

# DOGMERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting Held at Dogmersfield Primary School 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

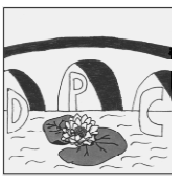
### Councillors present:

Cllr Geoff Beaven (GB)  
 Cllr Alastair Clark (AJC)  
 Cllr Graham Leach (GL)  
 Cllr Joanna Thomas (JT)  
 Cllr Mike Ricketts (MR)  
 CLERK Claire Inglis (CI)

### Members of Public present:

Carol Leversha (CLE)      Brian Leversha (BLe)      Steph Thomas  
 Chris Waller                Elizabeth Waller (EW)      Christine Smith  
 Brian White (BW)            Ken Crookes (KC)

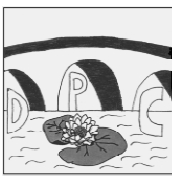
01/16	Agenda item 1	<p><b><u>Welcome &amp; Apologies</u></b></p> <p><b>All DPC councillors were present.</b></p> <p>In addition apologies were received from District Councillors John Kennett and Stephen Gorys and Mary Morrison. GB opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>	
02/16	Agenda item 2	<p><b><u>Declaration of interests – current agenda</u></b></p> <p>None were received</p>	
03/16	Agenda item 3	<p><b><u>Public Participation</u></b></p> <p>GB introduced the public participation section of the agenda by commenting that since the last meeting the work of the Council has been dominated by Hart’s consultation on its Refined Options for Delivering New Homes. DPC were pleased to see many of you at the drop in event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. Progress will be reported as well as considering the next steps under agenda item 7 and public participation will be allowed at that time.</p> <p>CLe requested clarification about the anti-bribery statement in the December minutes. CI explained this was to confirm that DPC councillors do not sit on the HDC planning committee or are an officer of HDC planning committee and therefore agreed that there was no undue influence in the matter of Solstice obtaining planning permission for the Solar Farm on Hungerford Farm.</p> <p>CLe asked for an update on the status of the telephone kiosk and its potential usage. GB confirmed that it was in the hands of the working party to make proposals for its use and suggested CLe contacted them directly.</p> <p>CLe commented on the continuing difficulty in passing along the footpath that runs from Chatter Alley to the Hungerford farm solar site. GL responded that work of this kind will be predominantly through the volunteer initiatives and that all are welcome to come along with tools to carry out the work. AJC also commented further on the Solstice Community Benefit fund that will be available for projects of benefit within the parish and resources could be utilised on such projects although the fund is not payable until electricity is generated from the solar farm. The funding could be substantial up to £2k per annum.</p>	



