



Dormansland Parish Council

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Minutes of the 213th Meeting of Dormansland Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6 February 2019 in The Parish Rooms, The Platt, Dormansland RH7 6RA

1 Roll Call

1.1 Members present:

Councillor Mrs Maureen Young (**Chairman**)
Councillor Mr Harry Fitzgerald (**Vice Chairman**)
Councillor Mrs Dawn Cook
Councillor Mrs Judy MacKenzie-Dunn

1.2 Also in Attendance:

County and District Councillor Lesley Steeds, District Councillor Sir Nicholas White, 1 member of the public and the Clerk.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr Guy Kaiser-Davies and Councillor Mr David Bright.

3 Declarations of interest

As trustees of the Memorial Hall, Councillor Fitzgerald and Councillor Cook declared an interest in agenda item 13.

4 To receive minutes of the 212th meeting held on Wednesday 9 January 2019

4.1 **Members approved** the minutes of the 212th meeting held on Wednesday 9 January 2019 previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

County and District Councillor Lesley Steeds reported:

- 2 complaints received regarding overgrown vegetation in Dormans Road. Councillor Steeds contacted Angelo Lamprou (Surrey Highways Officer) to look at this. If it belongs to a landowner SCC won't cut it back. Councillor Steeds will meet with Angelo to see if something can be done. **Action: Councillor Steeds Action: Clerk**
- SCC have such little funding they are taking away the revenue budget for cutting vegetation/foilage and so nothing will get done. They have asked members to pass over their members allocation to the COMS gang so in the whole of East Surrey 25 weeks will be spent getting vegetation cut back and footpaths cleared.
- Signs have been cleaned in Dormansland and Councillor Steeds is pressing for repair/replacement to signs that need this.
- Noted the new gateways entry signs into the village.
- Areas of overgrown foliage has been cut back in the parish.
- Request received from a resident in Plough Road to get the large sign cleaned – Angelo has had that done.
- Request for another litter bin in High Street, Councillor Steeds emailed Jim Lewthwaite and asked the Clerk to support her in getting this approved.

- Attended Strategic and Resources Committee Meeting. Councillor Steeds is battling to keep the Children's Centre open at St Piers. Surrey are adamant they are going to close all 81 centres over the whole of Surrey. At TDC a resolution was passed and sent to SCC asking them to do nothing until TDC have had the opportunity to look at alternative proposals. SCC have put out to tender for an provider to take this service over. Young Epilepsy were looking to put proposal forward however if they know TDC are going to do this they may now leave it to them. Attended various meetings but fighting a losing battle. Has written to the Children Centre Manager and looking to try and find another centre to offer health care (breast feeding, depression etc.). Councillor Steeds made the argument we are very rural, Lingfield is a deprived area and a lot of mums do not have the money to get on public transport to travel to centres further away. Residents will not be able to get to Caterham.
- SCC have budgeted for this year but will only carry out minimum statutory duties.
- Increase in anti-social behaviour and met with police to see if there can be a police presence in the village if only once a month. PCSO Conrad met with resident who had concerns.
- Spoke to cabinet members to ask if the £50,000 for the speed table was safe. Councillor Steeds was assured it is safe and she has emailed Zena Curry to find out when it can be put down for scheduling.
- Trying to get the area around Jeddere Cottages cleared up.

Councillor Sir Nicholas White reported:

- Attended a meeting at TDC who are very keen to try and take over the children centres and help alleviate the problem. The CEO was asked to discuss with Surrey exactly what their plans are and to request they do not close the centres until TDC has had an option to look at alternatives. Staff were told their jobs are secure for the time being.
- TDC increase to Band D by 2.99%

CHAIRMAN SUSPENDED THE MEETING

6 Public Question Time

No questions were raised.

CHAIRMAN RE-OPENED THE MEETING

7 Co-option of New Parish Councillor

Members proposed to co-opt Susan Calamassi as new parish councillor for Dormansland. Unfortunately Susan was unable to attend the meeting due to personal circumstances. **Members resolved** to co-opt Susan Calamassi at the PC meeting in March.

8 Planning

8.1 **Members approved** minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 16 January 2019 previously circulated.

9 Chairman's Comments

- Nothing to report this month.
- The Chairman thanked Councillor Steeds for dealing with funding for the speed table at Memorial crossroads.
- The Chairman invited members to attend a Quiz Night on 16 March at the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre

10 Correspondence and Communication

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

11 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

- Following DPC's advert in Village Voice re the Silent Soldier the Clerk received several emails asking

that it be kept on the green. **Members unanimously agreed** to leave the Silent Soldier where it was. **Members approved** the Clerk to research cost of potential new flag pole and liaise with TDC re permission. **Action: Clerk**

- Salt bins at Beacon Hill and Station footpath replenished by Clutterbucks. Clerk has further asked for the West Street to be refilled.
- Clerk reported that residents have asked for a new grit bin on Farthingdale Green. **Action: Clerk to speak to TDC/SCC**
- Faded white lines outside village shop have been reported via the Surrey website.
- Confirmed the entry signs have been installed throughout the parish.
- Reminded members that the date for the open surgery is Saturday 9 March 2019
- Confirmed the bench has been removed from the triangle green by The Plough

Councillor MacKenzie-Dunn expressed a view that there was a need for a volunteer workforce to be set up in Dormansland and carry out the jobs that the council cannot do. It was suggested working parties could be set up for maintaining footpaths/cutting back hedges. This would benefit the parish especially with the large expenditure cuts set for SCC and TDC. Due to health and safety it was agreed that using people who have a qualification eg. landscape gardener would be a good option with less experienced people helping to clear debris/branches etc.

Members suggested advertising this at the APA and putting an article in the Village Voice in the Spring. Councillor MacKenzie-Dunn agreed to approach the Urban Saints and organise a litter pick in the parish.

12 Neighbourhood Plan

- 12.1 No updates from TDC. They have been working on Limpsfield's NP which has taken longer than anticipated.
- 12.2 No expenses incurred.

13 Dormansland Memorial Hall

- 13.1 The question of who owned The Royal Oak pub had been raised by a member of the public via email to the Clerk. Councillor Cook noted the Land Registry website states the owner of the Royal Oak pub is Unique Pub Properties. In 2004 approximately 4,000 properties were bought from Unique Pub Properties by Enterprise Inns and these were integrated into the company in 2005. She confirmed therefore that Enterprise Inns own the Royal Oak pub. Councillor Cook confirmed Sir Nicholas was meeting next week with Mr Mills to discuss any concerns he still has over the trustees' proposals. Mr Mills has been speaking to the council and planning and now has the basis of a contract drawn up for the sale of the current site. He is still waiting on the Land Registry to finalise their documents. Once done plans will be drawn up and a formal announcement will be made to the village. Notices will be sent out to residents and the trustees will be speaking to them. Mr Mills plans to hold an open weekend at the Royal Oak so residents can physically see the plans and how these will integrate into the current building. Councillor Cook hoped plans would be in place by the end of March 2019.

Sir Nicholas felt the meeting should be in Parish Room and not in pub. He believed some parents will not want to take children into a pub and it should be on independent ground. Councillor Cook explained the idea behind this was so you could relate the plan to the actual size of the site. It was suggested that perhaps the open day could take place at pub and also use the Parish Room for a couple of hours for those people who don't want to visit the pub. It was confirmed there has been a great deal of interest in hiring the hall already.

The issue of parking was raised. The pub manager has been liaising with architects and additional parking will be made using part of the existing garden.

14 Village Environment, Highways and Infrastructure

- 14.1 To receive any updates on aircraft/interference over West Street/OFCOM
The Chairman confirmed the Clerk had spoken to OFCOM who said any TV and Radio interference issues must be directed to the BBC in the first instance. The Clerk contacted Mrs Pollock and gave her

the relevant contact information.

