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Minutes of the 218th Meeting of Dormansland Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 July 2019 in The Parish Room, 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 David Bright
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, 10 members of the public and the Clerk.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Maureen Young and Councillor Dawn Cook.

3 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4 To receive minutes of the 217th meeting held on Wednesday 5 June 2019

4.1 **Members approved** the minutes of the 217th meeting held on Wednesday 5 June 2019 previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record. Vice Chairman signed the minutes.

5 To receive minutes of the 19th Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2019

5.1 **Members approved** the minutes of the 19th Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2019 previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record. Vice Chairman signed the minutes.

6 To receive reports from County and District Councillors *Report from County and District Councillor Steeds*

Councillor Steeds met with the Highways officer and confirmed to members that the parish have 4 urban cuts and 2 rural cuts per year. Although the cuts started late they are now nearly finished. Areas were identified with clumps around poles and signs that needed more work. More pot holes were also recorded. Surrey County Council is still going through its transformation and there is a continued lack of money and further cut backs being made. Councillor Steeds recommended that if the public have any queries to contact her directly.

The traffic lights at Moor Lane have been removed. The Case Officer reported that some minor repairs have been carried out by the major work will begin in September/October when traffic lights will be put in place. It had been noted that the traffic lights at Jacks Bridge have not worked for the last 4 weeks. Councillor Steeds has spoken to the Highways Officer who confirmed these were being taken away next week and replaced with cones around the area to be repaired.

A member of public enquired about the yellow fencing near The White House along Moor Lane. Councillor Steeds said she will take a look at the site.

Councillor Fitzgerald asked whether Surrey could reinstate the central white line on Sandhaves Hill/Wilderwick Road. Councillor Steeds confirmed that Surrey were no longer doing centre white lines. She was informed that the expertise findings proved that no white lines resulted in a slowing down of traffic with less accidents occurring. Councillor Steeds said she would however mention this matter to Surrey again.

The Clerk reported she had received the updated cutting programme from SCC and would forward this on to members.

Report from District Councillor White

Councillor White has written to Surrey Highways regarding the grass cutting at Dwelly Lane and Watery Lane. He is concerned that the verges have been poisoned and does not believe that is legally correct. Highways confirmed they are sending out an officer to look into this.

Councillor White and Steeds have visited the bottom of West Street where residents have erected high fences which have encroached onto the council land. They have also blocked sightlines coming out of garages by Jeddere Cottages. A lot of rubbish has been left in the car park and there have been reports of dog fouling. These issues are being followed up by Tandridge District Council.

Councillor White is on the Strategy and Resources Committee at Tandridge District Council. TDC are preparing to replace damaged waste litter bins with a new range of standard size bins. TDC would be pleased if any Parish would inform them if there was a requirement for any additional bins or relocation of existing bins. It is realised that each Parish Council has the local knowledge as to where bins should be located in order to reduce unnecessary dropped rubbish. Dual bins are also an option and may be beneficial on sports grounds. Councillor White also reported that dog rubbish can be put into general waste bins. **Action: Clerk to put article in the next edition of the Village Voice**

THE CHAIRMAN TO SUSPEND THE MEETING

7 Public Question Time

Members of the public wanted to talk about the Memorial Hall. The Parish Council explained this was not on the agenda because they had received no further updates since the last meeting.

The public were unhappy that no further updates had been given to the parish council and that they had been led to believe at June's PC meeting that a meeting would be held between the trustees and an update given in July.

The Chairman of the Trustees was present at the parish meeting but the council wanted to make it clear this was a parish council meeting, not a meeting of trustees and should members of the public have any concerns or questions were free to speak with the Chairman of the Trustees when the meeting had closed.

Members agreed to ask the Trustees for a report before the next parish meeting in September 2019.

A member of the public asked about the speeding restrictions (agenda item12). He wanted to know what alternative suggestions could be given. Appendix 1 attached to the agenda explained the current situation and Surrey's approach to this. Councillor White explained that a consultation was no longer feasible however Surrey were prepared to look at the yellow lines in the High Street. A member of the public suggested extra street furniture or signage to help reduce speeding but Councillor Steeds explained Surrey were keen to declutter the roads, not add to it.

THE MEETING TO BE RE-OPENED

8 Planning

- 8.1 **Members approved** minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 26 June 2019 previously circulated.

9 Chairman's Comments

The Vice Chairman commented on the increase of fly tipping in the parish. There have been recent sightings in Mill Lane, West Street and Moor Lane. Councillor Steeds advised members of the public to go onto the TDC website or phone if they witness fly tipping. **Action: Clerk to report**

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 on the following:

- Sent DPC's response to TDC re GTR Passenger Benefit Fund
- Sent response supporting CAGNE's response on the green paper
- She has signed up DPC with CAGNE to receive newsletters
- Liaising with SCC re grass cutting – now dealt with
- Instruct Adam Neill to cut back brambles at Smithers Lane and Dormans Crossroads
- Adam Neill to complete painting the BT kiosk
- Clerk reported that Peter Wakeham was due to come to this meeting but instead will be emailing information of future events
- Liaised with Fiona, Tree Warden, about the planting of cherry trees in the village.

12 Consultation – High Street Speed Restrictions

- 12.1 Appendix 1 attached explains the current situation with regards the above consultation. **Members agreed** this would not be happening due to Surrey's response.

13 Village Environment, Highways and Infrastructure

- 13.1 To receive updates on blocked drains/gullies and other highways issues
Wilderwick Bridge – Councillor Steeds is still waiting from Surrey Highways for a date on when the work will start. She has spoken to Angelo Lamprou and Steve Cunnah from Surrey and requested this must be done before the next winter. The Clerk has received an email from Mr Dinkovski about flooding in his shop due to blocked drainage in High Street. Councillor Steeds visited the shop and members confirmed they have never received complaints and are not aware of any issues with the High Street drainage. Mr Dinkovski reported this to SCC and TDC.
- 13.2 To receive updates on grass cutting programme 2019/20
Members were unhappy with the late start and quality of this year's grass cutting. The Clerk received the revised cutting programme and will forward this to members for their review. **Action: Clerk**
- 13.3 Litter Bins – to discuss the requirement for extra bins/replacement bins
This item was discussed during Councillor White's report **Action: Clerk to put advert in Village Voice and on DPC website**

14 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

- 14.1 Lingfield Library – No report received this month.
- 14.2 Gatwick Airport – No report received from Councillor Kaiser-Davies since last meeting.

15 Accounts/Finance

15.1 Members approved cheques for payment.

200202	The Surrey Pension Fund (June)	£347.75
200203	Community Heartbeat Trust	£273.60
200204	SSALC Limited	£320.00
200205	SLCC	£350.00
200206	Lisa Liggins	£1,165.55
200207	Lisa Liggins - Clerks Expenses	£53.55
200208	CANCELLED	
200209	SSALC Limited	£252.00
200210	Adam Neill	£345.00
200211	PCC of St John's	£156.00
200212	Lisa Liggins - Office Expenses	£195.75

15.2 Members noted the bank reconciliation and cash book for June 2019.

Balance per Bank Statement as at		26/06/2019	
	HSBC Community Account		59,508.60
	HSBC BMM Account		36,267.44
Less unpresented cheques as at 26/04/2019			
200194			-50.00
200200			-21.00
			<u>95,705.04</u>
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments) account for the month, as follows:-			
CASH BOOK			
	Opening Balance		97,854.15
	Add: Receipts		6.16
	Less: Payments		(2,155.27)
			<u>95,705.04</u>

16 Training and Meetings

16.1 Next Planning Meeting Wednesday 24 July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

Members approved expenditure for Clerk's training:

- Budget Planning & Precept Setting Workshop 10 September 2019 - £70 plus VAT
- Agendas & Minutes Workshop 1 October 2019 - £70 plus VAT

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

Update on Memorial Hall

18 Date of next Meeting

18.1 Next Meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 4 September 2019

Signed as a correct record:

Dated:

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Appendix 1

Report for Agenda Item 12

At the full parish meeting on 5 June 2019 it was discussed and agreed that some form of speeding restrictions needed to be put in place throughout Dormansland Village. Councillor White requested that the Parish Council carry out a consultation with all residents in the parish. It was suggested this should be a leaflet drop to all residents giving them the following options.

The options were:-

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 Moo Lane.
3. Install a Zebra Crossing by Mulberry Mews and remove the Build-Outs.
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.

On 7 June 2019 Councillor White attended the Surrey/Tandridge Joint committee and felt the Parish Council must cancel the Parish consultation regarding the High Street. The reason being that Surrey Highways will not consider a Zebra Crossing or Pelican Crossing due to the costs involved and the Government has now sent out instruction to discourage a reduction in the speed limit from 30 – 20 mph as apparently it encourages additional speeding.

Surrey Highways did agree to review the positioning of the yellow lines as the two parking spaces beyond the 2nd build-out is creating a problem for upcoming traffic if cars are parked there.