

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 17th April 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, County Councillor Juliet Henderson, 6 Members of the public

- 230401 To receive and accept apologies for absence.**
Apologies were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Cllr Dr Gazzard.
- 230402 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.
- 230403 The approve as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 13th March 2023**
The minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 13th March 2023 were **APPROVED** as correct record of the meeting.
- 230404 To open the meeting to members of the public**
There were 4 members of the public in attendance. A member of the public raised concerns that Post Office Lane which the Parish Council is responsible for needs resurfacing and the Trees need pollarding.
- 230405 To receive reports**
County Councillor Henderson
She reported that:
- Hampshire county council is looking at increasing Fostering to move away from the Care Home System
 - There is a concern that a significant number of children have not returned to school since the covid epidemic.
 - Hampshire roads are in a bad way with many potholes. HCC will carry out a temporary fix prior to completing a permanent fix. The government is providing £1M for repairs.
 - Hampshire County Council is considering increasing 20 mph zones in rural areas. This is unlikely to be rolled out before 2025. It will also be necessary to increase compliance.

Chairman of Dummer Parish Council

Councillor Jones

He reported that:

- Dummer Parish Council election has been uncontested. He welcomed Liz Nelson to the Parish Council and thanked Cllr Barry Dodd for his years of service.
- There was a theft of a car from Chapel Close.
- Planning of the Village Coronation event is continuing.
- Highway pinch points at Glebe Close have been requested by members of the village WhatsApp group.
- 46 families attended the Easter Egg Hunt at Housome Fields.

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To approve Requests for Payments for April 2023

The payments in the Table below were **APPROVED** for payment.

FROM	ITEM	AMOUNT	INVOICE NO	PAY METHOD
DM Payroll	Payroll services	£120.00	2720	Electronic
Staff	Salary	£321.70	April	Electronic
HMRC	Tax	£80.40	April	Electronic
HALC	Membership	£468.47	INV-5631	Electronic
Viking	Sationery	£22.85	2245355	Electronic
Viking	Laptop	£849.54	INV5631	Electronic
Vic Lee	Maintenance	£75.00	2077	Electronic
Total		£1,937.96		

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

The current financial situation and reconciliation of the bank balance were **NOTED** with the current bank balance being £90,407.02.

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To consider projects using CIL money

Ideas for CIL money included:

- An interpretation board showing the Footpaths and Bye-Ways as well as a physical map as well as one which can be downloaded from the Internet.
- Update the Village Map at Glebe Close
- Install a new Wayfarers Walk signpost and local footpaths map.
- Install parking on the grass area in Bible Fields

The questionnaire will be considered at the next meeting.

RESOLVED to purchase of 2 site screens at a cost of £4,200 including VAT and donate them to the Dummer Cricket Club.

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To consider any planning applications

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23/00566/HSE

Highfields Dummer Down Lane

Erection of a single storey side extension

It was confirmed that this application had been discussed at a previous meeting and comments had already been submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

230409.02 23/00753/CONS

**Land At Hounsme Fields Trenchard Lane Dummer Hampshire
Proposed new build 2 Form Entry (2FE), 420 pupil place, Primary School
with SEN Resource Provision for 8 pupils serving the 'Hounsme Fields'
housing development to the south-west of Basingstoke HCC Case HCC
Application No: HCC/2023/0086 BAE067**

- The Parish Council has requested a meeting with representatives from Dummer Parish Council, Hampshire County Councillor and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to discuss the application.
- The Parish Council objects to the application as it stands on the following grounds:
- The car park is insufficient size for both staff and visitors and parking of minibuses that the school may use or may have visits from other schools.
- There is no provision for dropping off children from both cars and buses which may be used.
- The classrooms are still adjacent to the A30 which was a reason for the previous application rejection and is still relevant.
- The provision of a cycle rack/scooter storage at the bottom of the play area behind is unsuitable.
- The only visible entrance for maintenance vehicles is shown the farthest corner as possible from school buildings and with no hard surface or drop-kerb off the road.
- There appears to be no provision for waste collection, with no turning areas shown at the entrance to the car park, also there are no turning areas or areas for delivery vehicles when making deliveries for the kitchen.
- There appears to be no visible storage shown for outside play equipment.
- There appears to be confusion with different maps showing a footpath.
- The bus stops are a considerable distance from entry to the school, and there appears to be no provision for area on which buses will stop and drop off or collect pupils and staff. The access road is insufficient width to allow this to happen without blocking the road completely.
- Shown on the map is the proposed mass rapid transport route and is stated to serve Hounsme fields. If the building as shown is extremely near the A30, it doesn't allow a further lane to be added to the A30.
- Will high speed broadband be made available in the school.
- There should be speed restrictions including a speed limit and signals plus traffic calming.

230409.03

T/00100/23/TCA

Oak Cottage Dummer Down Lane

T1 - YEW - reduce laterals by up to 3m and top by 4m to leave a finished height of approx. 6m with a crown spread (radius) of 5m. The tree has poor form, I would like to reduce it to make it look more aesthetically pleasing and allow more light into the front of the property.

