



Dormansland Parish Council

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Minutes of the 222nd Meeting of Dormansland Parish Council held at 7.50pm on Wednesday 11 December 2019 in The Parish Room, The Platt, Dormansland RH7 6RA

1 Roll Call

1.1 Members present:

Councillor Mrs Maureen Young (**Chairman**)
Councillor Mr Harry Fitzgerald (**Vice Chairman**)
Councillor Mr David Bright
Councillor Mrs Susan Calamassi

1.2 Also in Attendance:

District Councillor Sir Nicholas White, 6 members of the public and the Clerk.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Guy Kaisers-Davies and Dawn Cook.

3 Declarations of interest

As trustee of the Memorial Hall, Councillor Fitzgerald declared an interest in agenda item 12.

4 To receive minutes of the 221st Meeting held on Wednesday 6 November 2019 (previously distributed)

4.1 Members approved the minutes of the 221st meeting held on Wednesday 6 November 2019 previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

Report from District Councillor White

- Contacted Surrey Highways re Haxted Road and Watery Lane. Due to the diversion from Moor Lane the grass verges are being torn up by lorries/buses. Three further potholes have developed on the Haxted Road and they should be repaired this week. Surrey Highways have said they will take this up with Southern Water who will be responsible for repairing the verges due to the works they are carrying out in Moor Lane.
- There is a need for hedge cutting and clearing of ditches on West Street opposite Jeddere Cottages. Southern Water are going to look at drainage in that area to alleviate the flooding.
- At the recent Tandridge/Surrey local meeting Councillor White asked what was the longer term future with regards the Imberhorne Tip. He was told they would come back to him on that.

Report from County and District Councillor Steeds

No report received this month.

THE CHAIRMAN TO SUSPEND THE MEETING

6 Public Question Time

- 6.1 A member of the public spoke about the drop-in weekends for the Memorial Hall and wanted to know if the Memorial Hall would still hold its Freehold interest. It was confirmed it would retain its freehold. She asked if the PC were supportive of what was happening and they confirmed they support the idea in principle but would need to wait for the application to come before them. It was noted in the Village Voice that people had been supportive of the new plans but at that drop-in there didn't appear to be any form to sign if you were against the proposal. A member of the trustees confirmed that all comments made in the comment book were taken into consideration including those that were not in favour the proposals.

A statement was read from one of the trustees regarding the open days held in December.

A member of the public wished to know how the level of support had been measured and felt the trustees weren't really listening to exactly what the residents wanted. He also believed this was a long term project that needed to be aimed at the younger community who were the future to keep it running and supported.

The Chairman of the Trustees was present and answered further questions from the public.

Members of public are not happy with the size of the hall on the plans. They did not feel the height of the hall was high enough to play badminton/volleyball. The Chairman of the Trustees noted he had received interest from approximately 12 clubs/societies that would be interested in hiring the hall. It is a business that has to be sustainable and needs a bar and restaurant with hall facilities.

The Treasurer of the Mother and Toddler Group enquired about applying for a grant. **Action: Clerk asked him to send her an email and she will send him a form.**

Chairman of the PC ended the public question and re-opened the meeting.

THE MEETING TO BE RE-OPENED

7 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman had no comments this month.

8 Correspondence and Communication

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

9 Clerk's Report

The Clerk noted the following.

- Had a brief meeting with the PC's website company regarding council email addresses however the IT person has had to reschedule for next week to discuss further.
- There is a new salt bin on the New Farthingdale Green and one has been ordered for Station Road
- Sent off details to Royal Mail for a PC PO Box address.

10 Village Environment, Highways and Infrastructure

- 10.1 **To receive updates on blocked drains/gullies and other highways issues.**

Councillor Bright noted the gullies had been cleaned on the High Street and New Farthingdale but still haven't been cleared along Hollow Lane. Councillor Bright has chased this up and they were scheduled for November/December. If they aren't done in December he will chase in January. **Action: Councillor Bright**

Waiting to hear when work will start at Wilderwick Bridge.