- 14.2 Members noted drainage issues had been resolved apart from Sandhawes Hill. Still waiting for SCC to confirm situation of 2 outstanding drains. Chairman to liaise with Councillor Bright. **Action: Clerk**
Councillor MacKenzie-Dunn reported there are several potholes in the entrance to Newhache. Councillor Steeds has visited this road with Angelo Lamprou. Potholes must cover a certain criteria to be repaired. Councillor Steeds will ask Angelo to visit this road but stated these should be reported by the person who has identified it.
- 14.3 Defibrillator Kiosk – **Members agreed** it was a good idea to have the defibrillator kiosk repainted. **Action: Clerk**
- 14.4 **Members approved** the list of regular jobs carried out in the village by Adam Neill.
- 14.5 Outdoor Gym Equipment – Councillor Fitzgerald has liaised with TDC re planning permission and they confirmed this is covered under permitted development rights. Waiting for a response from TDC regarding insurance.
- 14.6 Litter Picking – Councillor MacKenzie-Dunn to approach the Urban Saints with a view to organising litter picking within Dormansland and Felcourt. **Action: Councillor MacKenzie-Dunn**

15 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

- 15.1 Lingfield Library - It was noted the library are in the process of recruiting more volunteers and will then arrange a meeting. The Chairman to be informed once the date is set.
- 15.2 Gatwick Airport - Councillor Mr Kaiser-Davies was not present but emailed the Clerk with the following report which was read out by the Chairman:

There is talk of the HWCAAG leaving the Noise Management Board (NMB). Spoken to Jane Vogt last night as she represents us (DPC) and she will be attending the next HWCAAG meeting 13 February, where I understand they will be discussing this. Our stance on behalf of DPC is that we should remain on the NMB (better to sit at the table and have a say). Will provide a further update once I hear back from Jane including full update around the reasons.

16 Accounts/Finance

- 16.1 **Members approved** cheques for payment.

200153	The Surrey Pension Fund (January)	£277.65
200154	Lisa Liggins	£988.32
200155	Lisa Liggins - Clerk's expenses	£36.90
200156	Lisa Liggins - Office expenses	£133.06
200157	Chiddingstone Parish Council	£228.53
200158	Surrey County Playing Fields Association	£10.00
200159	Foxhole Farm (Grit bins)	£172.80
200160	Society of Local Council Clerks	£156.00
200161	SSALC Limited	£48.00
200162	Page Computer Co Ltd	£42.00

- 16.2 **Members noted** bank reconciliation and cash book for January 2019

Balance per Bank Statement as at	26/01/2019				
	HSBC Community Account				46,870.14
	HSBC BMM Account				35,093.79
Less unrepresented cheques as at 26/01/2019					
	200151				-45.00
					<u>81,918.93</u>

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments) account for the month, as follows:-					
CASH BOOK					
	Opening Balance				84,078.29
	Add: Receipts				5.96
	Less: Payments				(2,165.32)
					<u>81,918.93</u>

- 16.3 **Members approved** expenditure of £156.00 for SLCC membership renewal 2019
- 16.4 **Members noted** The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) new pay scales for 2019/20. **Members approved** the Clerk's new pay scale SPC27 and £3.04 hourly increase to be implemented on 1 April 2019. Councillor Fitzgerald abstained from voting.

17 Training and Meetings

- 17.1 Next Planning Meeting Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room
- 17.2 The Clerk attending Elections & Co-option Briefing and Awareness Training on Tuesday 12th February at Wellshurst Golf Club, North Street, Hailsham
- 17.3 DPC Open Surgery Saturday 9 March 2-4pm in the Parish Room.

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

Clerk to find out when election papers will be sent out and should be returned.

19 Date of next Meeting

- 19.1 Next Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 7.30pm in The Parish Room

Signed as a correct record:

Dated: