



## Dormansland Parish Council

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### Minutes of the 217<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Dormansland Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 June 2019 in The Parish Room, The Platt, Dormansland RH7 6RA

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#### 1 Roll Call

##### 1.1 Members present:

Councillor Mrs Maureen Young (**Chairman**)  
Councillor Mr Harry Fitzgerald (**Vice Chairman**)  
Councillor Mr Guy Kaiser-Davies  
Councillor Mr David Bright  
Councillor Mrs Dawn Cook  
Councillor Mrs Judy MacKenzie-Dunn  
Councillor Mrs Susan Calamassi

##### 1.2 Also in Attendance:

County and District Councillor Lesley Steeds, District Councillor Sir Nicholas White, 13 members of the public and the Clerk.

#### 2 Apologies for Absence

No apologies received

#### 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 216<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2019

##### 4.1 Members approved the minutes of the 216<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2019 previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record. Chairman signed the minutes.

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

##### **County and District Councillor Lesley Steeds reported:**

- Councillor Steeds is not happy with grass cutting and that Surrey have reduced these to 4 rural cuts. Areas are badly overgrown and she has made representations to the Highways Officer. The cutting programme has just started over the whole of Tandridge so Dormansland and Felcourt could be waiting a few more weeks. She is concerned about the sight lines and has asked the Clerk to write to the SCC Highways officer.
- Still waiting for the sign to be put back at Dormans Close.
- All the road signs have been cleaned and new ones erected.
- Councillor Steeds received an email from Mrs Davey regarding speeding in the High Street. Councillor Steeds has contacted Highways and they have said that any proposal for a crossing would have to be reassessed as the circumstances on the road have changed. There are far more requests like this than there are resources or funding available. Even proposals that are in broad terms feasible would require revenue funding to progress through design and can take a long time, often several years. This proposal is not currently on the integrated transport

system list for prioritisation against other proposals. Councillor Steeds confirmed that funding of £50,000 from SCC was for the speed table at the Memorial Hall crossroads, not the High Street. Last November a survey was carried out of the High Street, Clinton Hill, The Meades, Locks Meadow to see what people thought about reducing speed limit in high street from 30 to 20. As a result of that survey it was half and half.

- SCC have confirmed that a mini roundabout is not feasible and the only thing they agreed to was a speed table to slow the traffic down at the crossroads.

***District Councillor Sir Nicholas White reported:***

- Councillor White and Councillor Mrs Steeds met to discuss speeding. It was agreed that the volume of traffic using the High Street had greatly increased over last few years. Installing the build-outs had created added problems and the double yellow lines don't help either. Drivers are speeding. SCC are saying they have no funds for speeding restrictions. Councillor White wanted the Parish Council to ask all the residents of Dormansland to clearly state through a pre-paid postal vote what options they believe are right for the village. The options should be:
  1. Leave the current situation as it is
  2. Leave the current situation as it is but lower the speed limit from 30 – 20mph from Station Road to Moor Lane.
  3. Install a Zebra Crossing by Mulberry Mews and remove the Build-Outs and reduce the length of yellow lines in that area.
  4. Install a Zebra Crossing at Mulberry Mews and remove the Build-Outs, Reduce the speed limit from 30 -20 mph. Install a Speed Camera in the area of the Baptist Church
  5. Voters alternative suggestions.

Councillor White asked the Parish Council to consider mailing out to everyone in the village the options and to give them a pre-paid envelope to respond. The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council would consider this proposal and revert back in due course.

- Councillor White confirmed that Dormans Road/Racecourse Road will be resurfaced Friday 7 June 2019.

***CHAIRMAN SUSPENDED THE MEETING***

**6 Public Question Time**

Members of the public discussed the speed restrictions mentioned by Councillor White. Councillor Cook asked that that speeding along Hollow Lane should also be taken into account. It was suggested that someone from SCC be invited to talk about what would be feasible. The Chairman said representatives had come to the village in the past and zebra crossings were not permitted.

**Members of the Parish Council agreed** to carry out the survey suggested by Councillor White, dependant on enquiries made with Surrey County Council.

A member of the public asked about the water flowing across the road at Sandhaves Hill/Wilderwick Road. Councillor Bright confirmed it was a blocked gully and that SCC were aware of this. They have taken temporary measures by digging a trench to relieve the problem which has helped but not fixed the problem. It is on their list of things to be done and a question of waiting.

The public asked about the derelict house on Racecourse Road and who was paying for the new fencing. The Chairman confirmed she had made a land registry search and the site was registered to a limited company. The Chairman said she would be investigating this matter further.

A bend warning sign has been knocked into the bushes along Sandhaves Hill. Councillor Mrs Steeds confirmed she would report this and speak to the Highways Officer on his return from holiday.

A member of the public was concerned about the grass around the Memorial Hall. Councillor Cook confirmed the trustees would arrange to get this cut.

A member of the public asked that as planning permission was refused on the Memorial Hall site had the hall been sold. Councillor Cook confirmed the hall had not been sold.

#### **CHAIRMAN RE-OPENED THE MEETING**

### **7 Planning**

- 7.1 **Members approved** minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 22 May 2019 previously circulated.

### **8 Chairman's Comments**

The Chairman reported on a successful APA at the end of May. She gave her full report at the Annual Parish Assembly held on 29 May.

### **10 Correspondence and Communication**

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

### **11 Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported she had ordered a new bench for the green at Memorial Hall crossroads. The BT kiosk was to be repainted and an annual maintenance check was being scheduled shortly. The base for the flag at Newhache green has been put in and the new road name signs have been ordered.