10.2 To discuss the budget for a Memorial cherry tree and potentially other trees for planting in the village.

The Chairman had seen trees in the garden centre for £200 to £300. It was suggested planting one behind the bench in West Street and possibly on the green at New Farthingdale. Members agreed a paragraph should be put in the Village Voice asking residents for their opinion of trees being planted on the green. In the meantime one should be purchased to be placed next to the Memorial bench in the recreation ground. Members asked the Clerk to liaise with Fiona Thompson, the tree warden. The PC would like a cost for 2 trees (size up from saplings). **Action: Clerk**

11 New Defibrillator – Dormans Park

11.1 To consider purchasing a new defibrillator for Dormans Park.

The Chairman noted the current defibrillator in the High Street was donated by the Lions Charity in East Grinstead. The Clerk has contacted the Community Heartbeat Trust and received an email containing an estimate and information which she forwarded to members. Members agreed they would like to see a defibrillator in Dormans Park and asked the Clerk to look into it further. **Action: Clerk**

12 Memorial Hall

12.1 Memorial Hall discussed during public question time.

13 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

13.1 Lingfield Library

Nothing to report. Next Meeting will be in January 2020.

13.2 Gatwick Airport

No update received this month. Councillor White said more support for better pollution and noise control is necessary. It is impacting heavily on many residents under the flight path and GACC are not supporting this as much as they should be.

14 Grant Applications

14.1 Members approved a grant application received from Dormansland Carnival Committee for £400

14.2 Members approved a grant application received from Dormansland Primary School PTA for £2,000

14.3 Members approved a grant application received from Ashurst Wood Short Mat Bowling Club for £100

14.4 Members approved a grant application received from YWI Dormansland for £250

15 Accounts/Finance

15.1 Members approved cheques for payment*

200256	Royal Mail	£342.00
200257	Streetscape Products and Services Limited	£570.00
200258	Lisa Liggins (Salary)	£1,165.55
200259	SSALC Limited	£84.00
200260	Royal British Legion	£17.00
200261	Ashurst Wood Short Mat Bowling Club	£100.00
200262	Foxhole Farm (3 invoices)	£534.72
200263	Adam Neill	£92.25
200264	Page Computer Co Ltd	£54.00
200265	Lisa Liggins (Clerks Expenses)	£69.10
200266	Lisa Liggins (Office Expenses)	118.88
200267	The Surrey Pension Fund	£347.75
200268	Maurren Young	£121.98
200269	Dormansland School PTA	£2,000.00
200270	Dormansland Carnival Committee	£400.00
200271	YWI Dormansland	£250.00

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

Balance per Bank Statement as at	26/11/2019			
	HSBC Community Account			55,907.27
	HSBC BMM Account			36,297.84
Less unrepresented cheques as at 26/11/2019				
	200254			-2,000.00
				<u>90,205.11</u>
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments) account for the month, as follows:-				
CASH BOOK				
	Opening Balance			111,199.36
	Add: Receipts			6.16
	Less: Payments			(21,000.41)
				<u>90,205.11</u>

15.3 **To approve budget and set precept for 2020/21**

Members approved the budget for 2020/21. In the 2019/20 budget £25,000 was ringfenced for the Memorial Hall Crossroads. This project is now being financed by Surrey County Council and the Clerk recommended unringfencing this amount and allocating £10,000 for the Primary School Kitchen Project and £3,500 to the Sure Start Project. **Members agreed** this.

Members agreed to reduce the 2020/21 precept to £40,000. **Action: Clerk to submit precept to TDC**

15.4 **Members approved** expenditure of £121.98 for village Christmas tree

15.5 **Members approved** expenditure of £55.06 for 5 personalised hi-viz jackets

15.6 **Members approved** SSALC and NALC Subscriptions for 2020/21 of £1063.21. Invoice to follow March/April 2020.

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

Councillor Susan Calamassi sent her apologies for January's full council meeting.

17 Date of next Meetings

17.1 Next Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 7.30pm

17.2 Next Meeting of the Planning Committee Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 9.09pm

Signed as a correct record:

Dated: