



DOGMERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held at Dogmersfield Primary School 8th December 2014

Councillors present:

Cllr Geoff Beaven (GB)
Cllr Alastair Clark (AJC)
Cllr Mike Ricketts (MR)
Cllr Graham Leach (GL)
Cllr Martin Hannah (MH)

Members of Public present:

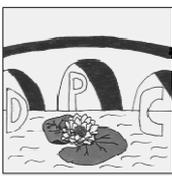
Elizabeth Waller (EW) Chris Waller (CW) Chris Ward (CWa)
Mary Morrison (MM) Jeremy Robson (JR) Bianca Robson (BR)
Stephen Gorys (SG)
CLERK Claire Inglis (CI)

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| 133/14 | 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 received from District Cllrs Ken Crookes and John Kennett</p> | |
| 134/14 | Agenda item 2 | <p><u>Declaration of interests – current agenda</u></p> <p>None were received</p> | |
| 135/14 | Agenda item 3 | <p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>GB expressed thanks on behalf of Dogmersfield Parish Council (DPC) for the village event held on Saturday 6th December on Pilcot Green. Dogmersfield Events were to be congratulated for a well organised and enjoyable event.</p> <p>GB updated the public present on current issues: Hart Consultation – A detailed proposal following the outcome of the recent consultation by Hart was put to HDC on 27th November which has resulted in the concept of a New Settlement in Winchfield being put to ‘test’.</p> <p>The meeting was very complex and quite bad-tempered. Proposals were put forward requesting the removal of the word Winchfield to try to make way for other options to be explored in other areas in equal depth. All of these proposals were rejected.</p> <p>In the main vote which included the proposal to test a new settlement in Winchfield only four voted against with the rest in favour.</p> <p>The outcome of all this is that Cllr Ken Crookes resigned as leader of the Council. The Winchfield New Town will be tested against Town and Country Planning Association’s ‘Principles for Garden Cities’ which may provide some protection for local areas like Dogmersfield.</p> <p>Development in Dogmersfield – Hazeley Developments have now submitted a Pre-application request to HDC and a meeting will be held on 11th December which DPC have been invited to attend. This will provide DPC with the opportunity to hear the comments made by a planning officer on the development proposal. The plans submitted still show residual strip for use by school for parking but no access is currently available to this area.</p> <p>JR voiced disappointment in the departure of District Councillor Ken Crookes as leader of the council and concerns over the exploration of Winchfield for a New Town</p> | |