This Tree is listed in the Conservation appraisal and is a protected Tree.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned that the application requires such a large amount of foliage to be removed. A site visit from a Tree Officer will be requested.

It was also noted that there were two other adjacent Trees were removed in the building of the property on site.

230409.04 23/00567/FUL

Land to the East of Dummer Down Lane

Extension of an existing barn, change of use of the site to equestrian purposes and the replacement of a field gate into Dummer Down Lane

Dummer Parish Council wishes to object to this application as It has not been demonstrated that the proposed development would provide an adequate means of access at the junction of the access road with the public highway that would not cause undue interference with the safety and convenience of users of the adjoining highway and adequate swept path analysis for all vehicles likely to access and egress the site to ensure they would not interrupt the free flow of traffic on the public highway and thereby add to the hazards of roads users at this point. Should this application be approved conditions should be imposed:

- To prohibit the facility to being used for commercial equestrian facility or equestrian charity work.
- To prevent parking in Dummer Down Lane, Reason – to prevent obstruction of traffic and damage to verges like that in Farleigh Lane.

The applicant should clarify the access to the proposed stables for horse boxes and fodder deliveries. Will vehicles have access to the stable courtyard area?

Change of use should not be granted for the plantation area of the site. The dimensions and boundaries of the plantation should be investigated, including by using aerial photography.

230409.05 23/00611/HSE

2 Queensfield Dummer

Demolition of existing rear extension, garage, and link. Construction of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, two storey feature entrance. Replacement windows. Replacement of tile hanging with render. Installation of PV panels. Construction of open pergola garden structure.

Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application.

The Parish Council would like to see conditions that work, and deliveries should not be before 7.30am and after 6pm and that consideration to the Queen Inn and their clientele should be given. The access to Queensfield is narrow with no splays. Down Street is used for client parking between 12:00 and 15:00. Deliveries during this period should be avoided.

230409.06 23/00613/HSE

2 Queensfield Dummer

Construction of outbuilding

Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application.

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230409.07 23/00612/HSE
2 Queensfield Dummer
Construction of open car port and garage structure with office space within roof

Dummer Parish Council has no objection to this application.

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230410 To agree the date of the next meeting as 22nd May 2023

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15th May 2023 at 6.30pm

The Annual Parish Assembly was confirmed as 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Appendix A

Hampshire County Councillor April Report 2023 Oakley Overton and The Candovers

- **Budget provides £6m extra funding to pothole repairs.**

In March the persistent wet weather created further deterioration in road surfaces. This has been frustrating as February was not as bad as forecast and Hampshire Highways were trying to get on top of the situation following a very wet and freezing January. Let's hope we have a drier month in April! Hampshire Highways are working round the clock to assess, prioritise and fix potholes. Please continue to report road defects on the website, we really appreciate it!

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

In the Spring Budget on 15 March the Chancellor announced a further £200m for the national Pothole Fund to help local communities to tackle potholes with £5,954,400 confirmed for Hampshire.

This is welcome additional funding. But the twin challenges of ongoing materials inflation and ongoing severe weather means that substantial further funding is still needed. We will continue to make the case to Government for further funding and a multi-year settlement.

- **Create a Local Nature Reserve**

On 20 March 2023 DEFRA and Natural England updated the guidance on declaring a Local Nature Reserve. It is now much easier for Parish and Town Councils to make a declaration. This is a great opportunity for Parish Councils to contribute to Nature Recovery whilst engaging members of the community of all ages in a worthwhile project which leaves a lasting legacy for generations to come.

How to declare a local nature reserve

To declare your site as a LNR, first you should contact Natural England by email: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk or telephone: 0300 060 3900.

You'll be asked to formally declare your LNR by sending a draft declaration document – you can use this [declaration document template](#) (MS Word Document, 26 KB). It must be signed by the relevant local authority committees, have a map showing the boundary and a management plan detailing:

- ownership of the land
- any agreements or partnerships
- why the LNR site was chosen.
- aims and objectives.
- biodiversity management and environmental education
- community participation, access and visitor management
- costs and funding arrangements

Following the consultation, you will be asked to send the final declaration document to Natural England, signed by the relevant local authority committees.

To read the guidance in full please click on this link:

www.gov.uk/guidance/create-and-manage-local-nature-reserves

- **Campaign to recruit more Foster Parents**

While we have been working hard to reduce the number of children coming into care, the gap between the number of children needing a loving home and the number of Foster Carers available in Hampshire, continues to widen.

In order to close the gap, Fostering Hampshire Children has launched its #OpenYourDoor campaign. Dedicated to discovering 150 new fostering households across the county by the end of 2023, the campaign works with local communities across Hampshire to galvanise residents to support vulnerable children who desperately need our help.

Parish Councils can play an important and useful role in supporting the campaign by:

- a) sharing the messages across your PC social media channels and email groups.
- b) including an article in your local newsletters – see below example.

Thank you for supporting the #OpenYourDoor campaign.

SUGGESTED ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWSLETTERS

Open Your Door to Fostering

Every 12 hours another Hampshire child comes into care in need of a foster carer.

