



# DOG MERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Dogmersfield PC Meeting held at Dogmersfield Primary School 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors	In Attendance
Cllr Graham Chisnall (Chair)	Yes
Cllr Anne Fillis (Vice-chair)	Yes
Cllr Graham Leach	Yes
Cllr Sarah Miles	No
Cllr Andrew Simonds	Yes

Clerk: Sam Rowe

In attendance:

9 members of the public

County Councillor Tim Davies

22/206	<b>Welcome and apologies for absence</b>  Councillor Sarah Miles sent her apologies.
22/207	<b>To receive and note any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and requests for dispensation for items to be discussed</b>  None to report
22/208	<b>To approve the minutes of the council meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>  <b>Minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved as a true record of the meeting.</b>  <b>Proposed by GC Seconded by GL, 1 abstained</b>
22/209	<b>To review matters arising from previous meetings</b>  Cllr Fillis had a response from S106 funding, this was approved in December 2022, DPC will claim S106 money for the new fences, leaflet design and prints and hedging.  Cllr Leach has emailed SSEN to ask what specific upgrades they will be undertaking to Dogmersfield's supply to make it more reliable, and when these upgrades will be undertaken within them 5-year plan. SSEN have yet to respond. <b>Policy reviews to be continued with Clerk and Cllr Chisnall.</b>



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	<b>Clerk to seek quotes for repair/refurbishment of notice boards</b>
22/210	<p><b>Announcements from the Chairman (and Clerk)</b></p> <p>Chairman has been in contact with Thames water about the sewage coming from the manhole cover at the bottom of Brooks. Thames Water have said the problem is due to surface water after heavy rain and they are not prepared to do anything else to correct for this. DPC are looking to escalate this further; to OFWAT if necessary</p>
22/211	<p><b>County and district councillor's reports</b></p> <p>Tim Davies -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full councillors meeting will take place next week to go through Budgets, £175 million has been proposed for new and extending existing schools. Hampshire has a high level of children getting into their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice school. £142million for road and bridge structure and £300 million for flood risk, however this will be more for coastal areas.</li> <li>• Please be aware if reporting potholes through 'Fix my street', they will send a response saying it's been completed, however this means they have just sent your query on to Hampshire highways, for a quicker response it might be best to report potholes direct to the Hampshire Highways website</li> <li>• County Cllr Tim will raise the potholes by the Four Seasons Hotel and in front of the church layby with Hampshire Highways.</li> <li>• Please be aware there are several break-ins happening to parked cars. The cars are being checked to see if unlocked, if so, possessions and contents are being taken and then being thrown away.</li> <li>• Royal Mail post boxes are being stolen locally; the suspicion is that they are being sold in America where they are highly desirable.</li> <li>• Theft of drain covers has increased as these can be sold for scrap.</li> <li>• The new Police and Crime Commissioner has proposed an extra 600 police officers by the end of March.</li> <li>• A 20mph speed limit will not be enforced, however DPC would like the option to have a 20mph limit considered. DPC will consult with the parish.</li> </ul>
22/212	<p><b>Public Session</b></p> <p>Can the SID be changed to show 40mph? DPC have hired a contractor to move the SIDs around the village, the SID record all speeds. The road painting the bridge over the river in the village centre – no action has been taken yet; Hampshire Highways have said by the end of March.</p> <p>Why are the verges being cut in February? The contractors are coming out and cutting the verges and creating a mess. There is some concern Hampshire are wasting money on doing this. County Cllr Tim Davies will raise this.</p>
22/213	<p><b>Additional hedge planting</b> To consider a proposal of additional hedge planting.</p> <p>When the Parish Council undertook its tree planting project c. 18 months ago, one resident who wanted to partake was not able to plant their trees and the commitment to offer them trees was held over. They are now in position to go ahead with the tree planting as previously agreed.</p>



