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Minutes of the 209th Meeting of Dormansland Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 October 2018 in The Parish Rooms, The Platt, Dormansland RH7 6RA

1 Roll Call

1.1 Members present:

Councillor Mr Harry Fitzgerald (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Mr Guy Kaiser-Davies
Councillor Mr Neville Harrison
Councillor Mr David Bright
Councillor Dawn Cook

1.2 Also in Attendance:

District Councillor Sir Nicholas White, 9 members of the public and the Clerk.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Maureen Young (Chairman) 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 208th meeting held on Wednesday 5 September 2018

4.1 It was resolved that the minutes of the 207th meeting held on 5 September 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

There was no report from County and District Councillor Lesley Steeds.

Report from District Councillor Sir Nicholas White

Councillor Sir Nicholas White reported that at the last Surrey/Tandridge meeting there was a request to reduce the speed limit along Haxted Road/Lingfield Common Road from 50mph to 30mph however it has been agreed to reduce the speed from 50mph to 40mph. It was confirmed at that meeting the speed reduction would definitely happen before the end of March 2019. Advertising for this would take place relatively soon but no exact date has been given.

CHAIRMAN SUSPENDED THE MEETING

6 Public Question Time

A resident reported they have been liaising with SCC regarding the woodland at the bottom of West Street. The land belongs to SCC and he was concerned that they have not been maintaining the land or the drains. He described how the footpath was being washed away by water. The resident also explained that SCC had put a wooden post at the bottom of the exit to stop people parking there however it appears a resident has cut this short. Recently an old lady tripped over the stump and had

to be taken to hospital. He said the gutter is not being cleaned and residents are trying hard to keep the area tidy but SCC should also be doing their job. The resident provided copy of land registry to confirm the land is registered to SCC.

DPC confirmed they were currently dealing with SCC and blocked gullies so will have this added to the list.

A resident living near West Street wanted clarification whether any development was planned for the land by West Street/Dormans Road. She had received a piece of paper which was an extract from an old draft of the Neighbourhood Plan where she appeared to be plans for a Memorial hall/doctors surgery on that land.

Members confirmed there would be no memorial hall or doctors surgery built on that land. The owner of the land has given developers an option on the land. A planning application has been refused however they do have the option of making another planning application should they wish to do so.

A resident enquired about the new village signs and the Clerk confirmed that Surrey have said these should be installed by the end of October 2018.

THE MEETING TO BE RE-OPENED

7 Planning

- 7.1 Members approved minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 30 August 2018.

8 Chairman's Comments

The Vice Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the Speedwatch team. It was felt that since Norman Farley passed this over there have been no updates.

Action: Clerk

Members previously discussed looking at purchasing outdoor gym equipment for the Recreation Ground and the Clerk was asked to post this on our website and Facebook page asking residents for their comments.

Action: Clerk

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 that the Memorial bench for Lynn Blake was now placed in Recreation Ground.
- The DPC "open surgery" would take place on Saturday 6 October 2-4pm in the Parish Room.
- Preparations are under way for the Beacons of Light event on 11 November 2018.
- We have received an estimate of £320-£350 for repairing the bench near the Plough.

11 Neighbourhood Plan

- 11.1 To receive any updates on draft Neighbourhood Plan
DPC members sent a further invitation to the Steering Group for a meeting with them and discuss the best way of moving the NP forward. The Steering Group have not yet responded to this request.
- 11.2 No payments for approval.

12 Dormansland Memorial Hall

- 12.1 Councillor Mrs Cook, and trustee of the Memorial Hall, explained they were still negotiating the sale and purchase but were moving closer to reaching agreements. Once matters have progressed the trustees will be holding an open weekend for residents to come and look at the proposed plans for redevelopment of the Royal Oak site including integrating a new hall into the current existing building. If all goes according to plan it is hoped that plans will be drawn up and the open day arranged by mid-

November with a view to potentially going to planning STP and starting work January/February. Councillor Mrs Cook is hoping to have more information at November's meeting.

13 WW1 Beacons of Light

13.1 The beacon of light event will take place on Sunday 11 November 2018. Chairman, Maureen Young has organised the lighting of the beacon and Harry Baker-Smith will be playing the last post.

14 Village Environment, Highways and Infrastructure

14.1 To receive updates on blocked drains/gullies and other highways issues
Councillor Mr Bright reported DPC are still in email exchange with Surrey regarding blocked gullies around the area. Surrey do not have an up-to-date list of where the gullies are and some of the critical ones not on their list are leading to problems of flooding. DPC are still chasing and liaising with Surrey on this matter.

Action: Clerk

15 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

15.1 Lingfield Library – No report received.

15.2 Gatwick Airport

Councillor Mr Kaiser-Davies has viewed correspondence from GON who have issues with the NMB and have suggested new Terms of Reference. The focus is on noise and a couple of specific areas of people being impacted. Only 9 out of the 53 actions in the policy relate to noise so there are clearly some issues with it.

16 Accounts/Finance

16.1 Members approved cheques for payment

200108	HM Revenue & Customs		£450.27
200109	PKF Littlejohn LLP		£360.00
200110	Peter James		£120.00
200111	PCC of St John's		£72.00
200112	Lisa Liggins		£1,028.98
200113	Lisa Liggins - Clerks Expenses		£40.50
200114	Lisa Liggins - Office Expenses		£105.96
200115	St Catherine's Hospice (Grant)		£500.00
200116	Lisa Liggins (Poppy Appeal)		£40.00
200117	The Surrey Pension Fund		£293.70

16.2 Members noted bank reconciliation and cash book for September 2018

HSBC Community Account			
	Balance per Bank Statement as at	26/09/2018	
	HSBC Community Account		60,267.80
	HSBC BMM Account		35,070.34
	Less unrepresented cheques as at 26/09/2018		
	200099		-20.00
	200106		-200.00
	200107		-277.65
			<u>94,840.49</u>

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments) account for the month, as follows:-							
CASH BOOK							
Opening Balance							70,276.95
Add: Receipts							27,505.33
Less: Payments							(2,941.79)
							<u>94,840.49</u>

17 Grants

17.1 Members approved a grant of £500 to St Catherine’s Hospice towards funding the provision of expert care.

18 Training and Meetings

- 18.1 Next Planning Meeting Wednesday 17 October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Councillor Guy Kaiser-Davies gave his apologies for the planning meeting.
- 18.2 DPC Drop-in Surgery Session Saturday 6 October 2018 2pm-4pm The Parish Room, The Platt
- 18.3 Councillor Maureen Young and Councillor David Bright attending Neighbourhood Plan Briefing - Thursday 15th November 2018 Wellshurst Golf Club, Hailsham
- 18.4 Councillor David Bright attending Planning Updates - Tuesday 4th December 2018 Copthorne Hotel, Copthorne

19 Information for Councillors (for noting or inclusion on future agenda)

20 Date of next Meeting

20.1 Next Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 7.30pm in The Parish Room

Signed as a correct record:

Dated: