



## Dormansland Parish Council

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### Minutes of the 208<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Dormansland Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 September 2018 in The Parish Rooms, The Platt, Dormansland RH7 6RA

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#### 1 Roll Call

##### 1.1 Members present:

Councillor Mr Harry Fitzgerald (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Mr David Bright  
Councillor Dawn Cook

##### 1.2 Also in Attendance:

District Councillor Sir Nicholas White, 7 members of the public and the Clerk.

#### 2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Maureen Young (Chairman), Councillor Mr Guy Kaiser-Davies, Councillor Mr Neville Harrison and County Councillor Lesley Steeds

#### 3 Declarations of interest

As current trustees of the Memorial Hall, Councillors Mr Fitzgerald and Mrs Dawn Cook both declared an interest on agenda item 12.

#### 4 To receive minutes of the 207<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Wednesday 4 July 2018

4.1 It was resolved that the minutes of the 207<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 4 July 2018 previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chairman.

#### 5 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

##### Report from County and District Councillor Mrs Steeds

Councillor Mrs Steeds was not present but emailed her report to the Clerk.

“I will be following up on the water issue at Mayfield with TDC and Surrey. I have had no issues in Dormansland brought to my attention since the last Parish Meeting.

Surrey County Council - I have asked Angelo to get his team to cut back vegetation overgrowing signs as they are going about.

I have asked Zena for an update on Felcourt Road speed reduction issues but Anne Marie has been away so I am waiting to hear from them.

An email has been sent from the CEO and David Hodge to say there is a funding crisis and SCC will not be funding anything at all. SCC will only comply with the minimum Statutory obligations. Unless we can find other money for the speed hump it isn't going to happen.

Today I have spoken with Mike Tideman and he is hoping to have all ecology reports before the end of the month. He has had an ok from a Housing Association.”

### **Report from District Councillor Sir Nicholas White**

Sir Nicholas reported there is going to be a reduction in the speed limit along Haxted Road from 50mph to 40mph and Surrey Highways have said this will take place at some point within this financial year.

Sir Nicholas would like to encourage residents to write in and comment with regards the Local Plan because as it stands although the Chairman is correct that Dormansland isn't directly affected, there is a high possibility that the Government Inspector will turn down the Tandridge Local Plan and if that does happen Dormansland could be asked to build a substantial number of additional houses. Under Tier PO8 Policy it could be agreed that there will be a high density improvement and Dormansland could be asked to build up to 1700 extra houses. Sir Nicholas would encourage people to react to this possibility in their responses to the Local Plan.

### ***CHAIRMAN SUSPENDED THE MEETING***

#### **6 Public Question Time**

A member of the public expressed her concerns about the potential development of the Hollow Lane and New Farthingdale garages sites. She stated that residents used these sites for parking and if development went ahead this would deny residents parking and decrease the value of houses by this site.

Members explained that TDC had outlined a proposal for development at these sites but no application had been submitted. TDC carried out a survey and the majority of the garages were unused. The Parish Council have no further information on this as the information doesn't exist yet. Any planning application will have to take into account parking provisions.

A member of the public was very concerned about the Memorial Hall and raised several questions. The Chairman of the Trustees was present and made clear the current situation regarding the sale and purchase of the hall. He explained the plans for relocating and the reasons behind it. It was noted there are specific trust deeds and rules that trustees must adhere to and everything would be legal and transparent.

A member of the public asked what would happen if planning permission was not granted. One of the Trustees clarified that if planning permission was not given and an alternative site could not be found, which already appeared to be the case, the Trustees would have to disband proceedings and all monies from the sale of the site would go directly to the Charity Commission. Dormansland would not see a penny of it.

As plans move forward an open day will be arranged for the public to come and view the proposal and air their views.

A member of the public asked whether DPC had sent a response to the Tandridge Local Plan. Members confirmed they will be sending a response to Tandridge.

Sir Nicholas felt DPC should air concerns now about the impact on Dormansland should the Plan be turned down however members believed we should only comment on the proposal as it currently stands.

The Clerk confirmed she would put DPC's response on the website in the next day.

### ***THE MEETING TO BE RE-OPENED***

#### **7 Planning**

- 7.1 Members approved minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 18 July 2018.

## **8 Chairman's Comments**

The Vice Chairman spoke in the absence of the Chairman. It was agreed at the last parish meeting that DPC would consider purchasing a strimmer and hedge cutter to be used for village maintenance. However, the quotes were over £1,000 and with Adam's competitive prices members agreed it would be counterproductive to pursue purchasing these items.

## **9 Correspondence and Communication**

9.1 Members noted and received various items of correspondence and communication previously circulated by the Clerk.

## **10 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk confirmed the DPC "open surgery" would take place on Saturday 6 October 2-4pm in the Parish Room.

The Clerk reported there are currently 14 allotment vacancies, 12 plots occupied by Dormansland residents and 8 plots occupied by Lingfield residents.

## **11 Neighbourhood Plan**

11.1 To receive any updates on draft Neighbourhood Plan

DPC members invited the Steering Group to meet with them and discuss the best way of moving the NP forward. The Steering Group declined to meet with DPC. Councillor Mr Bright has been through the draft plan in great detail and believes DPC were correct in not ratifying it. A bulk of the plan was written some time ago and has not been updated to take into account new developments, there are still inconsistencies in the maps and text and it would not have been appropriate for the draft plan to go out to consultation.

11.2 Members approved £330 for advice from rCOH Limited.

## **12 Dormansland Memorial Hall**

12.1 Updates for the Memorial Hall were covered in the Public Question time. The Chairman of Trustees confirmed he was close to achieving what the Trustees had set out to achieve. A further update will follow.

## **13 Village Environment, Highways and Infrastructure**

13.1 Outdoor Gym Equipment

Members were looking into purchasing outdoor gym equipment to be placed in the Recreation Ground but felt this should go out to a public consultation to evaluate how residents would feel about this.

13.2 Blocked Drains

Councillor Mr Bright has been liaising with SCC regarding blocked drains around the village. A number of road gullies are full of silt and this is adding to flooding problems. Sandhawes Hill and West Street in particular. Councillors Mr Bright and Mr Harrison attended a meeting at TDC in April 2018 and despite various assurances from Surrey to clear them nothing has happened. DPC are sending a letter to SCC urging them to do something before the winter. Baldwins Hill is also affected.

## **14 WW1 Beacons of Light**

14.1 To discuss arrangements for the WW1 Beacons of Light event (11 November 2018 at 7pm)

DPC has registered to take part in a unique, historic event by lighting a WW1 Beacon of Light in tribute to the millions of men and women who died or were injured in World War One. This will take place on 11 November 2018 at 7pm in the Recreation Ground. Further details to follow. **Clerk to advertise details and liaise with the Chairman.**

## **15 Future Projects**

15.1 To consider projects for the forthcoming year

DPC agreed to consider providing gym equipment in the Recreation Ground subject to a public consultation.

DPC wish to consider possible funding for extra cuts and improved grass cutting with SCC/TDC.

## 16 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

16.1 Lingfield Library – No updates received

16.2 Gatwick Airport – No updates received

16.3 DPC website – The DPC website has now been transferred over to a new platform.

## 17 Current Consultations

17.1 Tandridge District Council Local Plan 2033 (Regulation 19) due 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The draft proposed response from DPC to TDC on Regulation 19 was read out by Councillor Mr Bright.

Members approved the response to be sent to TDC.

Councillor Fitzgerald abstained from this item.

**Clerk to insert on the website**

## 18 Accounts/Finance

18.1 Members approved cheques for payment for September 2018

200099	Lingfield Guest House Trustee Ltd	£20.00
200100	RCOH Ltd	£330.00
200101	Lisa Liggins - Clerk's Expenses	£26.55
200102	Lisa Liggins - Salary	£988.32
200103	Lisa Liggins - Office Expenses	£77.77
200104	UBE	£813.90
200105	Satswana Limited	£180.00
200106	Dormansland Mother & Toddler	£200.00
200107	The Surrey Pension Fund	£277.65

18.2 Members noted bank reconciliations and cash book for July and August 2018

<b>HSBC Community Account</b>			
Balance per Bank Statement as at	<b>26/07/2018</b>		
	HSBC Community Account		37,934.69
	HSBC BMM Account		35,062.93
Less unrepresented cheques as at 26/07/2018			
200087			-156.00
200091			-720.00
			<u>72,121.62</u>

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments) account for the month as follows:-				
<b>CASH BOOK</b>				
Opening Balance				75,359.28
Add: Receipts				2.02
Less: Payments				(3,239.68)
				<u>72,121.62</u>

<b>HSBC Community Account</b>				
Balance per Bank Statement as at <b>26/08/2018</b>				
	HSBC Community Account			35,211.94
	HSBC BMM Account			35,065.01
				<u>70,276.95</u>

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments) account for the month, as follows:-

<b>CASH BOOK</b>				
Opening Balance				72,121.62
Add: Receipts				2,463.84
Less: Payments				(4,308.51)
				<u>70,276.95</u>

18.3 Members approved payment for the Clerk to attend an Elections briefing course in February 2019

## 19 Grants

19.1 To consider and approve grant applications received during August 2018  
 Members considered and approved a grant of £200 for the Dormansland Mother & Toddler Group. Members did not approve to award a grant of £300 to Community News. Members agreed this would be put on hold until the Chairman had spoken to the editor of the Community News.

## 20 Training and Meetings

20.1 Next Planning Meeting Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7.30pm in The Parish Room. Councillor Mr Bright gave his apologies for this meeting.

20.2 DPC Drop-in Surgery Session Saturday 6 October 2018 2pm-4pm The Parish Room, The Platt

## 21 Information for Councillors (for noting or inclusion on future agenda)

**22 Date of next Meeting**

22.1 Next Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 7.30pm in The Parish Room

**Signed as a correct record:**

**Dated:**