

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF  
DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM**

**DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

|                              | <b>In Attendance</b> | <b>Apologies</b> |  | <b>Absent</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--|---------------|
| Cllr Julian Jones (Chairman) | ✓                    |                  |  |               |
| Cllr Dr Manuela Gazzard      |                      | ✓                |  |               |
| Cllr Mrs Sheila Harden       | ✓                    |                  |  |               |
| Cllr Derrick Penny           | ✓                    |                  |  |               |
| Cllr Mrs Liz Nelson          | ✓                    |                  |  |               |

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Karen Ross–Clerk, Borough Councillor Diane Taylor, Borough Councillor Golding and 8 Members of the public.

Due to a meeting regarding the new hospital the Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.20pm

- 231101 To receive and accept apologies for absence.**  
RECEIVED and ACCEPTED apologies from Cllr Dr Gazzard due to work commitments.
- 231102 To receive and note any declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda.**  
RECEIVED and NOTED from Cllr Jones regarding item 23113.04 as he had submitted this application.
- 231103 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**  
APPROVED as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- 231104 To open the meeting to members of the public.**  
Residents advised the meeting that a resident’s association within Hounsme Fields has been established and they would like to work closely with the Parish Council.
- 231104 To receive reports**  
**County Councillor Juliet Henderson**  
Her report can be found as Appendix A
- Borough Councillor Diane Taylor**  
She reported:
- She attended a meeting with Newlands who gave a presentation on their proposals for warehouses to be sited on Oakdown Farm.
  - She met with Bloor to discuss the new Golf Club Site. Thames Water has given permission for the occupation for 530 houses. Phase 2 is imminent with reserved matters for phase 3 being submitted shortly.

**Chairman Julian Jones**

He reported that:

- He has written to Cllr. Konieczko regarding the interaction between Oakdown Farm and the Hospital
- The Water Leak in Down Street has yet to be fixed.
- Fireworks at Dummer Down Farm was well attended and the proceeds have gone towards the Cricket Club
- The Remembrance Sunday Service was well attended.
- The Queen Public House has been flooded again.

**231105 To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance**

**NOTED** the current financial situation.

**RECONCILED** the bank balance.

The Financial update sheet can be found as Appendix B

**231106 To approve requests for Payments for November**

**APPROVED** the for Payments for November

| FROM            | ITEM         | AMOUNT    | INVOICE NO | PAY METHOD |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Staff           | Salary       | £321.70   | November   | Electronic |
| HMRC            | Tax          | £80.40    | November   | Electronic |
| James Dodd      | Maintenance  | £415.00   | 2156       | Electronic |
| Vision ICT      | Website page | £30.00    | 17448      | Electronic |
| Sky Business    | Broadband    | £29.94    | November   | Electronic |
| Minuteman Press | Leaflets     | £149.00   | 28745      | Electronic |
| Karen Ross      | Expenses     | £64.16    |            | Electronic |
| Total           |              | £1,090.20 |            |            |

**231107 To consider the budget**

**APPROVED** The Budget as in Appendix C

**231108 To consider the laying of a concrete base for the new bench at a cost of £545 (exc VAT)**

**RESOLVED** the laying of a concrete base for the new bench at a cost of £545 (exc VAT).

**231109 To consider the following CIL applications from**

**231109.01 Dummer Village Hall**

**RESOLVED** to approve the grant request of £21,000. Payable on receipt of the invoice.

**231109.02 Parish of Basingstoke Down**

**RESOLVED** to defer.

**231109.03 Neighbourhood Watch**

**RESOLVED** to approve the grant request of £377.50.

- 231110**      **To consider the following CIL projects**
- 23110.01**    **Purchase of a Noticeboard for Longacre**  
**RESOLVED** to purchase Noticeboard for Longacre at a cost of £1,178.80 plus Vat plus installation.
- 23110.02**    **Purchase 1 No Salt bin for Longacre.**  
**RESOLVED** to purchase 1 No Salt bin for Longacre at a cost of £186.45.
- 23110.03**    **Purchase 4 No Salt bins for Hounsme Fields**  
**RESOLVED** to purchase 1 No Salt bin for Hounsme Fields at a cost of £186.45 each.
- 23110.04**    **Purchase of a Noticeboard for Hounsme Fields**  
**RESOLVED** to purchase a Noticeboard for Hounsme Fields at a cost of £1,178.80 plus Vat plus installation.
- 23111**        **To consider taking legal advice regarding the predetermination of the Local Plan**  
**RESOLVED** to defer this matter. This matter will be reviewed when the planning application is submitted.
- 23112**        **To consider starting a petition for an additional 3 Councillors and warding the Parish Council.**  
**RESOLVED** to start a petition for an additional 3 Councillors and the warding the Parish Council.
- 23113**        **To consider planning applications**
- 23113.01**    **23/O2452/LDEO**  
**Eastcombe Farleigh Lane**  
**Certificate of lawfulness for the existing development of a log-shed, open front outbuilding, open air swimming pool, rear porch extension, outbuilding and walkway**  
The Parish Council had no objection to this application.
- 23113.02**    **T/OO438/23/TCA**  
**Pond Cottage Up Street**  
**1 Beech tree on our land and bordering the pond is, n see photos, dangerously oversized and out of proportion with all other trees. The height will be reduced from 19 to 14 metres – 25% reduction. The radius will be reduced from 9 metres to 6 metres, just over 25% reduction.**  
The Parish Council had no objection to this application; however, the reductions should avoid broad limbs where rot could enter the tree."

- 231113.03**    **T/00464/23/TCA**  
**Nestledown Up Street**  
One Laburnum Tree located in front garden adjacent to the western boundary, approx. 17 metres from the front of the house. Proposal to remove the tree as it has been gradually dying over a period of years. Please see attached pictures. Diseased branches have been removed in recent years to see if the tree could recover but the remaining branches continue to deteriorate.  
The Parish Council had no objection to this application.
- 23113.04**    **T/00516/23/TCA**  
**Oldwell House**  
1. Leylandii: fell. 2. Leylandii fell. 3. Wild plum: fell  
The Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 231114**    **To approve the Biodiversity Policy**  
**RESOLVED** to approve the Biodiversity Policy.
- 231115**    **To agree the date of the next meeting**  
**AGREED** the date of the next meeting as 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

There being no further items the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

## **Appendix A**

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

**November 2023**

#### **1. HCC budget reductions**

I mentioned in my last report the steps that the county council are considering ensuring it can balance its budget going forward in the face of central government underfunding of local government. A final decision is to be made by the full county council at its meeting on 9 November. I will let you know next month about the decisions taken and further public consultations.

#### **2. Update to Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan latest**

Over the next two months, an update of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan is set to be considered by each of the five authorities that contribute to the plan (Hampshire County Council, New Forest National Park Authority, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and South Downs National Park Authority) to determine whether each authority agrees that further consultation can take place prior to the Plan being submitted to the Government's Planning Inspectorate for examination. HCC's decision will be made on 12 December. Once approved by all authorities, an eight-week consultation will be launched in January 2024. The responses to the consultation are then submitted together with the Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for scrutiny. The local policies contained within the Plan guide the decisions that each of the five minerals and waste planning authorities make when determining planning applications for minerals extraction or waste infrastructure and operations.

#### **3. Consultation on proposed changes to school and post-16 transport**

Proposed changes to Hampshire County Council's School and Post-16 Transport Policies are the subject of two public consultations which run until Wednesday 6 December.

The proposals have been put forward to provide more flexible transport arrangements that better respond to children's needs, demand and external market pressures, while bringing services in line with the latest statutory guidance from the DfE. The proposals are not part of a savings programme, and do not include any proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for School and Post-16 Transport.

Details of the proposed changes and links to the consultation can be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/Post-16-Transport-Policy-for-2024-25> and

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/schooltransport>

#### **4. County Council renews commitment to Hampshire's Armed Forces**

Hampshire County Council has underlined its commitment to the Armed Forces, by renewing its pledge that serving and veteran members of the Forces, and their families, are treated fairly and are not disadvantaged when accessing public services such as education and healthcare. Hampshire has a historic and long-standing close relationship with the Armed Forces and has military facilities from all three services. Some 72,000 households in Hampshire include someone who has served in the UK armed forces.

## 5. Useful links for power cuts and flooding

In the aftermath of Storm Ciaran, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks have provided some useful links in the event of future power cuts.

Any loss of supply or damage to the electricity network can report by dialling 105. You can also obtain details of power cuts and restoration times on SSEN's [Power Track Website](#). Their [website](#) also contains advice and information on how to deal with a power cut and there is also a webchat service.

You can read advice online about how to [prepare for flooding](#) and check The Environment Agency web pages for updates relating to [flood alerts](#) for the area. For assistance in the event of flooding call 0345 988 1188 or text 0345 602 6340.

## 6. Household Support Fund

Support from this fund has been provided to Hampshire households on 825,000 occasions since its launch two years ago. The £14.2m fund will run until March next year and has included support for community pantries and the provision of food vouchers. Details can be found at [www.connect4communities.org](http://www.connect4communities.org)

## 7. Reporting Highway Problems

A reminder of some useful links

Potholes:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.

