Fullbrook (MF) Neil Dickson (ND) Ken Crookes (KC)
Chris Ward (CWa) Elizabeth Waller (EW) Chris Waller (CW)
Brian White (BW) Jeremy Robson (JR) Bianca Robson (BR)
Stephen Gorys (SG) Doreen Melbourne (DM) Christine Lowe (CLO)

120/14	Agenda item 1	<p><u>Welcome & Apologies</u></p> <p>The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Chairman who welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Apologies were passed on from PC Paul Franks and PCSO Liz Wallace.</p>	
121/14	Agenda item 2	<p><u>Declaration of interests – current agenda</u></p> <p>None</p>	
122/14	Agenda item 3	<p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>GB opened the public participation session by providing an update on various topics starting with:</p> <p><u>Hart Housing Development Options Consultation</u></p> <p>Following the useful discussion about the consultation paper two meetings ago DPC made its own submission; which in summary supported the Dispersal Option 1 (equal pain for all) in line with the views expressed by residents at the DPC meeting.</p> <p>GB went on to explain the outcome of the consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of 685 responses from residents, developers, planning agents, landowners and statutory consultees, option 1 (within existing settlements) and option 4 (new settlement) emerged as the two preferred options followed by Option 3 (urban extensions), option 2 (dispersal) and finally Option 5 (SPA avoidance). • No information is available on how this outcome was arrived at. An analysis of the 685 submissions would most likely make interesting reading with possibly responses from the large urban areas like Fleet dominating. <p>Based on the outcome of responses Hart officials have recommended a so called balanced approach for meeting the future housing needs comprising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development outside the SPA zone of influence – 150 to 200 new dwellings - the consultation paper indicated that the capacity for this area (Odiham and beyond) would be 1,500 hence this area is to be spared. - Development within existing settlement boundaries – approx. 750 new 	



