

# **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 AT 7.00 PM**

## **DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

|                              | In Attendance | Apologies | Absent |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| Cllr Julian Jones (Chairman) | ✓             |           |        |
| Cllr Dr Manuela Gazzard      | ✓             |           |        |
| Cllr Mrs Sheila Harden       | ✓             |           |        |
| Cllr Derrick Penny           | ✓             |           |        |
| Cllr Barry Dodd              |               | ✓         |        |

**ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:** Karen Ross– Clerk. 2 Members of the public.

- 221101 To receive and accept apologies for absence.**  
Apologies were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Cllr Dodd. Apologies were also **NOTED** from Borough Councillor Golding.
- 221102 To receive and note any declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda.**  
There were no declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda  
**RECEIVED**
- 221103 The approve as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**APPROVED** as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- 221104 To open the meeting to members of the public.**  
There were 2 members of the public in attendance.  
A question was asked if the Parish Council intends to issue a report on the Inquiry. The Parish Council will review the need for a report when the Inspector’s decision is published. The PC thanks those who made representations at the Inquiry: Stafford Napier, Mike Dearlove, John Holden
- 221105 To receive reports**  
**County Councillor Juliet Henderson**  
This can be found as Appendix A  
  
**Borough Councillor Hannah Golding**  
This can be found as Appendix B

### **Councillor Julian Jones**

He reported

- 20 is plenty is still be considered over Hampshire
- Thanks went to Dummer Down Farm for a Fireworks party. It is hoped that in future residents will advise the Village and horse owners.
- Disappointment with the work at the Golf Club was expressed as this has had an impact on the residents, the Bus Service and The Queen Public House
- A resident has complained that Villagers are parking outside their house when collecting their newspapers from the Lynch Gate.
- The Pond is looking good and is now up to level.
- Oaks for the Coronation should be considered.
- A complaint letter has been copied to the Parish Council regarding the Traveller Pitches. The Parish Council will endorse their concerns to the Planning Officer.
- There are severe parking issues on Longacre.

**221106**

#### **To approve requests for Payments for November**

**APPROVED** The request for payments for November.

| FROM         | ITEM              | AMOUNT    | INVOICE NO | PAY METHOD |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Staff        | Salary            | £273.38   | November   | Electronic |
| HMRC         | Tax               | £68.40    | November   | Electronic |
| HMRC         | Tax               | £68.40    | October    | Electronic |
| Karen Ross   | Expenses          | £88.25    | October    | Electronic |
| Cllr Jones   | Exepnses          | £40.70    | October    | Electronic |
| Vic Lee      | Maintenance       | £395.00   | 2016       | Electronic |
| Illman Young | Professional Fees | £2,928.00 | 4557       | Electronic |
| Karen Ross   | Norton            | £67.04    | November   | Electronic |
| Total        |                   | £3,929.17 |            |            |

**221107**

#### **To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance**

**NOTED** the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance. This can be found as Appendix B.

**221108**

#### **To approve the Clerk's overtime claim of 75 hours for the work on Oakdown Farm planning Inquiry**

**RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's overtime claim of 75 hours for the work on Oakdown Farm planning Inquiry.

Proposed by Cllr Penny

Seconded by Cllr Gazzard

**RESOLVED** on a unanimous vote

- 221109 To consider the Clerk's Salary**  
**RESOLVED** to increase the salary to £15 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.  
Proposed by Cllr Penny  
Seconded by Cllr Gazzard  
**RESOLVED** on a unanimous vote
- 221110 To consider the Budget**  
The budget was provisionally approved pending further information from Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. and revised hourly rate.
- 221111 To consider opening a savings account for CIL Money**  
**RESOLVED** to open a savings account for the CIL Money  
Proposed by Cllr Mrs Harden  
Seconded by Cllr Penny  
**RESOLVED** on a unanimous vote
- 221112 To consider responding to the Boundary Review**  
It was agreed to contact the relevant MPs to discuss the proposals.
- 221113 To consider any planning applications**  
**221113.01 T/00483/22/TCA**  
**Manor Farm House Up Street**  
**Yew Tree. Proposal to fell yew tree T1 standing directly adjacent to the side wall of Grade II listed farmhouse.**  
**The tree was either a self-sown seedling or a poorly located specimen. The tree is very young for a yew tree but is already causing damage to in terms of abrasion to the listed building. It is very likely that this damage will progressively worsen as time goes by due to the expansion of crown, stem and roots.**  
Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 221113.02 22/02992/FUL Kennel Farm Beggarwood Lane**  
**Change of use of stable building and associated land to provide one residential dwelling, together with amenity garden, landscaping and parking/ bin storage**  
Dummer Parish Council would like to object to this application. It is concerned that this is a building with historic value and will have to be demolished to build this property.  
The Secretary of State's Inspector's report on Kennel Farm previously stated:  
Under Building Conversions – point 8:  
"consider the proposed residential conversion of the stables to be inappropriate, in the context of the sense of solid enclosure portrayed by the buildings that comprised the traditional farmstead. As well as destroying this, it would not preserve the intrinsic features of this locally listed building. Indeed whether this building, given its poor physical condition, could be appropriately converted and reused, without destroying its inherent character, other than for storage or parking, as existing, seems to me to be unlikely".

Also, The Inspector considered that changes to this building would be harmful to Character and appearance of the countryside:

"Point 11; the traditional relationship between the farmstead and its agricultural land would be lost" – indeed, most of it would be under a hard surface for parking. The previous developments did not provide for cycle or bike storage – although a requirement. There is no allowance for outside storage or garaging."

The amount of reconstruction of the stables – set so low into its plot – would be contrary to Basingstoke and Dean Local Plan (2011 to 2029) Adopted May 2016 Policy SS6 – New Housing in the Countryside item C clause iv – "Does not require substantial rebuilding, extension or alteration".

This is a single bedroom property. It would be 800 metres from Garlic Lane and further from public transport bus stops. The location is not sustainable. There are no pavements on the access road and the 100m closest to Garlic Lane is shared with HGVs accessing the BioGen Anaerobic Digester site. The site is not sustainable

The views of the Conservation officer should be obtained.

- 221113.03 T/00434/22/TCA Beech House 1 Queensfield**  
**T2 mature Sycamore: reduce longest/over-extended horizontal/lateral limbs by up to 2m to a suitable growth points.**  
Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application

- 221113.04 22/02817/ADV Land At Hounsme Fields**  
**12 no. company Branding Flagpoles, 2 no. Entrance Monoliths ACM panels of varying sizes, 4 no. Speed Limit Box Signs ACM panels, 1 no. Speed Limit Monolith ACM panels, 5 no. Home Sale Sign ACM panels and 1 no. Welcome Stack Sign ACM panels.**  
This has already been approved and implemented.

- 221113.05 22/02247/HSE Poppy Fields, The Drove**  
**Planning Application, Erection of new Entrance Gates, Studio Outbuilding and a combined 3 bay Garage & Pool House, the formation of a new ground recessed outdoor Swimming Pool, and new Hard and Soft Landscaping works including retaining walls.**  
Dummer Parish Council is still concerned that there is not sufficient room to turn around in the Drove should the gates not open. This would result in vehicles reversing back along the lane onto a main road. The access should not be compared to the Old Rectory as this access is directly off a main road. All the hard landscaping is outside Settlement Boundary.

- 221113.06 20/02471/LBC and 20/02240/HSE**  
**Well House Down Street**  
**Retention of alterations to the design of building works to the existing garage (approved under 19/01124/LBC), to include adding a further window and infilling an open bay of the garage.**  
Dummer Parish Council is concerned that this application sets an unfortunate precedent and the Building Control Team should have detected that the floor levels were not correct at an early stage in the development.

**221114**

**To agree the date of the next meeting**

The date of the meeting was agreed as 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 should it be deemed necessary.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.51pm**

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Hampshire County Councillor Juliet Henderson**

#### **1. County Deal update**

Negotiations are poised to take place with central Government on plans for a Pan-Hampshire County Deal, with the aim of investing in Hampshire's economy and improving the lives of all residents and communities across the area – by bringing decisions and powers closer to people and places in the region.

Devolution proposals are now ready for formal negotiations with central Government, to secure the best possible deal for residents, businesses and communities across the whole Pan-Hampshire area, (covering Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, the 11 district and borough councils within the County Council administrative area, Isle of Wight Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council).

The combined prospectus can be viewed at  
<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s100275/Pan-Hampshire%20Deal%20Prospectus%202022.pdf>

#### **2. Support for warm winter hubs**

Communities across Hampshire are being invited to apply to Hampshire County Council for support from the Leader's Community Grants Scheme in order to create a network of warm hubs this winter.

Voluntary and community organisations, including parish and town councils, can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 to develop and host warm hubs where people can gather together. This might be in the form of a regular coffee morning or the provision of a shared activity; creative ideas and concepts that will deliver support especially to our most vulnerable residents are particularly welcome. Information can be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants>.