## APPENDIX B

| Monthly sheet October 2023 |                                 |                        |                   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                            |                                 | Balance Bought Forward | 136,538.85        |
|                            |                                 | HMRC VAT Refund        | 2,549.02          |
|                            |                                 | Interest               | 120.99            |
|                            |                                 | CIL- BDBC              | 111,353.45        |
|                            |                                 |                        | <b>250,562.31</b> |
|                            |                                 |                        |                   |
| FPO                        | Sky Business                    | Broadband              | 29.94             |
| FPO                        | James Dodd T/A Vic Lee          | Maintenance 2156       | 415.00            |
| FPO                        | Karen Ross                      | Expenses               | 13.00             |
| FPO                        | Vision ICT                      | Email Accounts         | 129.60            |
| FPO                        | HMRC                            | Tax                    | 80.40             |
| FPO                        | Karen Ross                      | Salary                 | 321.70            |
| FPO                        | Minuteman Press                 | leaflets               | 149.00            |
|                            |                                 |                        | 1,138.64          |
|                            |                                 |                        |                   |
|                            | Balance as at 31st October 2023 |                        | <b>249,423.67</b> |
|                            |                                 |                        |                   |
|                            | Current Account Balance         |                        | 2683.61           |
|                            | Deposit Account Balance         |                        | 136320.61         |
|                            | Development Control             |                        | 6690.13           |
|                            | CIL                             |                        | 103729.32         |
|                            |                                 |                        | <b>249,423.67</b> |
|                            |                                 |                        |                   |

## APPENDIX C

### Dummer Parish Council

| Receipts            | Category  |   | FY 2022/2023<br>Actuals YTD |   | FY 2022/2023<br>Budget |    | FY 2022/2023<br>Variance |   | FY 2023/2024 |
|---------------------|-----------|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|----|--------------------------|---|--------------|
| Precept             | Operating | £ | 15,500.00                   | £ | 15,500.00              | £  | -                        | £ | 15,500.00    |
| Other               | Operating | £ | 2,915.95                    | £ | 1,490.00               | -£ | 1,425.95                 | £ | 1,509.00     |
| Bank Interest       | Operating | £ | 5.02                        | £ | -                      | £  | -                        | £ | 5.00         |
| Total Budget Income |           | £ | 18,420.97                   | £ | 16,990.00              | -£ | 1,425.95                 | £ | 17,014.00    |

## BUDGET 2024-2025

### Dummer Parish Council

| Expense                      | Category  |   | Predicted 2023-<br>2024 |   | FY 2023/2024<br>Budget |  | FY 2022/2023<br>Variance to Actual |   | FY 2024/2025 |
|------------------------------|-----------|---|-------------------------|---|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Net Salaries and Allowances  | Operating | £ | 3,523.00                | £ | 5,000.00               |  | 1,477.00                           | £ | 5,150.00     |
| Clerks Expenses              | Operating | £ | -                       | £ | 120.00                 |  | 120.00                             | £ | -            |
| Chairmans Allowance          | Operating | £ | -                       | £ | 50.00                  |  | 50.00                              | £ | -            |
| Hall Hire                    | Operating | £ | -                       | £ | 300.00                 |  | 300.00                             | £ | -            |
| Adminstration                | Operating | £ | 475.00                  | £ | 350.00                 |  | (125.00)                           | £ | 500.00       |
| Audit Comission (Audit Fees) | Operating | £ | 670.00                  | £ | 250.00                 |  | (420.00)                           | £ | 670.00       |
| Insurance                    | Operating | £ | 521.00                  | £ | 650.00                 |  | 129.00                             | £ | 550.00       |
| Subscriptions                | Operating | £ | 504.00                  | £ | 650.00                 |  | (200.09)                           | £ | 550.00       |
| Playground Inspection        | Operating | £ | 750.00                  | £ | 750.00                 |  | -                                  | £ | 750.00       |
| Grants and Donations         | Operating | £ | 525.00                  | £ | 500.00                 |  | (25.00)                            | £ | 525.00       |
| Repairs and Maintenace       | Operating | £ | 2,968.00                | £ | 4,000.00               |  | 1,032.00                           | £ | 4,500.00     |
| Communications               | Operating |   |                         | £ | 360.00                 |  | 360.00                             | £ | 420.00       |
| Section 137 Payment          | Operating | £ | -                       | £ | 250.00                 |  | 250.00                             | £ | 500.00       |
| Training                     | Operating | £ | -                       | £ | 100.00                 |  | 100.00                             | £ | -            |
| Miscellaneous                | Operating | £ | -                       | £ | 500.00                 |  | 500.00                             | £ | -            |
| Projects                     | Operating | £ | -                       | £ | 6,000.00               |  | 6,000.00                           | £ | -            |
| tree work                    | Operating | £ | -                       | £ | 1,000.00               |  | 1,000.00                           | £ | 6,000.00     |
| Total Budget Expenditure     |           | £ | 9,936.00                | £ | 20,830.00              |  | 10,547.91                          | £ | 20,115.00    |