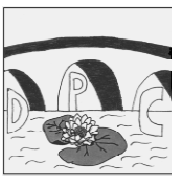
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122/14	Agenda item 3 cont'd	<p> dwellings – there is very little available spare space within the Dogmersfield settlement boundary and the impact on us should be low.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Development adjoining settlements within the SPA zone of influence – 100 to 650 new dwellings – allocations will be very important as there will be no automatic protection for vulnerable villages like Dogmersfield.- Strategic Urban extensions – 0 to 600 new dwellings – this could well allow the Netherhouse Copse development to go ahead which according to the developers own admission will double the rat run traffic flows through Dogmersfield.- New Settlement at Winchfield – 1800 to 2400 new dwellings – in truth this means at least 5000 new dwellings which will have significant adverse implications for Dogmersfield. <p>GB stated that in his view this is probably the worst possible outcome for this community. GB invited KC to inform those present where the community stands.</p> <p>KC firstly commented on the responses received and confirmed that he has requested an analysis by postcode of the responses received and the weighting of responses from different demographic groups such as residents and developers. He commented that the SPA avoidance option was the least preferred. The SPA zone relates to a distance >5km from the SPA boundary and includes areas such as Odiham, the Warnboroughs and the western edge of Hook.</p> <p>Within existing settlement boundaries relates to development in for example large gardens. KC pledged to look closely at brownfield sites with an amount of unoccupied office buildings in Ancells, Hook and Fleet Road, KC has requested an analysis for re-use of these buildings. New offices are being built in Basingstoke and Farnborough so there is sufficient supply of modern office space in the local area.</p> <p>Urban extension would require a one-off site of 600 dwellings with a level of self-sufficiency to include a school and shop. There are 2 sites in Hook although HDC is not keen to give Hook anymore and then sites at Grove Farm and Pale Lane on the Elvetham estate. In the short term HDC will not be able to prevent the inevitable submission by developers seeking planning permission but HDC will defend against submissions not considered appropriate.</p> <p>New settlement – KC explained that the glossy brochure produced by Barratt Homes on the Winchfield New Town is just that a glossy brochure and has not been consulted on with HDC. Barratt Homes claim they have Options on land in Winchfield. For a new settlement to be viable it would have to bring about 4-5000 new homes and the creation of a Secondary school would be a vital infrastructure item.</p> <p>The supply of sites to satisfy development within the SPA zone of influence is such that Dogmersfield should not be significantly impacted by this option as there is sufficient supply on the eastern side of the district.</p> <p>The biggest threat is the new development option and KC spoke of having specifically requesting the wording “at Winchfield” be removed from the cabinet paper but did not receive the support for this. KC is determined for any such development NOT to be developer led, who seek to maximise profit and reducing the return to communities and the district in terms of infrastructure. Quick delivery is also not considered appropriate and it is imperative that planning should be well thought out before a shovel is put in the ground.</p>	
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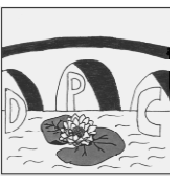
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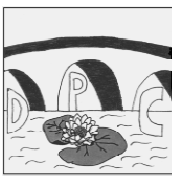
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122/14	Agenda item 3 cont'd	<p>even worse issues that will arise after the development of the field. A meeting with the school, parish council, education authority, the Diocese and landowners should be arranged to discuss the potential threat and get in front of the problem. GB agreed to consider how best to respond.</p> <p>GB also commented that the plans have to take into consideration the village constraints which include sewage, water, gas and the roads. Currently Thames Water have said that there is adequate capacity in the main sewer system on Chatter Alley towards the QH. Concern was also expressed about parking outside the garage which was considered to be a safety hazard.</p> <p><u>Water in the Gas Mains</u></p> <p>GB reported that following the enquiry at the last meeting he has spoken to Peter Greenwood who is the Southern Gas Networks Engineering Manager for the area. He has confirmed that they have now isolated the one Km section of redundant pipework that they believe to be the source of water in the Dogmersfield mains. They are now regularly monitoring what he referred to as the syphon points (where water would collect) and so far these are all dry. He has reassured DPC that they are not being complacent and wants to hear from anyone who incurs any issues.</p>	
123/14	Agenda item 4	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2014</u></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes (107/14 to 119/14) be accepted as a true record and they were signed by GB. (AJC proposed, MR seconded and all were in favour).</p>	
124/14	Agenda item 5	<p><u>Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2014</u></p> <p>The outstanding action list was considered at this time with some items due for consideration as an agenda item below.</p> <p>Other actions outstanding or completed are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CI had received a response from Canal Authority which confirmed that reparation of verge is still outstanding but a timescale could not be given. Landslide work is due to take place between January and March of 2015. • Noticeboard has been repaired. • Footpath between school and church had been looked at and location of natural spring could not be located. MR was aware of location and would inform other councillors to allow consideration of an action plan. • Dogmersfield sign repair has been completed. • Footpaths confirmed as having been cleared by Rights of Way dept. • Residents were provided with a development in Dogmersfield update. • Developer meeting notes are on website. • Materials were provided to Community Payback team to maintain bus shelter. • Risk assessment for Christmas lights has been agreed. • Schedule unblocking culverts session. • AJC Confirmed that HALC and NALC fees would not be increasing significantly, in the region of £5 - £10 uplift. 	<p>CI</p> <p>MR</p> <p>GB/AJC</p>
125/14	Agenda Item 6	<p><u>Finance and Regulatory Matters</u></p> <p><u>To receive and approve the financial statement of account and payments in period from 1st to 31st October</u></p> <p>CI reported the Bank balance at end of October stands at £8,370.83 and this has been</p>	



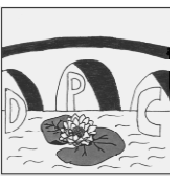
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125/14	Agenda item 6 cont'd	<p>The making of any oral report or audible commentary during the meeting that could disturb or disrupt the proceedings or the recording, filming or photographing of children or members of the public who do not wish to be so recorded will not be permitted.” (GB proposed, MR seconded and all were in favour).</p> <p><u>To discuss Draft Budget proposal 2015/16</u> CI and GB met in October to put a first draft budget proposal together and this has been circulated. GB summarised that there were three main issues to consider. The level of the Precept for the year which can be confirmed as part of the budget process; the Fixed cost elements of the budget, Internal Ops and what is considered the Discretionary spend, Service Delivery. Figures have been suggested for each section. The Lengthsman work also needs to be incorporated into the budget process. GB asked for comment on the initial draft and suggested that a strategy meeting be held to discuss the finer detail to submit project plans for 2015/16 to then bring a budget to December meeting for approval.</p> <p>The suggested figures for expenditure in each section are similar to this years’ budget. Should expenditure on improving the DPC website be provided for? Crondall recently won an award for their website. CI would inquire how much was spent by the parish on the website and who they used. MR considered that in future years’ consideration needs to be given to raise the precept. Comment was made that not all Service delivery carries a cost such as Planning. CL asked whether consideration could be given to replacing the signage to the entrance to the village to provide it with a better identity to include a village logo. There should be less tree work next year but there should be a provision in case of storm damage. There has been a sense of appreciation of the work that has been carried out around the village this year and it would be worthwhile continuing to deliver results.</p> <p><u>To agree proposal to dispose of Parish Council printer</u> The HP Deskjet 1280 printer was temporarily used by CI and was found to be ineffective for day to day use proving difficult to print double sided and slow. Problems with ink and paper feed were occurring on a regular basis. CI proposed that it is now defunct for DPC work.</p> <p>GB commented that he would be happy to take it on for private use and CI suggested nominal write off value of £1 to dispose of the asset from the DPC asset register.</p> <p>It was resolved to dispose of the DPC HP Deskjet 1280 printer for a nominal value of £1 to any interested party in purchasing it (GL proposed, GB seconded and all were in favour).</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CI</p>
126/14	Agenda item 7	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>GB reported on the launch by HDC of a public consultation on the proposed arrangements for Community Infrastructure Levy. The proposals appear to represent a considerable climb down from the previous consultation. The level for Dogmersfield may have dropped from £800 per sq m to between £175 and £250. GB commented that the supporting documents that were provided as an up to date assessment of infrastructure needs and plans are very disappointing. The consultation ends on the 12th December and GB will prepare a DPC submission for consideration.</p>	<p>GB</p>



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126/14	Agenda item 7 cont'd	<p><u>Report on current planning applications and confirmation of Parish Council responses</u></p> <p>The following applications were discussed and decisions noted where applicable:</p> <p>Land at Knights Close for 27 dwellings – DPC submitted an objection to this application. This is being considered by the Planning committee on Wednesday 12th at HDC. It has been confirmed that the sewage will not now be routed into the Dogmersfield system which can be seen as a small success. Surface water run-off is also a concern but the reported anticipated run-off states that it is expected to be less than a greenfield site.</p> <p>Netherhouse Copse for 423 dwellings – DPC submitted an objection to this application. It is not certain when this will be considered by HDC.</p> <p>Gypsy site on A287/ Crondall Road junction – DPC submitted an objection to this application. It is not certain when this will be considered by HDC.</p> <p>Rye Common Lane, Rose Court for 4 dwellings – DPC submitted no objection to this application. Crondall PC response includes a comment that it is too low density and expresses concern for access to the A287.</p> <p>A new application has been received today from the Bee Farm which proposes to retain the existing property that was to be knocked down after the new build property was erected. The new build has gained permission on a different part of the site. The retention of the property is for subsequent different usage i.e. Bee keeping. A protocol will be circulated for agreement and submission by DPC.</p>	GB
127/14	Agenda item 8	<p><u>Environment</u></p> <p><u>To report on progress made by working party working party activities on tidy up projects around the village and upcoming dates</u></p> <p>GB reported that the second Saturday of ‘Dogmersfield Dads’ ditch digging took place during October and the main ditch down Chatter Alley has now been re-dug down to Whites Farm. On Saturday 15th November the team will continue down to the river and address some of the blocked culverts en-route.</p> <p><u>To report on the current month visit by the Community Payback Team to perform village tidy up work</u></p> <p>The visit in November saw the team complete the works to the footpath in Chalky Lane and weather-proof/maintain the bus shelter. This has made a huge improvement in exposing the full extent of the footpath and improving sight lines. On the next visit due 5th December the program is for the team to dig the back ditch along Chatter Alley.</p> <p>GB suggested that as momentum has been gained with the projects around the village and the value for money work achieved from the Payback team that they be retained for another 3 visits in the New Year, one per month in January, February and March. CI confirmed that there was capacity in the budget for a further three visits at £75 each.</p> <p>It was resolved to book the Community Payback team for a further 3 visits, one per month in January, February and March, at £75 per visit (GB proposed, AJC seconded and all were in favour).</p> <p><u>To report on recent Flood forum meeting</u></p> <p>GB reported the discussions and previous correspondence that had taken place at the most recent Flood forum (chaired by KC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many key issues had been raised and responses received in correspondence 	CI