Additional funding is also available to community groups from the Adult Services ' Local Solutions Grant fund to support local people maintain their independence. This includes assistance to organisations offering finance and money management support to those unable to easily access existing services, as well as for groups undertaking projects to help vulnerable people by reducing social isolation and loneliness. Details can be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/local-solutions-grants/local-solutions-grant>

#### **3. National Census**

Data about the population in your local area can now be viewed readily on census maps published by the Office for National Statistics, search for details at  
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/maps>.

#### **4. Roads**

Hampshire Highways' commitment to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate against the impact of climate change achieved national industry recognition last month. Its Carbon Strategy, which aligns with the County Council's ambition to be carbon neutral by 2050, won the Environmental Sustainability Award as well as the Special Merit Award in this year's Highways Industry Awards. The Special Merit Award is a particular achievement in that it is selected by its peers in the industry.

Last month 7,456 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced across the county, with 20,737 gullies and other drainage cleared, 6,535 potholes and other defects repaired and 5,489 square metres of footway repaired or resurfaced. It is now prepared for the wetter and colder months ahead, with crews on standby 24/7, ready to salt the roads in snow and icy conditions, as well as deal with the impacts of high winds, heavy rain and flooding, such as those recently seen.

#### **5. Police & Crime Commissioner**

Donna Jones, Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner has launched her annual precept consultation on council tax contributions to policing. The survey is online and will run from 31 Oct to 4 Dec. This survey is to gather views on whether she should increase the level of council tax in support of policing, continuing investment in Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary. The survey can be found at

<https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations/precept-consultation>

The Commissioner has also published her annual report for 2021/22, providing an overview of the Commissioner's activities and key successes from when she took post in May 2021. It covers the recruitment of nearly 600 new police officers, extra funding for the region to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB), domestic abuse and bespoke support for victims of sexual violence. It can be seen at

<https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Annual-Report-2022.pdf>

#### **Appendix B**

##### **Borough Councillor Hannah Golding**

In terms of other updates, I haven't heard much from local Dummer residents recently. As you all must be, I am keeping a keen eye out for the outcome of the appeal hearing and am hoping it goes in our favour. I felt in general the inspector felt open to listen to our points of view, which doesn't always seem to be the case, so that is hopefully helpful.

I was disappointed to see the latest parliamentary boundary review recommendations as I don't feel that the villages just to the south of the M3 have much in common with Alton, but instead look to Basingstoke and should therefore be represented by an MP who looks after other similar communities. I'd be very interested in what Dummer Parish feels on the issue.

In more personal news, I am now officially on maternity leave from the council and expect to be on leave until the end of February. I will still be checking emails occasionally though, so please do keep me up to date with what's happening, and you can always text if something is urgent and I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Cllrs Diane Taylor and Paul Gaskell will also be available to answer any queries.

Sorry again I can't join you, I really had hoped to for one last meeting!

Appendix C  
Financial Update

| Monthly sheet October 2022 |                |                                 |                   |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
|                            |                | Balance Bought Forward          | 58,608.80         |
|                            |                | HMRC VAT Refund                 | 4,428.30          |
|                            |                | Interest                        | 2.18              |
|                            |                | CIL- BDBC                       | 41,462.90         |
|                            |                | Donations                       | 21,790            |
|                            |                |                                 | <b>126,292.18</b> |
|                            |                |                                 |                   |
| FPO                        | HMRC           | Tax and NI                      | 68.40             |
| FPO                        | James Dodd     | Maintenance -1905               | 25.00             |
| FPO                        | James Dodd     | Maintenance -2003               | 425.00            |
| FPO                        | Kingsley Smith | Legal Advice                    | 540.00            |
| FPO                        | Kingsley Smith | Legal Advice                    | 22,800.00         |
| FPO                        | Kingsley Smith | Legal Advice                    | 1,860.00          |
| FPO                        | Vision ICT     | Email addresses                 | 108.00            |
| FPO                        | Karen Ross     | Salary                          | 273.38            |
| FPO                        | Illman Young   | Landscape Advice                | 2,928.00          |
| FPO                        | Cllr Jones     | Expenses                        | 40.70             |
| FPO                        | Karen Ross     | Expenses                        | 88.25             |
|                            |                |                                 | 29,156.73         |
|                            |                |                                 |                   |
|                            |                | Balance as at 31st October 2022 | <b>97,135.45</b>  |
|                            |                |                                 |                   |
|                            |                | Current Account Balance         | 7316.58           |
|                            |                | Deposit Account Balance         | 55670.65          |
|                            |                | Development Control             | 1610.27           |
|                            |                | Play Area                       | 32537.95          |
|                            |                |                                 | <b>97,135.45</b>  |
|                            |                |                                 |                   |