

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
DUMMER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 13th February 2024 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 Sasha Mullen	✓		
Cllr Mrs Liz Nelson	✓		

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Ross–Clerk, 12 Members of the public.

- 240201 To receive and accept apologies for absence.**
RECEIVED and **ACCEPTED** from Cllr Dr Gazzard
NOTED from PC Andy Jones
- 240202 To receive and note any declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda.**
RECEIVED no declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda.
- 240203 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 22nd January 2024**
APPROVED as a correct record the minutes of the Dummer Parish Council meeting held on 22nd January 2024
- 240204 To open the meeting to members of the public.**
A member raised the question of resurfacing Post Office Lane.
A member raised a question on the minutes.
- 240205 To receive reports**
County Councillor Henderson
Her report can be found as Appendix A
- Cllr Mullen**
He updated the meeting on his meeting with Francesca Hill who is working on behalf of Remus Management, the management company on the Housome Fields Estate.
- Cllr Jones– Chairman**
The Planning application 23/01973/FUL for 2 gypsy and traveller pitches application was refused by Development Control.
CPRE is consulting on solar panels on roofs.
The SID has been sited on Up Street; He will purchase a tablet to download the data from the sign for analysis having received a recommendation on which one to purchase.

- 240206 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. The financial update sheet can is attached as Appendix B.
APPROVED that the Asset register
- 240207 To approve requests for Payments for February 2024**
APPROVED requests for Payments for February 2024 as shown in Appendix C
- 240208 To note the approval of the Queen Public Inn as an Asset of Community Value**
NOTED the approval of the Queen Public Inn as an Asset of Community Value.
- 240209 To consider projects for S106 funds**
RESOLVED to promote:
Planting within Parish
Play Equipment at the playground.
Sports field facilities in the Parish
- 240210 To consider response on the Hospital consultation.**
CONSIDERATION was given and **AGREED** Individual responses should be submitted.
- 240211 To consider a response the Local Plan**
RECEIVED an update on the Local Plan.
- 240212 To consider planning applications**
240212.01 T/00066/24/TCA
Belmore Cottage
T1 Ash: reduce to hedge height. T2 Holly: reduce to hedge height.
No Objection
- 240212.02 T/00036/24/TCA**
Tower hill farm, up street, Dummer
T1 pussy willow: fell
T2 magnolia: crown lift to 8 ft
T3 poplar - fell
T4 willow - fell
Ts 5 - 8 incl - 4 beeches - fell
No Objection

- 240212.03 T/00035/24/TCA
4 Chapel close
Silver birch – reduce by 30% leaving a height of 30ft and a crown spread of 15ft.
Cherry tree – reduce by 30% leaving a height of 30ft and a crown spread of 15ft.
No Objection
- 240213 To agree the date of the next meeting
AGREED as 11th March 2024
- 240214 Admission to meeting to pass a resolution in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the remainder of this meeting as publicity will be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business. in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the remainder of this meeting as publicity will be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business
- 240214.01 To consider Staffing matters
AGREED the Terms and conditions for the new clerk.
- 240214.02 To consider Legal matters
RECEIVED Legal advice

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Appendix A

Hampshire County Councillor report February 2024

1. County Council Budget Consultation

You will no doubt have seen the publicity about councils 'going bust' in the last few months. The latest was Nottingham City Council, closer to home Southampton City Council is close to declaring it cannot deliver a balanced budget and Somerset Council is asking the Government to allow them to increase Council Tax by 10% this year to avoid the same situation. Hampshire County Council is not in that position, yet. Unusually for many councils it projects it finances ahead by a number of years. As I have mentioned before, these projections show that while it will be able to balance its budget for the next two years, by 2026 there will be an anticipated shortfall of £132 million.

The County Council has a legal responsibility to carry out certain functions. Examples of this are social care costs for older people, support for those with disabilities, the care of vulnerable children and young people and school transport for those who meet the necessary criteria. These mandatory services are increasingly expensive without sufficient government support to fund them fully.

Other services are discretionary, the council chooses to do these. HCC therefore has to consider ways by which it can balance its budget going forward, absent government support. As a result, it has now launched its consultation on how it might change its discretionary services to meet that budget shortfall. These include:

School Crossing Patrols – HCC do not have a legal duty to provide school crossing patrols. It does however have a legal duty to ensure children can travel to school safely.

Winter Gritting Routes – these have not been reviewed in many years, so it will be testing whether the current network is needed.

Community Transport and Bus Services – there is no legal duty for the County Council to support community transport or to subsidise bus routes. However, both these can play a vital role in combatting social isolation and enabling access to vital services.

HWRCs – I talk more about this below.

You can read more about the consultation here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation> I do encourage you to take part, do not rely on others to do so.

2. Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

Hampshire is the best served county in terms of its waste and recycling centres, we have more per square mile, per head of population and open them longer than any other area. As a Waste Disposal Authority, the county council is obligated to arrange for the deposit of household and garden waste at no charge under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. In 2022/23, residents made 2.1 million bookings, depositing nearly 120,000 tonnes of waste across our 24 HWRCs, costing over £10 million a year to operate.

The county council is now consulting on a range of proposed changes to save money, including:

- charging for discretionary services (such as premium booking slots, additional services by site staff and chargeable items like gloves and sacks)
- alternative delivery models, such as handing over management to charities or community organisations or districts or borough managing some sites
- reductions to types of waste accepted at some sites
- reducing opening days and or hours
- Potential reductions to opening hours and days to achieve savings
- reducing the number of sites.

In assessing whether sites should be considered for closure, the council has split the sites into four tiers, based upon their size, usage and the cost of running them and is consulting on three options, no closures, just closing Tier 4 or closing Tiers 3 and 4. The tiers are as follows:

- Tier 1 are newer, larger sites; these are Andover, Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Gosport, Segensworth, Waterlooville and Winchester
- Tier 2 are strategic locations which may need some investment; these are Alton, Efford, Farnborough, Havant and Netley
- Tier 3 are smaller, more operationally challenging sites and comprise Aldershot, Bordon, Casbrook (Romsey), Hedge End, Marchwood, Petersfield and Somerley
- Tier 4 are the smallest sites, poorest performing and most expensive to run; they are Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Fair Oak, Hartley Wintney, Hayling Island.

Not all the proposals may be taken forward but savings will have to be found, especially following the additional £2m per annum cost as a result of the Government's ban on charging for DIY waste, as I mentioned last month.

3. New 20mph policy introduced

HCC's new policy on 20mph speed limits has now been introduced. The new policy allows the council to introduce speed restrictions where there is a proven safety need for them, for example outside schools. In addition it allows communities to request the introduction of 20mph zones in their own area, subject to meeting specified criteria.

One of the criteria is clear evidence of community support. Secondly, communities will need to fund the introduction of the schemes they request themselves. This should be possible through the use of Community Infrastructure Levy or other forms of developer contributions. Given the financial challenges I have referred to above, the county council does not have the resources to fund these. Communities should also give thought to measures to reduce speed, such as Speed Indicator Devices. These devices when introduced, have shown significant speed reductions.

Appendix B

Monthly sheet January 2024			
		Balance Bought Forward	231,338.34
		Interest	236.99
			231,575.33
	Sky Business	Broadband	29.94
	Expand Construction	Wall- CIL Grant	10227.00
	HMRC	Tax	80.60
	James Dodd	Maintenance- 2206	75.00
	Julian Jones	NHW Signs	383.05
	Karen Ross	Salary	321.50
			11,117.09
		Balance as at 31st January 2024	220,458.24
		Current Account Balance	6,429.06
		Deposit Account Balance	25,112.65
		Development Control	6,712.08
		CIL	182,204.45
			220,458.24

Appendix C

FROM	ITEM	AMOUNT	INVOICE NO	PAY METHOD
Staff	Salary	321.50	February	Electronic
HMRC	Tax	80.60	February	Electronic
Viking	Stationery	41.91	3722169	Electronic
Sky	Broadband	29.94	1439270-0	Direct debit
James Dodd T/A Vic Lee	Maintenance	75.00	2218	Electronic
James Dodd T/A Vic Lee	Maintenance	75.00	2206	Electronic
Karen Ross	Expenses	7.89		Electronic
Julian Jones	NHW Sign (CIL Grant)	383.05		Electronic
Kingsley Smith	Legal Advice	720.00		Electronic
Parish on Line	Digital mapping	36.00	24Ub011-0006	Electronic
Expand Construction Ltd	Wall (CIL Grant)	721.20	EA676 (3)	Electronic
Total		£2,492.09		