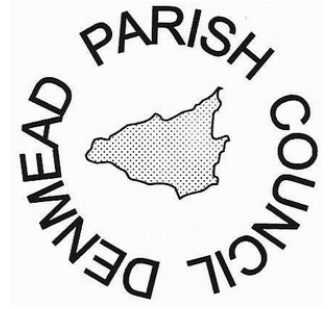


PARISH SCENE



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VOLUNTARY EFFORT

Parish Councillors are volunteers. The Parish Council, like other groups in the village, is short of members. Further details are given on the back page.

Denmead is an attractive place in which to live not just because of geography but also because of those who live, and have lived, in the village and have given time to the community.

The Parish Council has made, and continues to make, grants to groups in the village. These groups are part of the voluntary effort which makes our community function for the benefit of our residents. The photograph below is an example of how Parish Council money and voluntary effort have combined to enhance our village. This particular flower bed now has commercial sponsorship but the actual work of keeping it attractive and enhancing the village green is done by the voluntary effort of Denmead in Bloom.

It is not just the council which needs volunteers and it is not just the Council which is finding it increasingly hard to find the volunteers. Two groups in the village which have been in receipt of Council grants have folded in recent months due to the lack of volunteers. Communicare, the Community Association, the Lunch Club, to name but a few, are crying out for volunteers.

Volunteer now for the Council or any group. The Council also needs volunteers to deliver the Parish Scene. Please contact the Clerk in the Council offices (see back page).



DOG FOULING

Under the terms of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, which applies to the whole of the Winchester City Council District, it is an offence, punishable by a fixed penalty notice of £50 not to clear up after your dog when it fouls in any of the following places: pavements, parks, roads, open spaces, footbridges, amenity areas, footpaths, shopping precincts, grass verges, car parks and playing fields. It is no defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions. If you are not sure whether the Act applies to an area you should assume that it does.

Most Denmead owners behave responsibly and clear up after their dogs when taking them for a walk. However, a few owners fail to do so leaving faeces on the pavements and verges for children, the unwary, unsighted and disabled to become contaminated. Some strange folk place the faeces in a bag and then drop the bag for someone else to clear up.

Remember, when walking your dog, always carry a "poop scoop" or suitable receptacle to pick up your dogs faeces. These can be put in a dog waste bin or taken home for disposal. If this is not possible, double bag and place them in an ordinary litter bin.

Cllr J Knight

CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

At a recent meeting held between members of the Parish Council and Inspector Shaun Moore, Winchester Rural District Inspector, we were informed that whilst levels of serious crime in Denmead are relatively low, instances of anti-social behaviour appear to be on the increase.

Residents experiencing anti-social behaviour are urged to report details of the incident to the police on the new **101** telephone number. Do not attempt to take action against the miscreants yourself, that is the duty of the police, but take careful note of the circumstances and description of the persons involved and phone **101**. Do not be disheartened if the police are not able to respond immediately. They will if they can and serious incidents will be investigated as soon as resources are available. Details of all reports will be logged enabling the police to determine where problems are arising and assisting them with the deployment of their resources in the future.

Inspector Moore also stated that he expects two of the new Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to be assigned to Denmead next year on a full time basis. Although PCSOs will not have the full powers of a police officer they will be able to carry out many policing duties and they will have the authority to deal with many acts of anti-social behaviour which can make life a misery for the young and elderly alike.

Cllr J Knight

FENCES, WALLS AND GATES

Attention is drawn to the planning regulations relating to the erection or construction of fences, walls and gates to properties. Briefly, the regulations are that where these are to be erected adjacent to a highway carrying vehicular traffic, planning permission should be obtained prior to commencing work if the final height of the structure is to exceed 1 metre above ground level. Other fences or walls constructed within the curtilage of a property and not adjacent to a highway should not exceed 2 metres.