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<p>127/14</p>	<p>Agenda item 8 cont'd</p>	<p>with Thames Water before the forum meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No problems with the Chatter Alley system had been identified despite monsoon levels of rain on 26th August .It could be considered that this shows that surface water from adjacent roofs was not overwhelming the pump. TW explained that a number of problems with both the pumping station and the filter bed have been addressed. These included fitting a new non return valve, refurbishing the filter syphon, restoring the filter brickwork, clearing out the ditch and cutting back undergrowth. GB was able to add that a village working party was overhauling the ditch through the rest of the route to the river Hart. There had been no reported problems of overflows from the Pilcot Green system. Red Cottages have recently fitted non return vales which could move the problem to an adjacent property. Unpleasant smells resulting from problems with the dosing system at the Four Seasons pumping station had reoccurred. TW confirmed that financial approval was being given to fit sealing plates to all of the manholes that might be allowing surface water to enter the system and to repair the leaking brickwork in the manhole at the junction of Church Lane and Chatter Alley behind the QH. Highways were asked again to investigate the flooding problems in front of the QH. CI reported that engineers had been seen working on this problem in the past three weeks and the flooding in this area has eased although not completely resolved. The EA refused to accept that upstream improvements to the Hart river channel would reduce the risk of flooding in Dogmersfield but have agreed to have a site meeting to re-examine the options. <p><u>To consider costing options for long term low cost maintenance of traffic chicane islands in village and verge cutting programme for 2015.</u></p> <p>The council is in receipt of two quotes for the chicane works which are quite different from each other. The option is quite a costly one and it was decided to discuss the potential project as part of a budget strategy meeting.</p> <p>GL also suggested providing for the cost of scalplings for any proposal to maintain the footpath from the school to the church at £40 per bag.</p> <p>GB requested that MR look at the footpath again, and provide an updated estimate for the budget discussion.</p> <p><u>To report on meeting with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to discuss invasive species and wildlife habitat on Pilcot Green North</u></p> <p>A quote has been provided for the infill to hedge which is a costly proposal. GL to continue to scope out the work required and any cost implication for budget discussion.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>GL</p>
<p>128/14</p>	<p>Agenda item 9</p>	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p><u>To report any updates on Highways matters</u></p> <p>AJC reported on his attendance at the latest Traffic Partnership meeting and expressed his disappointment at the lack of Highways dept. representatives. AJC has subsequently emailed the department with a list of the outstanding Dogmersfield issues. Permission has been requested for installation of timber Dragon’s teeth to be installed on the bend in Chatter Alley. The question was asked whether these could be installed without waiting for this permission. AJC considered that highways would want to carry out a safety audit and should avoid any such pre-emptive action.</p> <p>AJC was in receipt of confirmation from our local police representative information</p>	



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128/14	Agenda item 9 cont'd	<p>relating to traffic speed monitoring. Free training is available and would require a team of six volunteers, equipment such as Hi-visibility jackets would be provided and the volunteers would also be covered under the HCC public liability insurance policy. AJC confirmed that volunteers do not necessarily need to be Councillors and suggested that the matter be discussed further at a strategy meeting.</p> <p>AJC also commented that he had received information on the availability of Wheelie bin stickers at 50p each which display a 30mph or 40mph speed limit sign on them.</p>	ALL						
129/14	Agenda item 10	<p><u>Other matters to report</u></p> <p>Community Liaison – It was confirmed that the anticipated road closure to Church Lane will be Wednesday 12th and not Monday as advertised and anticipated to last for two days. AJC reported that there is to be a change of Manager at The Four Seasons Hotel.</p> <p>Training – Councillors and the Clerk have attended training this year and any further training needs this year would be discussed as they arise.</p> <p>Website – As per budget discussion</p> <p>Newsletter – A timeline for a Spring edition of a newsletter was circulated by MR. GL asked what the feedback had been on the last edition. MR responded that it had been very positive and the content and layout were equally enjoyed. GB asked whether the timeline considered the meeting dates for those months which MR confirmed they did. All agreed that it was a workable timetable. MR would make the necessary approaches to request articles for a future newsletter. This will include the suggested inclusion of historical information relating to individuals from the village who lost their lives in WW1 and those that returned from war also.</p>	MR						
130/14	Agenda item 11	<p><u>Crime and Disorder Act, section 17</u> No matters to discuss.</p>							
131/14	Agenda item 12	<p><u>Dates of future meetings</u> <u>2014/15</u> Meetings are scheduled as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1458 1145 1541"> <tr> <td>December 8th</td> <td>January 12th</td> <td>February 9th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 9th</td> <td>2015/16 to be scheduled</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	December 8 th	January 12 th	February 9 th	March 9 th	2015/16 to be scheduled		
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132/14	Agenda item 13	<p><u>Information Sharing</u> Meeting closed at 9.37pm.</p>							

Signed.....
Chairman

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