

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 13th MARCH 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Julian Jones (Chairman)	✓		
Cllr Dr Manuela Gazzard	✓		
Cllr Mrs Sheila Harden	✓		
Cllr Derrick Penny	✓		
Cllr Barry Dodd	✓		

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Ross- Clerk, 2 Members of the public

330301 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

330302 To receive and note any declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda
RECEIVED.

330303 The approve as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2023

APPROVED as correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2023.

330304 To open the meeting to members of the public

There were 2 members of the public in attendance who attended to discuss their forthcoming planning application.

330305 To receive reports

County Councillor Juliet Henderson

Her report can be found as Appendix A

Cllr Julian Jones

- There will be Coronation Celebrations at Dummer Down Farm for the Village on Monday 8th May 2023
- 2 Trees have been felled in Dummer Down Lane
- Vegetation and Trees at the Plantation have been cleared.
- The HALC motion to change their articles of association was approved.

330306 To approve Requests for Payments for March 2023
The Requests for Payments for March 2023 **APPROVED**

FROM	ITEM	AMOUNT	INVOICE NO	PAY METHOD
Staff	Salary	£273.38	March	Electronic
HMRC	Tax	£68.40	March	Electronic
Vic Lee	Maintenance	£75.00	2068	Electronic
Total		£416.78		

330307 To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance

The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance was **NOTED** and can be found as Appendix B

330308 To consider the Grant Request for an Easter Egg Hunt at Hounsome Fields/Longacre by the Parish of Basingstoke Down under Local Government Act 1972, s145

RESOLVED

to approve the Grant Request for an Easter Egg Hunt at Hounsome Fields/Longacre by the Parish of Basingstoke Down under Local Government Act 1972, s145.

Proposed by Cllr Dr Gazzard
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Harden
Agreed Unanimously

330309 To consider the Grant request from Dummer Village Hall for £525 under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

RESOLVED

to approve the Grant request from Dummer Village Hall for £525 under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

Proposed by Cllr Dr Gazzard
Seconded by Cllr Penny
Agreed Unanimously

330310 To agree the purchase of a new laptop

RESOLVED to agree the purchase of a new laptop at no more than £1,000

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Harden
Seconded by Cllr Penny
Agreed Unanimously

330311 To note the Quarterly Play Inspection Report and consider any recommendations therein

The Quarterly Play Inspection Report was **NOTED**

It was agreed to replace the 2 posts as specified in the report as medium risk.

330312 To consider any planning applications

330312.01 23/00535/HSE

14 Brimstone Drive

Erection of a rear conservatory

Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application

- 330312.02 23/00441/LBC and 23/00440/RET**
Manor Farm, The Bothy
Retrospective listed building consent for retention of existing annexe including associated conversion works as completed before 2009 together with the blocking up of one modern (unauthorised) doorway.
Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 330312.03 23/00427/HSE**
Manor Farmhouse
Erection of garage for 3 cars, incorporating a home office and log store following demolition of existing 4 bay garage on same footprint
Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 330312.04 T/00077/23/TCA**
The Cottage
Eucalyptus: 30% crown reduction leaves 10m tree.
Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 330312.05 23/00378/FUL**
North Waltham Business Centre,
Provision of additional storage containers above existing containers
Dummer Parish Council is concerned about the landscape impact and would like to see a photo montage from a point on the A30 at its junction with Maidenthorn Lane of how the area will look with the additional containers.
- 330312.06 23/00566/HSE**
Highfields Dummer Down Lane
Erection of a single storey side extension
Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application however has a concern that this extension over space occupied by air source heat pump. There is no clarification as to where will the air source heat pump be relocated to prevent harm to views within and from the Conservation Area
- 330313 To agree the date of the next meeting as 17th April 2023**
It was agreed the date of the next meeting as 17th April 2023

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Appendix A

Hampshire County Councillor report

March 2023

1. 2023/24 budget approved

Hampshire County Council's £2.6bn spending plans for 2023/24 have been approved. I outlined these plans in my report last month. Its council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1 April 2023, will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care, in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,460.25 for a Band D property – an increase of £69.45 per year or approximately £1.34 a week.

