

DOGMERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Dogmersfield Primary School 12 July 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

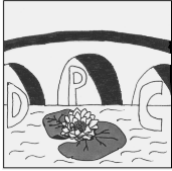
Councillors	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Graham Chisnall (Chair)	✓		
Cllr Anne Fillis (Vice-chair)	✓		
Cllr Graham Leach	✓		
Cllr Sarah Miles	✓		
Cllr Rob Molloy	✓		

Clerk: Martin Whittaker

In attendance:

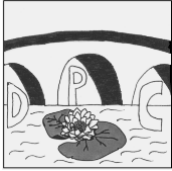
Cllr Ken Crookes, Hart District Council
5 members of the public

		Action
21/32	Welcome and apologies for absence Apologies were received from HDC Cllr Dorn, as he had to attend another meeting, and from HCC Cllr Tim Davies.	
21/33	To receive and note any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and requests for dispensation for items to be discussed Cllr Miles declared a personal interest in the planning application for Pond House.	
21/34	To approve the minutes of the council meetings of 17 May and 21 June 2021 The motion being proposed by Cllr Chisnall and seconded by Cllr Miles, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to approve the minutes of 17 May. The motion being proposed by Cllr Chisnall and seconded by Cllr Leach, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to approve the minutes of 21 June.	
21/35	Matters arising from the minutes All actions complete except: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21/21 1. 21/01376/HOU – on agenda• 21/21 1. 21/01309/PREAPP - on agenda	
21/36	Announcements from the Chairman and Clerk and members' questions received in advance of the meeting The Clerk reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The EasyPC accounts system is now in place at zero cost to the parish• Virtual phone number is now operational.	



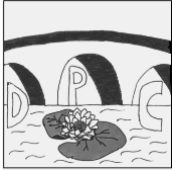
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	No questions were received.	
21/37	<p>County and district councillor's reports</p> <p>Cllr Crookes reported that Hart's Shapley Heath consultation was now closed but it would be autumn before any analysis was available. He also mentioned the Conservative Party consultation and noted that some residents have not received the information on this.</p>	
21/38	<p>Representations by the public</p> <p>None.</p>	
21/39	<p>To Consider the council's response to current planning applications</p> <p>1. 21/01435/HOU Erection of a two storey side extension with basement Pond House Church Lane Dogmersfield Hook RG27 8TA. Expiry: 13/7/21</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Chisnall and seconded by Cllr Molloy, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to object on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contravention of Neighbourhood Plan (NP) policy DNP8: Trees and Hedgerows • Contravention of Neighbourhood Plan (NP) policy DNP11: Dark Skies • Lack of clarity whether the development will be partially on agricultural land • Lack of clarity whether a previous order by Hart DC to establish a proper sewage system on site has been complied with • And, should Hart DC be minded to approve the application, a condition would be required to ensure that all vehicles involved in the construction should be parked on site. <p>The Clerk was asked to submit, in consultation with the Chairman, a form of words detailing the grounds for objection.</p> <p>2. 21/01309/PREAPP Various works Four Seasons Hotel Dogmersfield Park Chalky Lane Dogmersfield Hook Hampshire RG27 8TD. Expiry: N/A</p> <p>The Chairman explained that Hart had informed him that this item had been included on their website in error and would be removed.</p> <p>3. 21/01576/FUL Erection of arena mirrors Pilcot Farm Pilcot Hill Dogmersfield Hook RG27 8ST. Expiry 26 July</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Leach and seconded by Cllr Fillis, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously that, as there was no identifiable effect on the environment, the council would offer no objection.</p> <p>4. 20/01180/FUL Proposed energy storage facility to provide energy balancing services to the National Grid. STREET RECORD Rye Common Lane Crondall Farnham – Appeal. Statements due 29 July</p> <p>The council had objected to the original application as, although in a neighbouring parish, the development would affect properties and the environment in Dogmersfield.</p>	Chisnall /Clerk