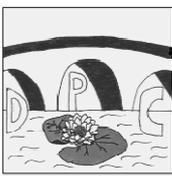
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| 135/14 | Agenda item 3 | <p>development. JR asked how residents can make their voices heard as representations made seem to carry no weight. Should he write to Cllr Gorys to express his disappointment in the way the vote went and ask for residents of Dogmersfield to be considered in such drastic planning matters? GB considered that because of the ward structure Odiham residents would carry more clout in the upcoming Councillor election process. District Councillors cannot be relied upon to represent only Dogmersfield. GB also reminded residents that there is still a long road ahead and this is only the start of the journey. The first stage will be to confirm the land availability as it is a long time since landowners put land forward for inclusion in the SHLAA. It was also more likely that more than one developer would be involved in such a long term scheme rather than just Barratt being considered.</p> <p>EW asked what time period the 5,000 houses would be built over as the consultation only mention 1,800-2,200 in the time period of 2012-2032. The commencement of any such large scale project would commence during the 2nd half of the twenty year period being considered presently and a number such as 5,000 would be completed after 2032.</p> <p>GB continued to comment that Hart district is also very vulnerable to being forced to provide more than its quota as Surrey Heath is claiming that they are limited to the number of houses they can provide because of the Green belt and Rushmoor have run out of land. Under the rules HDC would have to pick up the difference which could make Dogmersfield very vulnerable as all SHLAA sites might have to be considered.</p> <p>EW asked what the consequence of the pre-application meeting might be as for instance did Winchfield Court not have pre-application advice sought on it but it was still turned down by Hart. AJC clarified that the pre-application advice is given by planning officers who give advice on for example the local area, any limiting factor such as tree preservation orders and give the theory of planning principles. It is the Councillors that decide on approval or otherwise of an application. Councillors will take note of what officers say. Winchfield Court was unusual as officers and the Winchfield Parish Council supported it but it was voted against by Council.</p> <p>District Councillor SG arrived at this time and was invited to comment on his position in relation to the Winchfield New Town. SG commented that he had supported the vote for removal of Winchfield from the overall proposal but when this was rejected he was compelled to vote in support of having a Local Plan which included the proposal to 'test' Winchfield as a new town settlement. SG confirmed his position as supporting the Local Plan but is against a new town settlement on Winchfield.</p> <p>JR asked what more can be done by residents to have their voices heard as the consultation seems to be ignoring the wishes of the public.</p> <p>Comment was passed that the level of responses from a potential 85,000 HDC residents was very poor and of those some 600 + comments received a significant number of these were received from developers and those promoting land for use. It was also considered a possibility that those residents that did respond were located in Hook and Fleet.</p> <p>GB voiced concern that the impression is that Hart will not succeed in putting a Local Plan in place without a Winchfield New Town. CWa further commented that this becomes baked into the local psyche and the impression is that it becomes the only option to the detriment of not seeking out other alternatives such as brownfield sites.</p> <p>SG confirmed that not many brownfield sites exist in Hart and whilst there are a lot of empty office units around they tend to be held by Pension trusts which means they are not likely to be sold on the open market to free up land. EW raised the point about a brownfield site in Dogmersfield (namely the Foster & Heanes site) which was put forward for development in the past and rejected due to the loss of local employment. A much improved scheme of cottage style dwellings was abandoned by the site owner due to the</p> | |
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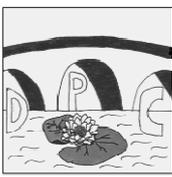
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| 135/14 | Agenda item 3 | <p>suggested cost of decontamination of the site which was also seen as prohibitive against realising a profit from the site. Thus the garage lease was renegotiated with Foster & Heanes.</p> <p>GB considered that the Consultation was significantly flawed as in relation to a new settlement option a number of 1800-2200 houses was mentioned not 5000. SG agreed that the next phase of consultation will need to address such shortcomings but for a realistic new town settlement to be tested 5000 is a sustainable number to test.</p> <p>EW asked which area the consultation was referring to in question of the 1700 plus houses for a new settlement. This was confirmed as originally relating to Lodge Farm otherwise referred to as Newlands Farm.</p> <p>Questions were raised about what would be 'tested'. SG did not have the answer to this question at this time but was content that all aspects would be looked at.</p> <p>CWa considered that infrastructure was the key issue to be tested because the current suggestion of a new town centred around Winchfield station, which currently does not have parking capacity, or sufficient stopping services to make commuting viable from Winchfield. This would in turn put pressure on Fleet traffic and capacity for parking at the station. Promises of schools etc. all getting watered down by the final proposals is just not acceptable.</p> <p>MR agreed that infrastructure must be provided up front as experience shows that doctor's surgeries and schools just don't get built as developers aim to maximise profits. Lack of this infrastructure detracts from the quality of life that led many people to settle in the area in the first place.</p> <p>GB referred to the Government providing Bicester with £108m to make the new town viable there.</p> <p>MH considered that HDC is in disarray over the whole issue especially with the departure of Ken Crookes.</p> <p>SG confirmed that a new leader of the council has not yet been selected.</p> <p>GB concluded the discussion by asking for any final questions or to raise other matters.</p> <p>CWa asked whether there would be any feedback after the pre-application meeting to be held later in the week. GB confirmed that there would be. GB also commented that a plan to meet with the school, diocese and property arm of Hampshire County Council to discuss any options has been set in motion. This may not resolve anything but it is the first step.</p> | |
| 136/14 | Agenda item 4 | <p><u>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2014</u></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes (120/14 to 132/14) be accepted as a true record and they were signed by GB. (MH proposed, MR seconded and all were in favour).</p> | |
| 137/14 | Agenda item 5 | <p><u>Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2014</u></p> <p>The outstanding action list was considered at this time with many 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"> • Canal authority have restored the verge on Chatter Alley, but it has subsequently been damaged again by parking probably associated with the school. It was considered whether the installation of Dragon's teeth could be carried out without approval from highways. AJC suggested that he email highways dept. and explain that unless DPC hear otherwise the work will be carried out in say January. Some contractor details would be put forward. | AJC |



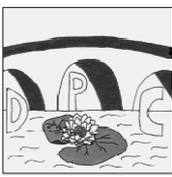
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| 137/14 | Agenda item 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of footpath in poor condition – meeting needed to be rescheduled this will be done • Work has commenced on unblocking culverts and would continue. • Lloyds Online banking application has been submitted and now await the processing of it. • Cost of Crondall PC website upgrade had been established as costing £1,000. • Payback team have been requested to attend once monthly from Jan to March. CI to agree dates and confirm jobs to be carried out. • Speed monitoring scheme actions still outstanding • MR has made initial requests for content for next newsletter. CI to include deadlines for Newsletter in the Action list document | MR GB CI ALL CI |
| 138/14 | 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 30th November</u></p> <p>CI reported the Bank balance at end of October stands at 7,849.37 and this has been agreed by AJC and signed.</p> <p>November payments made were confirmed as follows: Chq no: 893 £25 Elvetham Heath Parish Council – room hire Chq no:894 £73.46 Clerk expenses Chq no: 895 £387 Clerk November salary</p> <p>The Lengthsman scheme invoice issued by DPC was returned requesting a purchase order reference provided by HCC. This has been re-issued to HCC and hopefully this will ensure prompt payment of the funding for 2014/15.</p> <p>CI has had acknowledgement from Lloyds Bank of receipt of Online Banking application and is awaiting this to be finalised.</p> <p>It was resolved that the statement of accounts be accepted as a true record and payments listed therein be confirmed (GB proposed, GL seconded and all were in favour).</p> <p>Payments requested for authorisation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2014 Clerk Salary payment £387.00 due 20th of the month • Peter Barton Electrical safety certificate up to £40 as previously agreed • December 2014 Community payback team visit £75 <p>It was resolved to authorise payments to be settled as listed upon receipt of relevant paperwork (invoice or expense claim) (GB proposed, MR seconded and all were in favour).</p> <p><u>To discuss and approve Draft Budget proposal for 2015/16</u> GB provided some commentary on the budget figures that have been prepared as a result of DPC discussions about future projects and on-going commitments of the council. Numbers produced by CI in addition provide information on historical expenditure against the precept level and potential spend against precept level for the current year and budget year 2015/16. Based on this information in the past four years expenditure only exceeded the precept</p> | |



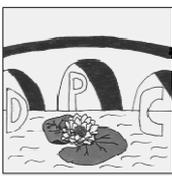
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| <p>138/14</p> | <p>Agenda item 6</p> | <p>level in 2013/14 due to the cost of an election of approx. £1.1k. The current year looks to also have expenditure exceeding the precept plus Lengthsman scheme funding by £1k with a predicted carry forward surplus of £5.6k into next budget year 15/16.</p> <p>The proposed budget for 15/16 provides for expenditure greater than income of approx. £4k therefore predicting a surplus carry forward of £2.2k.</p> <p>This level of expenditure greater than income is obviously not sustainable and DPC may look to increase the precept in future years. GB confirmed that residents would be consulted on this and considered that the APA would be the appropriate time to float this concept. Residents' views will be sought on whether to continue spending at the higher level or cut back and not carry out the tasks at the current level.</p> <p>AJC commented that he is aware of the significant cut backs that Hart will have to make which will filter down to parishes being required to carry out more of the work previously performed by district and county staff.</p> <p>SG commented that Hart is financially stable for the next 2-3 years. A new council leader may have a different view on expenditure so no comment can be made at this time.</p> <p>AJC suggested waiting for the Band D rating figures to be produced before confirming the Precept amount.</p> <p>AJC confirmed that there is talk that the Lengthsman scheme is likely to continue next year but there may be a reduction in the amount of funding.</p> <p>It was resolved that the proposed budget for 2015/16 be approved as per the summarised details below:</p> <p>Income budget be set as per precept targeting no increase to individual households but no less than £7,400 (plus additional tax base adjustment) the amount of the Precept TBC in January 2015 plus assumed continuation of Lengthsman scheme funding in 2015/16 of £1,000.</p> <p>Expenditure budget set as £12,500 and split as follows: £8,250 Internal Operations £3,750 Service Delivery £500 Contingency (MR proposed, MH seconded and all were in favour).</p> <p><u>To agree proposal to dispose of Parish Council printer</u> The HP Deskjet 1280 printer authorised for disposal will be purchased for £1 by GB as no other offers have been received.</p> |
| <p>139/14</p> | <p>Agenda item 7</p> | <p><u>Planning</u></p> <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 – Approval has been given to 26 new dwellings</p> <p>Land at Netherhouse Copse – SG commented that a decision on this application is not imminent. GB noted that the environment agency have responded that they are satisfied with the response relating to surface water and drainage.</p> <p>Ormersfield Lodge – variation of condition has been granted permission.</p> <p>Gypsy site on junction A287/Crondall Road – Due to be determined on Wed 10th December with approval recommended by HDC.</p> <p>Rose Court, Rye Common Lane – Application has been withdrawn maybe due to</p> |



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| 139/14 | Agenda item 7 | <p>suggestion that this was development by creep to avoid requirement for social housing. Chatter Alley 3 detached houses – Pre-application advice being sought and heard on 11th December.</p> <p>Another application of interest to mention are 2 pre-application advice requests sought on land adjacent or near to the station at Winchfield. These will be of interest in how they relate to the potential for ‘testing’ of Winchfield as a New Town settlement.</p> | |
| 140/14 | 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 on the most recent works carried out by ‘Dogmersfield Dads’ who have completed clearance of the Chatter Alley front ditch to across to Pilcot Green North which is now running much better. A drain was rodded under the drive at Pilcot House removing a plastic bag making it run more effectively. Highways will be required to make further investigations in the area in front of the Queens Head where localised flooding occurs. A walkabout with Highways has been suggested and this should go ahead.</p> <p><u>To report on progress from current month visit by Community Payback Team</u></p> <p>GB reported that a team of five from the Community payback team were on site in Chatter Alley on Friday 5th December. Good progress was made on the reinstatement of the rear ditch along Chatter Alley and culverts were rodded. The outcome of the day was very successful achieving a much improved flow through the culverts under The Lea driveway MM complimented the team on a job well done. A schedule will be put together for continued works and an on-site visit from Paula Robertson who manages the risk assessments ahead of jobs being carried out will be arranged. Jobs to consider include improvement works to footpath (with permission sought from relevant landowners) and removal of invasive species such as Himalayan Balsam.</p> <p><u>To discuss any potential proposal for improving the natural habitat by eradication of invasive species and improvements for wildlife habitat on Pilcot Green North.</u></p> <p>GL reported on having visited the green to consider work packages which could include re-planting the gap in the hedgerow; re-establishing the original entrance to the area; cut away undergrowth; dig out the ditch currently paving slab lined; investigate sewage in this ditch and resolve its origins; open up overhead canopy. GL will continue to work on scoping and costing these items to bring to the January meeting.</p> | <p>CI</p> <p>GL</p> |
| 141/14 | Agenda item 9 | <p><u>Highways</u></p> <p><u>To report any updates on Highways matters</u></p> <p>AJC reported that he had sent a schedule of outstanding works to Highways department. This was re-submitted due to the change in personnel in the dept. This has now been acknowledged and the contact has offered to perform a walkabout. No firm date has been co-ordinated yet but will be pushed for. As discussed earlier the Dragons teeth will be installed in January unless Highways have an issue and notify DPC.</p> <p><u>To discuss car parking at school</u></p> <p>GB reported that he had spoken to Chair of Governors, Doreen Melbourne and suggested that a meeting be held to try to look at solutions for the school parking situation in light of the potential development of the Fisk field. The school have contacted the Diocese and Hampshire Council Property Services but have not heard back to set up a firm date. This will be arranged in due course.</p> | <p>AJC</p> <p>GB</p> |



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| 142/14 | Agenda item 10 | <p><u>Other matters to report</u></p> <p>Community Liaison – GB and AJC have been invited to an event at Four Seasons on Wednesday 10th December.</p> <p>Training – It was resolved that GB and GL would attend the HDC run Planning training on 13th January at a cost of £65 per person (AJC proposed, MR seconded and all were in favour)</p> <p>Website – AJC and CI are to cross reference the mailing list for emails with the housing list to target residents who do not yet receive emails from DPC. This task will be carried out in time for delivery of the spring newsletter to enable a door knocking exercise to invite residents to join the mailing list.</p> <p>Newsletter – MR provided an update on the Spring edition of the DPC newsletter. Potential contributors have been approached and are happy to provide content. Councillors to be aware of timeline for contributions to the newsletter.</p> | <p>CI</p> <p>AJC/CI</p> <p>ALL</p> | | | | |
| 143/14 | Agenda item 11 | <p><u>Crime and Disorder Act, section 17</u></p> <p>No matters to discuss.</p> | | | | | |
| 144/14 | Agenda item 12 | <p><u>Dates of future meetings</u></p> <p><u>2014/15</u> Meetings are scheduled as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1182 932 1261"> <tr> <td>January 12th</td> <td>February 9th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 9th</td> <td>2015/16 to be scheduled</td> </tr> </table> | January 12 th | February 9 th | March 9 th | 2015/16 to be scheduled | CI |
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| 145/14 | Agenda item 13 | <p><u>Information Sharing</u></p> <p>AJC wondered whether Neighbourhood watch signs could be placed at both ends of the village and suggested contact with Mr Leversha who organises the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to see if this is possible.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.17pm.</p> | AJC | | | | |

Signed.....
Chairman

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