### **11 GTR Passenger Benefit Fund**

- 11.1 The Govia Thameslink Railway's (GTR's) £15 million Passenger Benefit Fund aims to provide tangible improvements for passengers on the GTR network. The fund was established following the disruption experienced by passengers during the implementation of the May 2018 timetable. Tandridge District Council have suggested ways of using the funds and are asking parishes to respond with their own suggestions. **Action: Clerk to send DPC's response by 16 June 2019.**

### **12 Lingfield Park Racecourse - Application to vary premises licence**

- 12.1 The Chairman attended a meeting on 3 June to discuss the above application. Councillors Mrs Steeds, Councillor Mr White, representatives and the Director from Lingfield Park Racecourse were present. Councillors all objected individually however it was noted that Lingfield Park Racecourse already have a licence for 2am but as the course has been extended over the years they have had to pay for different licences for different the areas. There are 5 altogether and their application was to consolidate all areas into 1 licence. Lingfield Park stated that large concerts finish at 10.30pm and no alcohol is served after that time.

Residents at Tannery Gardens will also be meeting with representatives of Lingfield Park Racecourse. To-date only 8 objections had been put forward.

Councillor White noted that Lingfield Park Racecourse had agreed to prepare a report that was more explicit and this would be published in the Community News and Village Voice.

**Members agreed** that due to the nature of this licence they would not object. Lingfield Park Racecourse were purely consolidating the 5 licences they already have.

### **13 Memorial Hall**

- 13.1 Councillor Mrs Cook reported that following the planning permission being refused, the Trustees now have other options to consider. They will begin to make new enquiries and will update once completed. A statement will be published once a decision has been made.

Councillor Mrs Cook read out the following statement:

*The trustees met briefly on Monday 3 June 2019 to discuss the current situation and to consider other possible options which may be open to us. We are currently looking at these and will update everyone once our enquiries have been completed.*

Member of public raised the same questions as they had at previous meetings regarding new proposals, resident consultations, lack of transparency. Councillor Cook stated that once the Trustees had made their enquiries and looked at how best to proceed they would update the residents.

#### **14 Projects for 2019/20**

- 14.1 The Chairman proposed planting cherry trees in the village and would investigate this further. Councillor Mr Fitzgerald noted that there was no longer a Warden at Newhache and felt the PC should engage more with the residents there. He also suggested becoming a Dementia Friend which members thought to be a very good idea.

#### **15 Dormansland Primary School**

- 15.1 Dormansland Primary School are looking to fund a new kitchen project and **Members agreed** in principle to make a form of contribution. Dormansland Primary School is one of two schools in the whole of Surrey with poor kitchen facilities. Members wished to find out more facts and Councillor Cook noted she was meeting with the Head Mistress on a separate note and will ask for some further information regarding the project. Councillor Cook to report back to members.

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

- 16.1 To receive any updates on blocked drains/gullies and other highways issues  
The blocked gully by the bridge on Sandhawes Hill/Wilderwick road is on SCC's list of things to do. They have dug a temporary trench to help alleviate the problem. Investigations at the bridge on Moor Lane is ongoing.
- 16.2 To receive any updates on Outdoor Gym Equipment  
Tandridge District Council confirmed they would not insure or maintain the Outdoor Gym in the Recreation Ground. Therefore, Councillor Mr Fitzgerald received an insurance quote for public liability and equipment cover. Adding the Gym Equipment onto the PC's Public Liability cover would be £101.40. Adding on the Gym Equipment to both Public Liability cover and the Material Damage cover of £12,995 would be £214.31. **Members agreed** to paying for cover to both the equipment and the public liability. They would also check and maintain the equipment. **Members agreed** to proceed with the project and go ahead with the order. **Action: Clerk to contact TDC and Streetscape**
- 16.3 To discuss the pinch points and speeding in the High Street  
This agenda item was discussed in Councillor White's report.

#### **17 Reports from representatives on outside bodies**

- 17.1 Lingfield Library – The Chairman will be attending a meeting at the library next week.
- 17.2 Gatwick Airport – Jane Vogt reported that the NMB have been suspended but may be reinstated in October under a different format. She suggested the parish council join CAGNE who seem to be the only body doing anything at present. Jane agreed to forward the contact details to the Clerk. **Action: Clerk**

## 18 Accounts/Finance

### 18.1 Members approved cheques for payment.

200191	The Surrey Pension Fund (May)	£347.75
200192	Maureen Young (APA Refreshments/buffet)	£121.64
200193	Maureen Young (Chairman's Allowance)	£200.00
200194	Harry Fitzgerald (Member's Allowance)	£50.00
200195	David Bright (Member's Allowance)	£50.00
200196	Lisa Liggins	£1,165.75
200197	Lisa Liggins (Clerk's Expenses)	£63.45
200198	Lisa Liggins (Office Expenses)	£50.99
200199	Dawn Cook (Member's Allowance)	£50.00
200200	Lingfield and Dormansland Fairtrade Group	£21.00
200201	The Surrey Pension Fund (April amendment)	£34.69

### 18.2 Members noted the bank reconciliation and cash book for May 2019.

<b>HSBC Community Account</b>		
Balance per Bank Statement as at	<b>26/05/2019</b>	
	HSBC Community Account	62,025.93
	HSBC BMM Account	36,261.28
Less unrepresented cheques as at 26/04/2019		
200184		-313.06
200187		-120.00
		<u>97,854.15</u>
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments) account for the month, as follows:-		
<b>CASH BOOK</b>		
Opening Balance		100,140.84
Add: Receipts		5.96
Less: Payments		(2,292.65)
		<u>97,854.15</u>

## 19 Training and Meetings

19.1 Next Planning Meeting Wednesday 26 June at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

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

**21 Date of next Meeting**

21.1 Next Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 3 July 2019 at 7.30pm in The Parish Room

**Signed as a correct record:**

**Dated:**

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