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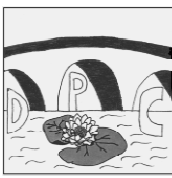
03/16	Agenda item 3 cont'd	<p>CLe asked what is being done to get Hampshire Highways to resolve the flooding issue outside the Queens Head pub. GB responded that Highways are considering it a low priority as there is currently no risk to people or property. It is evident that there is a significant blockage to the drainage pipe. GB suggests that everyone reports the issue on every occurrence of the problem on the Hampshire website at <a href="http://www.hantsweb.gov.uk">www.hantsweb.gov.uk</a>. Using Report it on the front page to report a problem on the road and use the map facility to pinpoint the area. BLe commented that he observed a cyclist who had dismounted to get past the problem area but was drenched by an inconsiderate driver. GL considered that as people are choosing to avoid the flood outside the pub by turning right from Church Lane onto Chatter Alley this is a very difficult and dangerous manoeuvre as there is no visibility from oncoming cars from the left.</p> <p>GB suggested that if as many people as possible reported the issue some action may eventually be taken. He confirmed with KC that the next Flood Forum is due to take place in a couple of weeks and that this issue should be brought forward then as well as the reoccurrence of problems with the Chatter Alley sewage pumping station adjacent to Acorns.</p>	
04/16	Agenda item 4	<p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>It was resolved that the minutes (131/15 to 143/15) be accepted as a true record and they were signed by GB.</b> (AJC proposed, JT seconded and all were in favour).</p>	
05/16	Agenda item 5	<p><b><u>Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015</u></b></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"> <li>• 'Dog Mess' signs to be installed</li> <li>• No Canal closure updates at this time</li> <li>• Date to be diarised at February meeting for walk of footpaths and inspection of Parish assets</li> <li>• CI contacted Solstice who confirmed that liaison will take place prior to commencement of works</li> </ul> <p>CI contacted Amanda Ingham of HIWWT inviting her to visit PGN following the work to rid PGN of Himalayan Balsam and clearance of some of the scrub. This is to seek specific advice on the next steps that should be taken. Amanda Ingham has given a comprehensive reply to CI's request including identifying the type of seed and the supplier that should be used.</p> <p>GB confirmed therefore that there is sufficient information to manage without a visit. Suggested seed types included either Woodland Mixture or the Wild Flowers for Woodland with the cost similar for both in relation to coverage. The area needs to be measured that will be treated to confirm how much is needed. CLe voiced caution with this course of action as aggressive weeds will in future years compete and whilst the seeds may be productive in the first year they may struggle in subsequent years. GB was content that the advice from HIWWT was relevant for the area.</p> <p><b>It was resolved to spend up to £60 on wildflower seeds for use on PGN following measurement of the relevant area</b> (GB proposed, GL seconded and all were in favour).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated insurance schedule has been received</li> <li>• Salary review reflected in budget</li> <li>• Post on Church Lane was confirmed as upright and safe</li> <li>• Maps for speed watch to be produced</li> </ul>	<p>CI/AJC</p> <p>GL/GB</p>





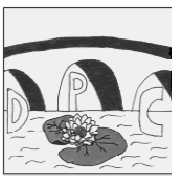
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06/16	<p><b>Agenda item 6 cont'd</b></p>	<p>difficult to run the show without sponsorship. They are seeking support through sponsorship in the region of £200 from DPC.</p> <p>It is worth reminding ourselves that currently DPC do not sponsor or support any private events with cash donations. The activities that may resemble sponsorship are that for many years the Parish Council purchased and erected a Christmas tree with lights on Pilcot Green South. For the past few years however Dogmersfield Events have taken over this task as part of their Christmas Event with the use of Parish Council owned lights and the Parish Council has met the cost of a safety inspection and certificate. Also the Parish Council has trimmed the hedge on Pilcot Green North at the time of the similar Summer Event but this has been volunteer effort with no expenditure involved.</p> <p>For consideration is whether we should agree to cash sponsorship or possibly whether alternatively we should offer support in kind if a suitable task can be identified that has wider benefits for the parish.</p> <p>GL considered that as a villager if he wishes to attend the event he is happy to pay the entrance fee and has in the past taken guests with him who have also been happy to pay an entrance fee. Attendance is from areas well outside the village. GB felt the precept was not the right source of funding and would be happy to offer support in kind if the organising committee felt that there was a task they would seek assistance with. AJC also agreed that he felt uncomfortable to take this from precept thus charging all residents for an event that they may not themselves want to attend.</p> <p>It was agreed that CI would respond and offer support in kind if there was a task that they could come up with relevant to the village.</p> <p><u>To agree meeting dates for 2016/17</u></p> <p>CI provided Councillors with a list of proposed dates. It was highlighted that the APA falls after the Easter holidays on 11<sup>th</sup> April and the AGM on the 9<sup>th</sup> May would follow any potential election to elect a new Dogmersfield Parish Council. All agreed that the dates be accepted and CI would notify the school to book the room(s).</p> <p>In relation to a possible election for DPC CI will establish and confirm the process for the required notices and ensure the timing would match any other elections required in the village.</p> <p>[MR was excused from the meeting at 8.20pm to assist a member of the public]</p>	<p>CI</p> <p>CI</p>
07/16	<p><b>Agenda item 7</b></p>	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></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><b>15/02111/AMCON Equestrian Centre removal and variation of approval conditions</b> – As indicated the Parish Council objected to the proposed changes to the conditions attached to the approval of this scheme. Permission has been granted by HDC.</p> <p><b>15/02191/LDC Blue Bell Lodge Lawful Development Certificate for siting of caravan</b> – There has been no change since last month but HDC website now includes a statutory declaration from someone who visited the site regularly many years ago confirming that there was an occupied caravan there at that time.</p> <p><b>15/02401/FUL Church Lane 3 dwellings</b> – There has been no change since last month. GB would expect the application to be considered soon by the HDC planning committee.</p> <p><b>15/02669/CA Rushy House</b> – The cypress trees covered by this application have been removed.</p> <p><b>15/02814/LBC Rosevale Chimes</b> - a new application to replace some rotten windows to match the existing. This is a Grade 2 listed building created from two cottages of different ages and appearance. Although having all similar window styles may improve the appearance, Listing considerations may favour retaining the existing mismatch. The Parish</p>	



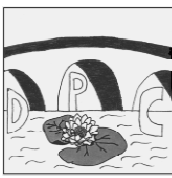
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<p>07/16</p>	<p>Agenda item 7 cont'd</p>	<p>Council has submitted no objections.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) update on progress</u> Work on the neighbourhood plan has been delayed by the need to concentrate our efforts on the refined options consultation. Once this is over DPC will be refocusing on the work to identify volunteers to form the steering committee and DPC will be requesting the available grants.</p> <p><u>To discuss and confirm response level to HDC Local Plan Consultation and agree DPC submission and Chairman's letter to Daryl Phillips</u> The Council agreed a three step approach to ensure that residents were aware of the implication for Dogmersfield of the consultation and were provided with guidance on how to respond.</p> <p><b>Step one:</b> Involved the delivery to all households of a Dear Resident letter spelling out the implications of the consultation and explaining why it is in resident's interest to respond. The letter enclosed a hard copy response form provided to us by Hart DC together with a another version of the same form showing how the Parish Council would fill in the mandated boxes. These were all delivered before Christmas and made available on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>To express their views residents could either complete the Hart DC online response form, fill in the hard copy blank form but if they fully supported the Parish council advise they only needed to add their name and post code to the filled in version of the response form.</p> <p><b>Step two:</b> As further support to residents the Parish Council held a drop in event from 11.00am to 6,00pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January. This provided an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the consultation and be helped to fill in a form on the spot. It was well supported and a large number of completed forms were left with the Council for onward delivery to Hart DC by the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><b>Step three:</b> Involves house to house calls to those residents that could not attend the drop in and has already been started. DPC needs to identify what remains to be done before the end of the week.</p> <p>GB had circulated the response form to be submitted by DPC and GB requested that this to be submitted on line to ensure that nothing is lost in transcription after it reaches Hart DC. Your endorsement of this draft is requested. All agreed with the content to be submitted.</p> <p>At a briefing for Parish Councils on 2<sup>nd</sup> November Daryl Phillips indicated that he would welcome a letter from Parish and Town Councils in addition to their submission of a completed response form. I have consequently circulated a draft letter from me to Daryl and I would like your endorsement to this also. I intend to copy my letter to our district representatives.</p> <p>GB reported that however HDC have over the weekend changed the online version of the consultation but this still leaves significant inconsistencies between the wording now of the questions on the website and the same questions in the supporting documentation to the consultation. AJC read the statement issued today by HDC.</p> <p><b><i>"Statement regarding versions of response form</i></b> <i>It has been brought to our attention that the text preceding Question 1 of the Local Plan Response Form changed during the consultation. This change only affected the hard copy response form (in pdf format) that could be downloaded from the website between 6 January 2016 and 11 January 2016. It did not affect the online response form. Originally the text preceding Question 1 read:</i></p>	<p>GB/CI</p> <p>CI</p>
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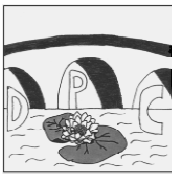
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08/16	Agenda item 8	<p><b><u>Environment &amp; Rights of Way</u></b></p> <p><u>To confirm Community Payback Team booking for April</u></p> <p>CI confirmed that the CPT has been booked to recommence work from April 2016. Friday will continue to be the visit day but the date in April is to be confirmed nearer the time.</p>	



