

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 22nd May 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 Ms Liz Nelson		✓	

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Ross- Clerk, County Councillor Juliet Henderson, Borough Councillor Hannah Golding and 4 Members of the public

- 230501 To elect a chairman for the ensuing municipal year and to receive the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form**
RESOLVED to elect Julian Jones as chairman for the ensuing municipal year and to receive the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form
- 230502 To elect a Vice Chairman ensuing municipal year and to receive the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form**
RESOLVED to elect Sheila Harden as Vice- Chairman for the ensuing municipal year and to receive the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form
- 230503 To review and adopt the following policies.**
Financial Regulations
Asset Register
Risk Assessment
Standing orders
Code of conduct
The above Policies were **REVIEWED** and **ADOPTED**.
- 230504 To confirm the council's eligibility, as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils General Power of Competence Order 2012, and subsequently adopt the General Power of Competence for the current financial year.**
CONFIRMED the council's eligibility, as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils General Power of Competence Order 2012, and subsequently **ADOPTED** the General Power of Competence for the current financial year.
- 230505 To receive and accept apologies for absence.**
RECEIVED apologies from Cllr Ms Nelson due to holiday commitments.
- 230506 To receive and note any declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda.**
No declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda **RECEIVED**.

- 230507 **The approve as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 17th April 2023**
APPROVED as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 17th April 2023
- 230508 **To open the meeting to members of the public**
There were 4 members of the public in attendance.
A member raised the issue of a crumbling wall between the Village Hall and Box House and their request for approximately of £20,000 of CIL money.
- 230509 **To receive reports**
Borough Councillor Hannah Golding

County Councillor Juliet Henderson
This can be found as Appendix A

Julian Jones
 - The water leak appears to be fixed
 - There has been a licensing application lasting 5 years for a 3-day Festival in Ellisfield
 - Congratulated Borough Councillor Hannah Golding on her re-election
 - A meeting took place between Firstport and the Parish Council meeting. Firstport has taken away the concerns and will update the Parish Council. The Annual accounts will be sent to the residents at the end of their financial year along with the Parish Council
 - There will be overnight closures on the A30 from May 22 – 26 and 5 – 8 June.
- 230510 **To consider requests for Payments**
APPROVED for payment the payments as listed in the table below.
- 230511 **To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance**
NOTED the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance.
- 230512 **To approve the Parish Council insurance**
APPROVED at a cost of £520.95.
- 230513 **To consider CIL projects**
230513.01 **The purchase of 2 Interpretation Boards showing footpaths and ROWs**
A price from Hampshire Print is awaited. This will be considered when this is RECEIVED.
- 230513.02 **The purchase of Cricket covers**
RESOLVED to purchase the Cricket Covers at a cost of £5,1000 plus £250 delivery and Installation.
- 230513.03 **The purchase a Speed Indicator Sign**
It was agreed to defer this until further quotes are RECEIVED.
- 230513.04 **The resurfacing of Post Office Lane**
This item was DEFERRED until costs had been RECEIVED.

- 230513.05 The CIL Survey**
It was agreed that this would have further work prior to issuing out.
- 230514** **To consider any planning applications**
230514.01 23/01045/LDEO
Rose Court Down Street
Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing dwelling house and double garage.
It was agreed to request that the garage should be considered safe prior to this Certificate being issued.
- 230514.02 23/01109/HSE and 23/01110/LBC**
Little Manor Farm Down Street
Conversion of part of listed barn to residential annex, with associated alteration works to listed building.
There was a concern that there had been no change of use has been submitted. There are no details on how close this will be to an existing building.
- 230515 To agree the date of the next meeting**
AGREED as 12th June 2023

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8pm

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 April 2023			
		Balance Bought Forward	90,407.02
		Precept	9,000.00
		Parish Funding	1,525.05
		HMRC VAT Refund	6,944.06
		Interest	56.42
			107,932.55
	DM Payroll	Payroll Services	120.00
	HALC/NALC	Membership	468.47
	HMRC	Tax	80.40
	James Dodd	Maintenance	75.00
	Karen Ross	Salary	321.70
	Viking	Stationery	22.85
	Viking	Stationery	849.54
			1,937.96
		Balance as at 30th April 2023	105,994.59
		Current Account Balance	7,403.12
		Deposit Account Balance	17,770.56
		Development Control	6,660.24
		CIL	74,160.67
			105,994.59