**DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of public meeting during Danehill Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 held virtually via Zoom. 7:30pm**

Present: R. Lewis (RL) (Chair), T. Blake (TB), N. Macleod (NM),, A Martin (AM), E Gilliam (EG) and M Lewer (ML).

Absent: R Wood (RW) – illness. M Mockridge (MM) – work

Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council was present.

James Adler the new CEO for the Ashdown Forest gave a summary on land management challenges, financial planning, and strategic planning for the future. He thanked Danehill Parish Council for their past support. Lockdown and domestic tourism had created an increase in the visitor numbers, he noted the creaking infrastructure of the exisiting carparks. Whilst he did not envisage an increase in parking areas there might be some improvements made in terms of locations, accessiblity and noticeboards. He also touched on the topic of the coffee huts which had received favourable and unfavourable correspondence. He also responded to a staffing query and outlined the current restructure consultation the Conservators were currently undertaking. He also confirmed the deficit in the next financial year and the challenges of the finances.

**Cllr Galley** reported: Elections on 6th May have been confirmed for county councillors and the police commissioner. He would not be canvassing in the current climate. He reported on litter and fly tipping issues. There were no further questions.

**Public:** No public in attendance.

The public section closed at 7:50pm

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Public – None.

In attendance. Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council was present.

1. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs R Wood and M Mockridge

1. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.

The Chair reminded Cllrs to declare when necessary.

1. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 10th February 2021.

 **Unanimously approved and signed as true record.**

1. Matters Arising.
The item of progressing the Chelwood Gate Green was still ongoing.

**RL and TM would continue to progress.**

1. Correspondence.

The list had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chair highlighted the MUGA and the war memorial updates following the last meeting.
The Clerk expanded on correspondence on the Bridge protocol and grant policy.
The correspondence on the Isle of Thorns access was noted and the Clerk was instructed to reply outlining the Council position.

1. Finance
2. To accept year to date account 2020/21.

**The report had been circulated and was duly accepted.**

1. To approve expenditure as itemised on the schedule.

**The schedule had been circulated and was unanimously approved for £23290.46**

1. To consider and approve budget 2021/22.

**The Council approved the budget unanimously as revised since the finance meeting. The Council agreed the overall budget subject to final agreements on the pavilion and the tree works later in the meeting.**

1. To consider Rec freehold report if available and expenditure.

The Clerk confirmed the Freeholder’s valuation had been completed but the response from the Freeholder on the possible purchase of the Rec was outstanding.

1. To consider whether to proceed with multi-track project and expenditure as per tenders.

**The Council agreed to defer this item until the Rec report was available.**

1. To consider installation of a further path and other related expenditure on the pavilion.

The Council agreed to change the spec on the further path quote to link up and replace the current unmade path. The conifers would need to be cut back to enable the path so further advice would be sought on the conifers and the longer path.

The floor quote was noted further quotes were due.
These two items were deferred until a further meeting an approximate amount was included in the budget for 2021/22 for all further pavilion works of £17,000.

**The variations to the current contract with Two Build were noted and approved unanimously by the Council with the removal of the copper strip installation totalling £1995.00.**

**The Council also agreed the Clerk should investigate some simple furnishing options.
Cllr Lewer agreed to review the sewage system and report back on the septic tank.**

1. To consider a proposal and rates for letting out the pavilion.

The Clerk had provided a proposal on rates and letting arrangements.
**The Council agreed the outline charges. Unusual and regular hire arrangements would be considered on an individual basis. The Clerk would confirm the availability and timescale on the refurbishment on Facebook and on the website.
The Council made an amendment on hiring for parties and to prohibit evening events.**

1. To consider tree tenders following on from the PC tree report.

The Council had sought tree tenders for works following the specification laid out in the recent tree report accepted by the Council.
**The Parish Council agreed to employ Gale Consultancy to monitor the trees as recommended for £660.00 including VAT.**
Tree tenders had been received and were reviewed.

**The Parish Council after some consideration on detail agreed to proceed with the quote from Woodsmith for £7116.00 including VAT.**

1. To consider report from Climate emergency and sustainability group including considering proposed terms of reference and actions from the March meeting.

The Chair of the Committee provided a report
**The Parish Council unanimously approved the terms of reference.**

1. To consider Planning applications to ratify emailed decisions and to consider those received since the agenda was published.

Application No. WD/2021/0188/F

Location: FOREST HALL, BEACONSFIELD ROAD, CHELWOOD GATE, RH17 7LE

Description: PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ROOF CONVERSION ABOVE UTILITY AND GAMES ROOM TO HABITABLE SPACE WITH INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AND A PROPOSED DETACHED GARDEN ROOM.

The Parish Council supports this subject to any neighbour’s representations.

Application No. WD/2021/0246/F

Location: SPRINGRISE, HORSTED LANE, DANEHILL, RH17 7HP
Description: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY FLANK EXTENSION TO DWELLING WITH EXTENSION TO EXISTING TERRACE AREA. NEW PIERS & GATES TO EXISTING DRIVEWAY

The Parish Council supports this subject to any neighbour’s representations.

Application No. WD/2021/0060/F

Location: ANNWOOD FARM, CHELWOOD GATE ROAD, CHELWOOD GATE, TN22 3HH

Description: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL 4 BAY GARAGE AND 2 BAY HAY STORE REPLACING EXISTING REDUNDANT BARN

The Parish Council supports this subject to any neighbour’s representations.

Application No. WD/2021/0110/FA

Location: THE GABLES, BEACONSFIELD ROAD, CHELWOOD GATE, RH17 7LE Description: MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO WD/2019/2569/FR (EXTENSIONS AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS TOGETHER WITH THE ERECTION OF A GARAGE/WORKSHOP, SWIMMING POOL, ASSOCIATED POOL HOUSE AND RELOCATION OF OIL TANK. AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING PERMISSIONS WD/2016/2086/F (HOUSE) AND WD/2017/2101/F (CAR PORT, SWIMMING POOL AND POOL BUILDING) INVOLVING VARIATION OF CONDITION 8 TO ALLOW FOR SLIGHT REPOSITIONING OF TWO-STOREY EXTENSION. THE GABLES, BEACONSFIELD ROAD, CHELWOOD GATE, RH17 7LE

The Parish Council supports this subject to any neighbour’s representations.

Application No. WD/2021/0178/F

Location: DEACONS COTTAGE, BEACONSFIELD ROAD, CHELWOOD GATE, RH17 7LG

Description: CONSTRUCTION OF OUTBUILDING IN FRONT GARDEN.

The Parish Council supports this subject to any neighbour’s representations.

Application No. WD/2021/0185/F

Location: THE WELL HOUSE, MOUNT NODDY COTTAGE, CHURCH LANE, DANEHILL, RH17 7EY

Description: CHANGE OF USE FROM HOLIDAY LET ACCOMMODATION TO SEPARATE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

The Parish Council supports this subject to any neighbour’s representations and compliance with current building regulations.

Application No. WD/2021/0402/F

Location: CYRELLA, STONE QUARRY ROAD, CHELWOOD GATE, RH17 7LP

Description: PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, GARAGE CONVERSION AND DETACHED TIMBER FRAMED GARAGE WITH STORAGE

The Parish Council supports this in part subject to any neighbour’s representations but would request approval from Highways re vision splays.  The hedge and trees need to respect the need for adequate vision splay. There is some concern relating to with siting and height of the timber frame garage and the comments about the hedge/trees. There is a query over a large conifer hedge alongside Stone Quarry Rd that stretches as far as round the corner into Beaconsfield Rd and continues up to the end of this properties boundary - is this the hedge they propose removing or is this the tree that the proposal states will remain. The Council would oppose the building of this garage quite so close to the corner of the junction and with it being two storeys high.

Application No. WD/2021/0287/MAJ

Location: CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL, LONDON ROAD, DANEHILL, RH17 7HT

Description: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SPORTS HALL. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SPORTS HALL WITH ASSOCIATED HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING WORKS.

The Parish Council supports this subject to any neighbour’s representations.

**All decisions were duly approved and ratified by the Parish Council.**

1. Councillor Reports.

Cllr Wood in his absence had provided a written report read out to those present:

The Keep Britain Tidy Litter pick in the Parish is scheduled for Saturday May 29th . Roz Denman will coordinate it again and he will liaise with her.
He has been approved as a Neighbour Hood Watch Co-ordinator for Chelwood Gate Tanyard Lane to Furners Green.
The Xmas tree was removed on Sunday 7th and replaced with the flagpole.
He apologised for the scam emails as his wife’s email had been hacked.
Cllr Macleod reported on a possible faulty SID.

1. To consider the arrangements for PC meetings until September 2021 and to consider cancelling the annual April parish meeting considering covid restrictions.
**The Parish Council agreed the following unanimously:
To cancel the annual parish meeting to replace it with an additional parish council meeting.
To bring forward the May meeting to 5th May if remote meeting legislation was not extended.
To monitor restrictions and review the arrangements for June and July in due course.**
2. Items for Reporting or Inclusion in Future Agendas.

Playground

Pavilion refurbishment

Re-greening of Rec slope

Cemetery mapping and expenditure.

Meeting closed 10:25pm

Next Meeting: 21st April 2021