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08/16	Agenda item 8 cont'd	<p>[MR returned to meeting] at 8.55pm]</p> <p><u>To receive update on chicane project information and agree to place order for work</u> Following the December meeting CI completed the following actions to finalise cost of project.</p> <p>To obtain licence for works on Highway would cost £115 with the licence valid for five years.</p> <p>Goslings confirmed quote was still valid for works.</p> <p>Goslings confirm they have correct £10m public liability insurances and accreditation to New Roads and Street Works 1991 Code of practice.</p> <p>HDC confirmed a planning application fee was not applicable</p> <p>Therefore the total cost of the project would be</p> <p>£115 licence £490 Goslings Total £605</p> <p>CI would request a method statement from Goslings to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	CI
09/16	Agenda item 9	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p><u>To report any updates on Highways matters</u> AJC confirmed that highways matters had taken a back seat during the past month due to the consultation work. BW asked about hedges being cut along Church Lane as they are causing a danger to drivers of large vehicles being required to drive in the middle of the road. AJC agreed that whilst this is the responsibility of the landowner HCC have also made such significant cut backs that any action is very unlikely.</p>	
10/16	Agenda item 10	<p><u>Other matters to report</u></p> <p><b>Community Liaison – <u>Update on possible implementation of Speedwatch</u></b> AJC to complete maps for GB to discuss further with the Fleet team.</p> <p><b>Training</b> – AJC drew attention to the “Planning for Tomorrow” Conference due to be held in March by HALC. GB considered that the conference was at a high level and therefore does not wish to attend.</p> <p><b>Website – <u>Transparency Regulations to approve claim for funding from HALC</u></b> CI confirmed that she had spent more time on the Transparency work during the month and considered the estimate provided at the February meeting summarised below was a realistic estimate of time and resource to submit a claim for funding from HALC. All were in agreement for CI to submit the claim. £67.85 Training costs incurred (HALC course plus travel) £60.00 Clerk time to date to assess need and compile documents for website (6 hours @ £10 per hour) £210 Clerk estimate of time required to complete website data update (3 days @ 7hours) £60 Clerk time Jan – Mar to maintain updates (@ 2 hours per months). Total claim will be submitted prior to the 15/2/16 deadline totalling approx. £397.85.</p> <p>Newsletter – It was agreed the timing of the newsletter should enable advertising of the APA with the NHP being the lead topic. CI would create a timeline to confirm the feasibility of a late March/ early April issue.</p>	<p>AJC</p> <p>CI</p> <p>CI</p>



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11/16	Agenda item 11	<p><b><u>Crime and Disorder Act, section 17</u></b></p> <p>CI and AJC were contacted by PCSO Paul Franks on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January in relation to the cricket club shed being broken into. The police were very responsive and attended the club to ascertain if there was any loss. CI put them in touch with members of the club.</p>															
12/16	Agenda item 12	<p><b><u>Dates of future meetings</u></b></p> <p><b><u>2015/16</u></b> Meetings are scheduled as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 593 1023 633"> <tr> <td>February 8<sup>th</sup></td> <td>March 14<sup>th</sup></td> </tr> </table> <p><b><u>2016/17</u></b> Meetings scheduled as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 736 1390 853"> <tr> <td><b>APA</b> April 11<sup>th</sup></td> <td><b>AGM</b> May 9<sup>th</sup></td> <td>June 13<sup>th</sup></td> <td>July 11<sup>th</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>No August meeting</td> <td>September 12<sup>th</sup></td> <td>October 10<sup>th</sup></td> <td>November 14<sup>th</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>December 12<sup>th</sup></td> <td>January 9<sup>th</sup></td> <td>February 13<sup>th</sup></td> <td>March 13<sup>th</sup></td> </tr> </table>	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>APA</b> April 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AGM</b> May 9 <sup>th</sup>	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	No August meeting	September 12 <sup>th</sup>	October 10 <sup>th</sup>	November 14 <sup>th</sup>	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	January 9 <sup>th</sup>	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	
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Signed.....  
Chairman

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