Children deserve to feel safe and happy. They deserve to be cared for. They deserve the opportunity to work towards achieving their potential. They deserve to have a stable home. While Hampshire County Council has been working hard to reduce the number of children coming into care, the gap between the number of children needing a loving home and the number of foster carers available in Hampshire continues to widen. For every child for whom we find a home, there are others waiting. In order to close the gap, Fostering Hampshire Children has launched a campaign asking Hampshire residents to **#OpenYourDoor**. Dedicated to finding 150 new foster care households across the county by the end of 2023, the campaign works with local communities across Hampshire to galvanise residents to support vulnerable children who need our help.

Foster carers are kind, nurturing and selfless people. They play a vital role in advocating for young people currently in care, nurturing their physical and mental well-being, strengthening their identities, and supporting them on their journeys. It is also important that local communities continue to do all they can to support current foster carers with the hugely important role they play in looking after the most vulnerable children in Hampshire. Fostering Hampshire Children is an OFSTED-outstanding Local Authority offering generous allowances and pioneering training and support. Our growing community keeps you connected in your vital role enhancing children's lives. Through the Hampshire Hive, buddies, and groups, you will be well supported throughout your fostering journey. You do not need to own your home or be in a long-term relationship. Sexuality and ethnicity do not matter. You do not have to do fostering as a 'full-time job,' and you certainly do not need to be 'practically perfect in every way.' Fostering Hampshire Children is looking for ordinary people aged over 21 who want to make positive changes within our communities across the county.

There are some things you do need: a spare bedroom, patience, resilience, open-mindedness, and positivity to name but a few. Fostering is not always easy; there are challenges to overcome and difficult days, but it's also a chance to build new relationships, learn about other cultures and offer stability to a young person at the time it's needed most. The support and training opportunities provided by Hampshire County Council are excellent, and the peer-to-peer support networks are second to none.

Fostering Hampshire Children urgently needs more foster carers to provide homes for Hampshire children, from babies through to teenagers, asylum seekers, sibling groups and children with additional needs or disabilities. We need your help today.

Can you open your door and become a foster carer in Hampshire?

Please visit the [Fostering Hampshire Children website](https://www.hants.gov.uk/openyourdoor) at [hants.gov.uk/openyourdoor](https://www.hants.gov.uk/openyourdoor) and download an information pack today to discover more about becoming a foster carer.

Together, we can make a difference to Hampshire's most vulnerable children.



- **Purdah period underway**

With District Council elections taking place on 4 May, the County Council is now in election purdah, and I do not expect there to be any significant announcements in April. My next report to you will therefore be sent out by me in the first week of June. I hope you all enjoy a happy, peaceful and prosperous Spring!

Juliet Henderson
County Councillor Oakley Overton and Candovers Division

Appendix B

Monthly Sheet March 2023			
		Balance Bought Forward	90,831.33
		Interest	42.47
		Grant return	525
			91,398.80
FPO	HMRC	Tax and NI	68.40
FPO	James Dodd T/A Vic Lee	Maintenance- INV 2068	75.00
FPO	Parish of Old Down	Grant	50.00
FPO	Dummer Village Hall	Grant	525.00
FPO	Karen Ross	Salary -April	273.38
			991.78
		Balance as at 31st March 2023	90,407.02
		Current Account Balance	1397.02
		Deposit Account Balance	8240.20
		Development Control	6656.03
		Play Area	74113.77
			90,407.02

DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL				
SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT				
<u>4th QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2023</u>				
				Figures shown
Annual Budget	Actual-v-Budget			Exc VAT £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
10800	142%	Precept	-	
10	1593%	Bank Interest	124.67	
1480	8735%	Other	4,406.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS				4,530.67
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
5000	101%	Net Salaries & Allowances	1,025.34	
0	0%	HCC - Pension Contributions (e'ers & e'ees)	-	
120	72%	Clerk's Expenses Net VAT	-	
350	121%	Administration	34.97	
50	0%	Chairman's Allowance	-	
4000	331%	Repairs & Maintenance	225.00	
650	73%	Insurance Premium	-	
500	115%	Grants & Donations:	575.00	
250	0%	Section 137	-	
100	0%	Training	-	
300	0%	Hall Hire	-	
250	70%	Audit Fees	-	
650	83%	Subscriptions	90.00	
150	0%	Publications (LCR)	-	
360	143%	Communications	-	
0	0%	Play Area Inspection	-	
500	8051%	Miscellaneous	-	
0	0%	VAT on payments	12.99	
13,230		TOTAL PAYMENTS		1,963.30
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD on 01/01/23				87,839.65
ADD Total Receipts (as above)				4,530.67
LESS Total payments (as above)				1,963.30
Balance Carried forward 31/03/23				90,407.02
These cumulative funds are represented by:				
Current Account (per bank statement)				1397.02
Deposit Account (per bank statement)				8240.20
Dev Control fund (per bank statement)				6656.03
Play Area (per bank statement)				74113.77
				90,407.02
Signed:				