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	<p>The resident wishes to order 1000 hedge plants and DPC previously agreed to pay for 200 of them – the cost to be £266.66 plus VAT coming from the Community Benefit Fund. The resident to be reimbursed when the order has been placed.</p> <p><b>Proposed by GC, Seconded by AF, all in favour.</b></p>
22/214	<p><b>Footpath no 9 and tree felling</b></p> <p><b>To discuss the tree that needs felling on footpath 9 and approve any action required.</b></p> <p><b>See pictures – these are of the problematic trees and branch. They are all about 50m in from Chatter Alley on the footpath (past the pumping station)</b></p> <p>There are some concerns that the trees might be dangerous. The tree with the branch has already fallen, so this is no longer an issue. Cllr Fillis will liaise with Ian Taylor, to see if a member of Hampshire Country Council will have a look at the trees and approve that they are safe.</p> <p><b>Proposed by GC, Seconded by AF, all in favour.</b></p>
22/215	<p><b>Community Equipment</b></p> <p><b>To approve the decision on whether the PC wishes to purchase the equipment suggested. Approx £630/£1260.</b></p> <p>HCC had subcontracted clearance to an outside firm to clear the overgrown brambles and other vegetation (opposite the village school). This has taken some time and the job hasn't been done very well. There is potentially HCC funding from April - Countryside Access Parish Delivery Partnership for equipment for our villagers to use to clear footpaths ourselves. This would enable volunteers to take quick action when footpaths are becoming overgrown.</p> <p>Equipment recommended from the Ramblers below -</p> <p>All are battery powered.</p> <p>The Brush Cutter costs £160 and the Hedge Trimmer £110, both from Toolstation.</p> <p>Two powerful 5.2 Ah batteries and one charger for each cost about £180.</p> <p>£630 in total, or £1,260 if we purchased two cutters and two trimmers plus associated batteries and charger.</p> <p>Questions raised – Who is liable for the equipment and its use? What happens if villagers do not carry out the work?</p> <p>Full training and PPE will need to be provided.</p> <p><b>Not Approved until the questions raised have been answered.</b></p>
22/216	<p><b>To consider the council's response to current planning applications including update on tree work Applications</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>23/00238/PREAPP – At John’s Church Lane.</b></li> </ul> <p>Small extension - no objections at this Preap stage.</p>
22/217	<p><b>To update members on any new planning consultations, appeals and enforcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of ongoing applications. (Status sheet attached as of 7th Feb 23)</li> <li>• Harewarren Farm – The landowner has appealed against the decision to refuse prior approval for Change of Use of an existing agricultural building (The Piggery)</li> <li>• Brookmeadow Farm - Seeks to demonstrate the use of the dwelling is now lawful and has gained immunity from enforcement action. Awaiting Decision</li> <li>• New school gates - To consider the appearance of the proposed new gate, with the adjacent side gate, and the small pedestrian gate. Please see agenda notes for proposed drawing.</li> </ul> <p>Approval has been obtained from the Diocese and hopefully the work will be carried out in the Easter Holiday. DPC did not object to the new gates, but asked whether a more subtle colour such as green could be used and whether some hedging could be replanted. DPC advised the school to e-mail Hart to confirm that no planning permission was needed.</p> <p>The DPC did not object to the relocation of the school notice board on the verge next to the PC notice board.</p> <p><b>Proposed by GC, Seconded by GL, all in favour</b></p> <p>Meadows Extension – GL has asked Hart why DPC’s request to include a condition of no construction vehicle parking on Chatter Alley had not been included in its Decision Report which approved the Planning Application.</p>
22/218	<p><b>To receive an update on Highways issues and approve any actions required</b></p> <p>None to report</p>
22/219	<p><b>Finance &amp; Regulatory Matters</b></p> <p>To consider financial &amp; regulatory matters and approve monthly accounts and payments</p> <p>Reports received include:</p> <p>a) <b>DPC Act vs Bud Jan 2023</b>– a report to show comparison of actual spend vs budget spend for year to date was provided. This includes a column for Jan 23 which shows Clerk to pay for Jan inclusive of HMRC payments now made and reported to HMRC</p> <p>TD variance against budget shows £1010.88 overspend across audit, insurance and grants and Parish Clerk forecast for year. Otherwise Forecast column reflects available spend for remainder of year.</p> <p>B) Bank reconciliation – shows bank balance at Unity Trust at end of January, £14,972.31 following payments approved at the last meeting held in December 22. Invoice received for trees installed and Anne Fillis’s expenses were set up and now have been paid.</p>



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	<p>C) January <b>bank statement</b> is provided</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the reports and bank reconciliation as reported</p> <p>a) Payments for approval from Unity Trust bank account</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="217 501 1439 698"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Exp type</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mrs S Rowe &amp; HMRC PAYE</td> <td>£416.67 Gross amount inclusive of HMRC Dec Salary once processed in HMRC online software</td> <td>As per monthly contracted amount</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was resolved to approve payments as listed above to be paid from Unity Trust bank account Proposed by GC , seconded by AF, all in favour.</p> <p>To pay the lawyers £50 for the land registry search for Pilcot Green. Approved, Clerk just needs to find out if this has already been paid. Proposed by GC, Seconded by GL all in favour.</p> <p>To consider the PC making a contribution to the planned Coronation Celebration this summer. To give consideration to contribute towards the planned coronation celebration, DPC will contribute the same as the Platinum Jubilee in June 2023, a payment of £250. It was resolved to approve a payment of £250 on condition that the event is freely available to everyone in the parish. Proposed by GC, Seconded by AF, all in favour.</p>	Payee	Amount	Exp type	Mrs S Rowe & HMRC PAYE	£416.67 Gross amount inclusive of HMRC Dec Salary once processed in HMRC online software	As per monthly contracted amount
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22/220	Correspondence received						
22/221	<p><b>Information Sharing</b></p> <p>The chair was invited to see the newly refurbished Village Hall in Winchfield. He was impressed by the standard it now represents and emphasised that residents of the Parish should consider it for functions/events that need the capacity and/or the audio/visual equipment now installed. See <a href="http://winchfieldvillagehall.co.uk">winchfieldvillagehall.co.uk</a> for details</p>						
22/222	<p>To confirm dates for next meeting 2023</p> <p><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p>						

Meeting closed at 9.04pm



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Signed:

Date:

Abbreviation	In place of	Abbreviation	In place of
APA	Annual Parish Assembly	HDC	Hart District Council
CBF	Community Benefit Fund	NALC	National Association of Local Councils
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy	NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
DPC	Dogmersfield Parish Council	TBHSPA	Thames Valley Heaths Special Protection Area
HALC	Hampshire Association of Local Councils	SANG	Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace
HCC	Hampshire County Council		