Leader of the County Council, Councillor Rob Humby, said: "Each year, the County Council is tested to the limits in continuing to deliver a balanced budget, which is required by law. Planning for this upcoming financial year has been no different, and we have had to navigate further intense pressures resulting from the cost-of-living crisis, inflation and workforce pressures which are pushing up costs, and growing demand in key areas such as social care for the most vulnerable children and adults in our communities – which far outweighs available Government funding.

"We are also acutely aware of the very difficult decisions Hampshire residents face in their own household budgets to make ends meet, but reluctantly, in order to help deliver a balanced budget for 2023/24, we have no other choice but to increase the council tax precept. This is a decision we have not taken lightly. But even after this increase, we are still left with a £50.8 million shortfall in our revenue budget which we will have to fill using our reserves – built to buffer this and next year's anticipated budget shortfalls."

The increase will generate £37m of vital extra income towards the delivery of crucial, high performing services to the people of Hampshire in 2023/24, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

Schools

More than 97 per cent of parents in Hampshire have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2023, with 90 per cent offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 15,400 on-time applications this year – an increase of 418 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2022 (14,982).

Parents and carers who have not secured a place at one of their preferred secondary schools this year are urged to please visit HCC's [website](#) for advice and guidance on their options. The Admissions Team is busy processing primary school applications with school place offers due to go out to parents on 17 April 2023.

An interesting point to note – at the time of the implementation of the SEN Reforms in 2014, Hampshire County Council was supporting around 5,000 children with special educational needs. Since the reforms, this figure has risen to over 15,000 children. Such increases do place significant pressure on local authorities' ability to provide support.

2. Parish lengthsman scheme

The County Council's parish lengthsman scheme has been maintained for the coming financial year. The term 'lengthsman' dates back to the 1800s, referring to workers who were responsible for keeping a particular length of road neat and tidy. The modern role of Parish Lengthsman was reintroduced in Hampshire in 2010, in order to give communities more say in how their local area is maintained.

The scheme funds a local 'lengthsman' to carry out straightforward and low risk maintenance activities on footways, highways, and rights of way. The work mainly involves jobs that can have a big impact, such as ditch clearing, hedge cutting and sign cleaning. The scheme has since been successful in giving 186 local parish and town councils an opportunity to prioritise and deliver their own small scale highway maintenance works that will be of high value locally.

3. Grants to fight rural crime

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Donna Jones, has announced a fund to award grants to help tackle rural crime, supporting initiatives to reduce rural crime or support victims. The application window closes at 2pm on Friday 21 April 2023 and successful applications will be announced in mid to late May 2023. Applications can be made at <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-together/funding/apply-for-funding>.

4. Consultation on post-16 transport policy

The County Council has launched its annual consultation on the Post-16 Transport Policy. This policy outlines the provision of transport for young people over the age of 16 with special needs or disabilities, who require additional support to access education or training suitable to their needs.

The consultation includes an opportunity to comment on the proposed increase in the parental contribution by 27.1%, in line with the increased costs of running the service. This increase is being driven by national driver shortages, a limited number of transport operators on the market, and an increase in fuel prices. Families in receipt of income-based free school meals and certain means-tested benefits will not be required to pay an annual charge.

The consultation will run for a period of six weeks until 11:59pm on Sunday 2 April, please visit the [Hampshire County Council website](#) for details.

5. Coronation grants

A new grant window for Hampshire County Councillors will open from 1st to 21st April. 'Member's Grants for the Coronation' will offer grants up to £1k to support local events. You can see details at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

Appendix B

Monthly Sheet February 2023			
		Balance Bought Forward	91,239.04
		Interest	45.07
		Donation	60
			91,344.11
	CPRE	Subscription	60.00
	Parish On Line	Subscription	36.00
	HMRC	Tax and Ni	68.20
	James Dodd T/A Vic Lee	Maintenance- INV 2052	75.00
	Karen Ross	Salary	273.58
			512.78
		Balance as at 28th February 2023	90,831.33
		Current Account Balance	863.80
		Deposit Account Balance	9235.78
		Development Control	6652.89
		Play Area/CIL	74078.86
			90,831.33