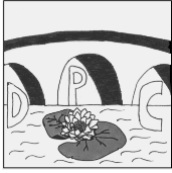
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	<p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Molloy and seconded by Cllr Leach, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to submit a statement to the appeal reiterating and elaborating on the original objection.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to submit, in consultation with the Chairman and Cllr Leach, a suitable statement.</p> <p>5. 21/01376/HOU Erection of a glazed roofed open sided extension to the rear St John's Church Lane Dogmersfield Hook RG27 8SZ. Expiry 16 July</p> <p>Cllr Leach noted that, although the proposal appeared to have no effect on the conservation area, the application was silent on whether external lighting was planned. If so, this would be in breach of Neighbourhood Plan (NP) policy DNP11: Dark Skies.</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Leach and seconded by Cllr Molloy, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously that the council should offer no objection provided that a condition was imposed to prevent the use of external lighting.</p> <p>To update members on any new planning consultations, appeals and enforcements.</p> <p>None.</p>	<p>Chisnall /Leach /Clerk</p>
21/40	<p>To approve paying the Clerk's SLCC membership fee</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Chisnall and seconded by Cllr Molloy, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to approve the fee.</p>	
21/41	<p>Finance & Regulatory Matters</p>	
1	<p>Agreement of payments to be made during the year without further authorisation under clause 5.6 of the Financial Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's salary • PAYE and NI • Phone • Email provision • Plus others notified at the meeting <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Leach and seconded by Cllr Miles, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to approve the following payments to be made in this way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's salary • PAYE and NI • Phone • Email provision 	
2	<p>To consider changes to the council's banking arrangements</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Leach and seconded by Cllr Miles, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously for the Clerk to be the administrator for the Hampshire Trust Bank account. The Chairman agreed to initiate this process.</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Leach and seconded by Cllr Miles, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to switch the council's current account to Unity Trust Bank as per the Clerk's recommendation, including applying for internet banking and a charge card for the Clerk's use limited initially to £250 per transaction.</p>	<p>Chisnall Clerk</p>



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3	<p>To note the bank reconciliations</p> <p>The bank reconciliations were inspected by Cllr Miles and noted by the council. The reconciled balances as of 30 June were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampshire Trust £28,029.65 • Lloyds £29,074.91 																																																								
4	<p>To delegate authority to the Chairman to approve the Clerk's overtime hours over next 6 months</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Leach and seconded by Cllr Miles, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to delegate authority to the Chairman to approve the Clerk's overtime hours claimed before the next meeting in September.</p>																																																								
5	<p>To authorise payments</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Fillis and seconded by Cllr Miles, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to approve the following payments.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 898 1350 1384"> <tr> <td>11/6/21</td> <td>DD</td> <td>PDF Architect (payment not made)</td> <td>Software-pdf.com</td> <td>-15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1261</td> <td>Partner contribution for canal</td> <td>Hants CC</td> <td>240.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1262</td> <td>Dogmersfield PC</td> <td>Deposit for Unity Trust</td> <td>500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1263</td> <td>Email service (R Molloy exp)</td> <td>UK2</td> <td>28.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1263</td> <td>Shapley Hth Letters (R Molloy exp)</td> <td>Charterlith</td> <td>31.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1264</td> <td>Internal Audit</td> <td>Lightatouch</td> <td>200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1265</td> <td>SLCC Membership (Clerk exp)</td> <td>SLCC</td> <td>112.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1265</td> <td>Local Council Administ (Clerk exp)</td> <td>SLCC</td> <td>119.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1265</td> <td>Delivery for book (Clerk exp)</td> <td>SLCC</td> <td>4.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1265</td> <td>Virtual landline (Clerk exp)</td> <td>Buzz Networks</td> <td>5.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/7/21</td> <td>1265</td> <td>Stationery (Clerk exp)</td> <td>Amazon</td> <td>2.12</td> </tr> </table>	11/6/21	DD	PDF Architect (payment not made)	Software-pdf.com	-15.00	12/7/21	1261	Partner contribution for canal	Hants CC	240.00	12/7/21	1262	Dogmersfield PC	Deposit for Unity Trust	500.00	12/7/21	1263	Email service (R Molloy exp)	UK2	28.80	12/7/21	1263	Shapley Hth Letters (R Molloy exp)	Charterlith	31.20	12/7/21	1264	Internal Audit	Lightatouch	200.00	12/7/21	1265	SLCC Membership (Clerk exp)	SLCC	112.00	12/7/21	1265	Local Council Administ (Clerk exp)	SLCC	119.00	12/7/21	1265	Delivery for book (Clerk exp)	SLCC	4.80	12/7/21	1265	Virtual landline (Clerk exp)	Buzz Networks	5.95	12/7/21	1265	Stationery (Clerk exp)	Amazon	2.12	
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21/42	<p>To consider adopting the General Power of Competence</p> <p>As the council currently exists only of elected members and the Clerk is CiLCA qualified, the motion being proposed by Cllr Leach and seconded by Cllr Molloy, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the General Power of Competence.</p>																																																								
21/43	<p>To consider changes to IT and email provision</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Chisnall and seconded by Cllr Fillis, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase Microsoft 365 Business Basic for all councillors and the Clerk • Purchase the domain dogmersfield.gov.uk from NetWise • Migrate current IT, email and website to the above • Agree fair recompense with the Clerk for the use of his own IT facilities <p>Members recognised that, if fair recompense cannot be agreed with the Clerk, they will need to consider providing a laptop and printer for the Clerk, with an upgrade of the MS 365 license to Business Standard.</p>																																																								

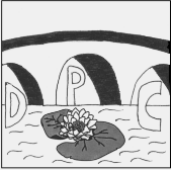


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21/44	<p>To receive a report of the Hampshire Highways meeting on 12 July and consider any related matters</p> <p>Cllr Miles reported that Philip Sheppard from Hart DC had agreed to meet on site to discuss signage at the canal bridge on Church Lane.</p> <p>Parking issues around the school, and safety issues over the bridge on Pilcot Road would be discussed next week at a meeting with Ian Janes, Hampshire CC.</p>	
21/45	<p>To receive an update on the Shapley Heath New Town and consider appropriate actions</p> <p>Nothing additional to report.</p>	
21/46	<p>To consider nominations to the Hart Association of Parish and Town Councils (HDAPTC)</p> <p>The motion being proposed by Cllr Chisnall and seconded by Cllr Leach, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to nominate Cllr Fillis to represent the council at HDAPTC meetings, with Cllr Miles as deputy.</p>	
21/47	<p>The Dogmersfield, Winchfield and Crookham Village Horticultural Society Annual Fete 17th July</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">To consider a request for £200 sponsorship The motion being proposed by Cllr Chisnall and seconded by Cllr Miles, IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to sponsor the fete as requested.,To consider arrangements for trimming verges etc. Cllr Miles reported that the lengthsman had been booked to trim the verges on the approaches to the fete before it took place.	
21/48	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p>The Clerk reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">He had received an email from a resident asking if signage could be erected in Spratt's Hatch Lane pointing out that walkers did not have right of way over vehicles. Cllr Miles offered to bring it up at the next meeting with Highways.He has been asked by the Hart lengthsman co-ordinator what plans the parish had for services for the rest of the year. Cllr Miles had responded. <p>Cllr Fillis reported that she had received a proposal for a Dogmersfield walks leaflet and would appreciate responses from members as to what they would like to see included.</p>	
21/49	<p>Information sharing</p> <p>Cllr Molloy reported that there had been a clear winner of the logo competition, and that he was looking to have a version of it drawn up professionally.</p>	
21/50	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>13 September 2021 7.30 pm</p>	

Signed:

Date:



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Appeal Reference APP/N1730/W/21/3267460

Objection to Planning Application 20/01180/FUL Proposed energy storage facility to provide energy balancing services to the National Grid Rye Common Lane - Farnham

V1.0 26/7/21

1. Dogmersfield Parish Council (DPC) objects to the planning application identified above.

The application is for the development of an energy storage facility on land which lies adjacent to the Dogmersfield Parish Boundary (as shown in the Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan (DNP)). As such, a number of residences within Dogmersfield Parish will be directly affected and the objection is based on the application being in direct conflict with requirements within the DNP which apply to these residences. As the Applicants' appeal submission does not consider the impact on Dogmersfield Parish nor make any reference to the DNP it is important to restate our objections to this proposal.

2. DNP Conflicts

2.1 Development in the Countryside.

The proposal is for an industrial development in the countryside and lies outside the Settlement Boundary. It provides no obvious amenity to the locality or the neighbouring parishes and is separate physically from the Grid substation site, so extending the environmental damage to this region of the local countryside. Policy DNP1 states that:

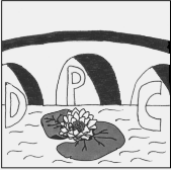
'Development proposals in the countryside.... will only be supported if they are designed to provide appropriate facilities for rural enterprise, agriculture, forestry or leisure, and do so in a manner which demonstrably benefits the rural economy without harming countryside interests'

2.2 Landscape

Policy DNP6 states:

'Development proposals should respect the main distinguishing features and special characteristics of the landscape as set out in the Hart District Landscape Assessment of April 1997 and the Hampshire Integrated Character Assessment (HCC, 2010).

...proposals should demonstrate as part of the landscape appraisal how the character and visual amenity of the landscape will be enhanced through an appropriate and proportionate landscaping scheme that successfully integrates the proposal into the landscape.'



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The Landscape and Visual Appraisal within the submission declares that the location is '*sensitively sited*' and '*consistent with the local landscape character*'. A simple site visit shows that this is a complete distortion of the situation. The site chosen is not consistent with the mixed rural and semi-rural location, it is sited close to existing properties, and it makes no attempt to conceal the visual impact that industrial battery towers nearly 7m high will inflict on this environment.

It will be visually prominent as the units making up the site vary from nearly 3m tall to around 7m tall and no steps are being taken to disguise their industrial grey and white coloration. The proposed 3m 'acoustic wall' will provide little, if any, effective screening for the site and the battery towers will be visually conspicuous in all directions over a considerable distance, both north and west into Dogmersfield Parish. This will further the impression of random and haphazard development being allowed along the A287. And contrary to assertions in the application, there are many areas of the perimeter around this proposed development where the landscape does not provide any natural screening at all.

3. Other Concerns

3.1 Noise

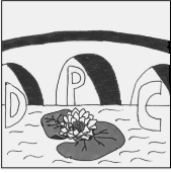
The site chosen is close to numerous residential properties. The noise survey included with the application concludes that noise from the site will not be any problem. However, noise is a notoriously subjective nuisance involving intensity, frequency of operation and pitch. There is no evidence provided from existing installations to back up the assertion that noise will not be a problem, particularly given the large number of units which will be fan cooled. Neither is any evidence offered that the proposed acoustic barrier will sufficiently mitigate noise issues.

3.2 Proximity to Existing Residences and Businesses.

A further point of objection concerns the proximity of this site to numerous residences and businesses. Substantial disruption, noise and inconvenience will be caused to these properties both during construction and during operations thereafter. The proposed site is less than 10m from Coxmoor Farm for example. Given the potential for fumes, leakages and the general visual and acoustic damage that will emanate from the development this represents an unacceptable imposition on their current situation.

3.3 Environmental Damage.

Finally, there is no information included in the application concerning potential emissions from this site, fire hazard (and potential hazardous emissions in the case of a fire) nor any information on the potential for land and water course contamination.



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4. Summary

This is a significant industrial development in the heart of the Countryside, which will have a major impact on the rural character of the area. It will destroy a significant area of 'green' countryside adjacent to Dogmersfield Parish and will have a major impact on the landscape which will be seen from the Parish.

This industrial site will have no appropriate facilities for rural enterprise, agriculture, forestry or leisure, and has the potential for significant environmental damage.

Dogmersfield Parish Council therefore objects to the application on the following grounds:

- The development is contrary to policy DNP1 – Development in the Countryside: the development would cause demonstrable harm with no attempt to show the required benefit
- The development is contrary to policy DNP6 – Landscape: the site is not suitable for a development of this nature, and would encourage random and haphazard development along the A287
- Lack of evidence that noise will not be an issue, and that the acoustic wall will mitigate these issues
- Proximity to existing properties, with no plan for mitigating the effect of noise and loss of visual amenity during and after construction
- Environmental harm due to potentially hazardous leakages, especially in the event of a fire.

It would appear that the only logic for picking this particular site is that it is readily available. There has been no proper examination of alternative sites that could mitigate the damage that developing this particular site would cause.

Martin Whittaker
Clerk and RFO

Dogmersfield Clerk

From: planningadmin@hart.gov.uk
Sent: 13 July 2021 16:15
To: clerk@dogmersfieldparish.co.uk
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 21/01435/HOU

. Clerk to Dogmersfield Parish Council,

You have been sent this email because you or somebody else has submitted a consultee comment on a Planning Application to your local authority using your email address. A summary of your comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 4:14 PM on 13 Jul 2021 from . Clerk to Dogmersfield Parish Council (clerk@dogmersfieldparish.co.uk) on behalf of Dogmersfield Parish Council.

Application Summary

Reference: 21/01435/HOU
Address: Pond House Church Lane Dogmersfield Hook RG27 8TA
Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension with basement
Case Officer: Julia Taylor
[Click for further information](#)

Comments Details

Dogmersfield Parish Council (DPC objects to this application. This is based upon contraventions of our Neighbourhood Plan (DNP) and separate related concerns detailed below.

With regard to the DNP, Pond House lies outside the settlement boundary and the conservation area and so, this extension would lie in open countryside. Given this, DNP8: Trees and Hedgerows states:

Comments: "Proposals that will result in the loss of mature trees or hedgerows as part of the construction works of a development scheme, will not be supported. Where the loss of mature trees or hedgerow is proven to be unavoidable, the proposals must make provision on site for like for like replacements."

A further concern is that of increased light pollution. The DNP has a dark skies policy DNP11: Dark Skies which states that:

"All development proposals should be designed in a way that does not require external lighting or the use of street lighting to minimise the occurrence of light pollution. Proposals for any necessary street and external lighting should comply with the current guidelines established for rural areas by the Institute of Lighting Professionals (ILP).

"All development proposals shall demonstrate how the

scheme is intended to prevent light pollution and information on these measures must be submitted with planning applications. Where a proposed development would potentially impact on light levels in the area, an appropriate lighting scheme will be secured by planning condition."

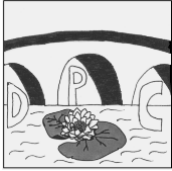
The orientation of the extension, its two storey design and the apparent removal of existing tree screening means that internal and external lights associated with the extension will be much more visible to residents along Church Lane and the broader village.

The first separate concern relates to the above in that it has been reported that trees and shrubs have been removed on the boundary of the Pond House curtilage that would abut the extension as planned.

A second concern relates to previous applications seeking to change the use of designated agricultural land on the site to domestic use. This was refused by HDC Planning in September 2020 and there is an LDC application still being considered by HDC (submitted in December 2020) arguing that the said land does not need a change of use. It is not clear from the submitted plans with this current application but it appears that the northern boundary wall of the extension could lie just over the agricultural land boundary.

A third concern involves a previous HDC instruction for the house to establish a proper sewage treatment capacity on site. It is not clear to DPC that this has been complied with and no extension of the property should be permitted until this is resolved.

Finally, given the narrowness of Ormersfield Lane at the point of entry to Pond House, should HDC Planning be minded to approve this application, it would be necessary to include a condition that a construction plan is submitted for approval demonstrating that all phases of construction can and will be completed without any vehicles parking on the lane.



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Uncontentious Planning Application Procedure

V1 6/9/21

1 Use

This Procedure is to be used when planning applications are received with a closing date before the next ordinary parish council meeting and appear to the Clerk or other designated officer to appear uncontentious.

Uncontentious for the purposes of this Procedure means that, in the officer's reasonable opinion, if the application were to go to the council:

- the resolution would be unlikely to be other than to make no comment or no objection
- the application would be unlikely to give rise to significant differences of opinion amongst members.

2 Statement of Policy

Under the circumstances described in this Procedure the officer shall respond to uncontentious planning applications on behalf of the Council.

3 Procedure

On receipt of notification of a planning application meeting the above criteria the officer will:

- Copy the notification to the Councillor for Planning suggesting that this procedure will be used and of the comment that the officer proposes
- Agree the proposed comment with the Councillor for Planning (or in their absence the Chairman)
- Notify members of the application details and the proposed comment
- Unless one or more objections are received by the officer within 2 weeks of the above notification being issued to members or the closing date for comments (whichever is sooner):
 - convey the comment agreed with the Councillor for Planning or Chairman to the Local Planning Authority (LPA)
 - Put the application on the agenda for the next parish council meeting for formal ratification
 - In the unlikely event of the meeting wishing to revise the comment, attempt to persuade the LPA to accept the change, noting that this may not be possible
- If any objections are received as above:
 - Request an extension from the LPA to allow the comment to be made after the next parish council meeting and put the application on the agenda for that meeting
 - if such an extension is not forthcoming, remind members of their right to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss the application.

Martin Whittaker

Clerk and RFO

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Budget report from 1-Apr-2021 to 31-Aug-2021 (figures include VAT)

Payments

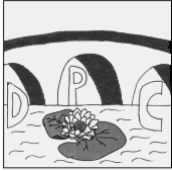
	Budget	Period Actual	Variance
Other Payments			
Audit fees	£ 160	£ 200	-£ 40
Consultancy	£ 720	£ -	£ 720
Clerk's travel expenses	£ 50	£ -	£ 50
Clerk's expenses - other	£ -	£ 112	-£ 112
Councillor expenses	£ -	£ -	£ -
Election	£ 1,200	£ -	£ 1,200
Email and IT	£ 300	£ 171	£ 129
Grants and Donations given	£ 83	£ -	£ 83
General admin	£ 50	£ 126	-£ 76
Insurance	£ 370	£ 580	-£ 210
Meeting costs	£ 131	£ -	£ 131
Miscellaneous Payments	£ -	£ -	£ -
Misc expenditure/contingency	£ 208	£ -	£ 208
Neighbourhood plan	£ 417	£ -	£ 417
Parish maintenance	£ 1,250	£ 460	£ 790
Phone	£ -	£ 6	-£ 6
Printing and publication	£ -	£ 72	-£ 72
Project work	£ 2,500	£ 737	£ 1,763
Section 137 payments	£ -	£ 200	-£ 200
Subscriptions	£ 846	£ 192	£ 654
Training/books etc	£ 200	£ 114	£ 86
Website	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Other Payments	£ 8,486	£ 2,969	£ 5,516
Staff costs			
Salary and allowances	£ 2,083	£ 2,798	-£ 715
Total Staff costs	£ 2,798	£ 2,798	£ 2,798
Total Payments	£ 11,284	£ 6,186	£ 5,097

Receipts

	Budget	Period Actual	Variance
Other Receipts			
VAT Repayments	£ -	£ -	£ -
Miscellaneous Receipts	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bank interest	£ -	£ 175	-£ 175
Grants and Donations received	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Other Receipts	£ -	£ 175	-£ 175
Precept	£ 12,100	£ 12,100	£ -
Total Precept	£ 12,100	£ 12,100	£ -

Total Receipts

£	12,100	£	12,275	-£	175
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DOGMERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Meeting – Draft Agenda

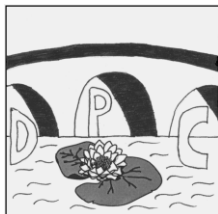
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Date and time to be agreed

1. Welcome, Intros & Meeting Format
2. Approval of [minutes from April 2019](#)
3. Chair's 2019/2021 Report
4. Finance Report
5. Planning Matters
6. Road Safety
7. Improved Environment & Amenities
8. Enhanced Appearance
9. Better Communications & Engagement
10. General Discussion
11. Summing up & Close

Martin Whittaker

Clerk and RFO



Dogmersfield Parish Council

Community Benefit Fund – Phone Box Upgrade

Background:

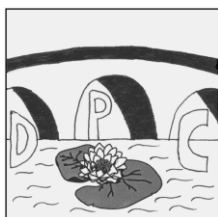
In 2020, the Parish Council agreed to use our existing telephone box situated on Pilcot Green to house a defibrillator for the use of parishioners and visitors. The existing phone box is in a poor condition and needed some maintenance and a new coat of paint. As part of the defibrillator project, we received a donation of paint to repaint the phone box. We subsequently received an offer from the local Men's Sheds organisation to undertake the repainting for us and also to repair the door which had rotted.

Update – September 2021

The local Men's Shed have undertaken the necessary repairs to the door of the Phone Box and are now in a position to start repainting it. They have asked if we could fund the sundry items that they will need to purchase to complete the work – this includes paint brushes, white spirit and masking tape. They are prepared to purchase what is required and seek reimbursement afterwards. The estimated cost of these items should not exceed £75.

The Parish Council is requested to approve a payment of up to £75 to Men's Sheds Church Crookham to reimburse them for the costs of materials to paint and repair the Phone Box in the centre of Dogmersfield which houses our defibrillator. This funding will come from the Community Benefit Fund.

Anne Fillis
August 2021



Dogmersfield Parish Council

Community Benefit Fund – Annual Report – Sept 2021

Background:

The Community Benefit Fund (CBF) refers to a payment made to the Parish from the owners of the Solar Farm built on the border between Winchfield and Dogmersfield. The fund must be used for social and environmental projects to provide sustainable benefits to the communities within Dogmersfield Parish over the long term. The current value of the fund is £28,029.65

Progress Made:

The CBF Working Group was re-established in January 2020 with a new group of engaged residents committed to taking forward a number of projects on behalf of the Parish. Subsequently, Rob Molloy has resigned and has been replaced by Dennis Wilkins. The current make-up of the group is:

- Anne Fillis (Chair)
- Dennis Wilkins
- Vicky Chevis
- Ian Taylor
- Carol Leversha
- Chris Ward

Covid19 had a significant impact on our ability to move projects forward and some of the projects had to be put on hold whilst social distancing and lockdowns restricted our ability to action our ideas. However, we have been able to re-commence work recently and an update on the projects is below:

Defibrillator:

The equipment was finally installed and is now fully working. We are very grateful to the volunteers at Men's Sheds in Church Crookham who are busy repairing the Phone Box door and will repaint the phone box in the autumn of 2021. Thanks must also go to John Prince who built bookshelves which sit above the defibrillator and are used for a book-swap facility in the parish. To date this project has cost **£1,250**.

Footpaths:

Significant progress has been made with this project including:

- The appointment of a Volunteer Footpath Warden, Chris Stedman for the village;
- A survey of all walks has been produced along with a proposed list of improvements;
- Improvements have been made to the surface of footpath six between the school and the church and we appreciate the support of the landowners, Richard Revell and Neil Dickson, who funded the majority of the works required;

- A plan has been worked up with Hampshire County Council to improve the footpath behind Pilcot Farm which floods most winters by laying some boardwalks over the worse patches;
- New kissing gates have been installed at 3 places in the parish to replace old, worn stiles which were not accessible for those with limited mobility; and
- A new bridge has been completed behind Ormsfield Farm.

The next steps for this project are the production of a leaflet setting out all the footpaths in the parish and then new sign posting to replace broken or worn signposts. To date this project has cost **£956.42** and huge thanks should go to Hampshire County Council and the local Ramblers who have contributed greatly to the works undertaken.

Tree Planting:

This project had to be deferred from 2020 due to Covid restrictions but is now on track to deliver c. 800 trees in the autumn of 2021. The Parish Council approved a revised plan which now offers trees to every household in the Parish and this has been met with widespread support from our parishioners. Detailed planting proposals are currently being worked up but the plan remains to order the trees in September/October 2021 and plant soon after. Estimated cost of this project - **£3,350**.

Pilcot Green North:

This project has the potential to develop into something very exciting but it is still at an early stage and will require substantial work to build into a project that can be taken forward. This project was severely impacted by Covid restrictions as the team at Hart Council were not able to engage for the majority of 2020. However, we have now met with the (new) Biodiversity Officer from HDC and hope we can create some momentum for this project.

We continue to investigate options to improve this space and make it a community asset of value. As water flows throughout, there is real potential for a pond / natural water feature coupled with native wildflower planting which could mean that this area could be turned into a useful space for the Parish. It could also help to alleviate some flooding at the lower end of Church Lane / Pilcot. The area could be made usable with some natural paths and seating areas – possibly carved from trees that have fallen.

It is too early to cost this project but there is work to do in the near future to clear the nettles and the dreaded Himalyan Balsam which has made an unwelcome return to PGN.

Dogmersfield Booklet:

Sample leaflets have been obtained for Odiham, Rotherwick and Winchfield, all of which could be used as template for a Dogmersfield booklet. Next stage of the project is to confirm which historic features to highlight – there are already some interested individuals in the Parish who have done a lot of research so we will need to link these in to see what they already have. Rough costs to design and print 500 would be **£800-£1,000**

Benches:

Good work has been done to discover how to procure benches and options are available costing c. £350 for supply and £1,000 for installation depending on whether or not hard-standing is required. An initial site has been proposed alongside the Basingstoke Canal close to the bridge over to Tundry pond. Likely cost **£1,250**

Parish Appearance:

A number of proposals have been put forward which include:

- Improvements to the path / edge of Pilcot Green which is widely used for schoolchildren walking to Dogmersfield School
- The introduction of two waste bins which could be used for both general waste and dog waste
- Wild flower planting
- Improvements to stop parking along Chalky Lane which can be dangerous and has led to the development of a layby of sorts which needs to be re-planted as verge

All of these projects are supported by the working group but as yet, limited progress has been made.

Financial Position:

The current balance of the CBF is £28,029.65 and a further £4,281.42 has been committed leaving a balance of £23,748.23 to allocate to the remaining projects.