Should a fence, wall or gate taller than 1 metre be erected without planning permission you could end up with the nugatory expense of having it removed. If you are in any doubt about the regulations contact the Winchester City Council Planning Department on 01962 840222

Cllr J Knight

PLANNING MATTERS

In the last three months the Parish Council's Planning Committee has been busier than ever. It has discussed and provided comments on behalf of the residents of Denmead regarding the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area (MDA), responded to the South East England Regional Assembly's Plan to build many more homes in "Urban South Hampshire" and commented on 18 Planning Applications in May and June alone.

West of Waterlooville

A revised version of the Outline Planning Application relating that part of the MDA being built by George Wimpey UK Ltd has been submitted by the developer. Wimpey are providing 450 dwellings, 24 units work units providing employment (covering 7.1 hectares and including a Waste-recycling unit) together with a mixed use area of retail, professional and health. This building is south of Hambledon Road in the area of Old Park Farm.

The Parish Council has recorded its view that none of the reservations expressed about the layout of Hambledon Road, previously expressed by DPC and others, have been considered. The new proposal will result in a series of five light-controlled junctions which in our view will frustrate drivers, lead to accidents and store up problems for the future. It is our view that the new road plan will emphasise a road as 'a divider' such that any idea of integrating the new area with the Sunnymead Drive part of Waterlooville is a non-starter.

DPC has also commented on the positioning of the Household Waste Re-Cycling Centre which is completely at odds with other schemes of this type built by Hampshire County Council. We have stated that this facility needs to be placed away from all the dwellings so that it is on the outskirts of the area. This is an aspect of the plan that illustrates DPC's firm view - the whole area, that to be built by Wimpey needs to be seen alongside the area to be developed by the other developer involved The Grainger Trust.

On a positive note the plans for the way the estates are to be laid out and the designs for recreational space and green areas, as set out at present, are to be applauded.

What is our future?

This was the name given by Hampshire County Council to the consultation exercise held during May and June regarding the draft South East Plan. That plan sets out in broad terms the locations of development and change, up to 2026. It sets a target of 6,739 for the twenty year period. The part of Winchester included within the urban South Hampshire area is mainly that of Whiteley, Knowle, Southwick and Widley, and Denmead. DPC considered that this allocation was unfair when compared to the other areas such as Gosport which has a large brownfield development opportunity. We supported moves for "environmental sustainability" which covers the conservation and provision of water supplies. We have proposed that the targets set should be firmly monitored and if they are not met then building work should be stopped. Representations made by individuals and organisations throughout the South East will be considered at an "Examination-in-Public" which will take place this winter.

Copies of the details of both the Old Park Farm Outline Planning Application and the South East Plan are held in the Parish Council and are available for anyone to read and use during the Parish Office hours.

Planning and Transport

The portfolio holder for Planning and Transport, in the new administration at Winchester City

Council is D Cllr Barry Lipscomb. The new Cabinet is placing “strong emphasis on good communications” and D Cllr Lipscomb has written to us offering to come to Denmead to discuss with us our hopes and concerns in the areas for which are his responsibility. This is an exercise that he wants “to take us positively forward”. Your Parish Council has taken up this offer and extended an invitation to visit the village during October. At this evening meeting there will be an extended public session for YOU to join in the discussion and generate what we hope will be a positive exchange of views.

Cllr Neil Lander-Brinkley

GARDEN GRABBING

Earlier this year you may have seen reports in the national papers and on television, that Greg Clarke the MP for Tunbridge Wells has been sponsoring a Private Members Bill through Parliament to tackle the problem of “Garden - grabbing”. This is the process whereby developers acquire a house with a large garden and then builds a small estate in the site, sometimes knocking down the original house in the process. Using Denmead as an example, it has resulted in a large number of instances of infilling. Having experienced a planned expansion during 1980’s which has taken its size to approximately 2,200 dwellings, Denmead is now faced with a second un-planned expansion caused by regular ‘garden-grabbing’. In the most recent example a large bungalow in the village was knocked down and twenty houses and flats are to take its place. This constant infilling has added 70 dwellings to sites along a three-quarter mile stretch of the main road through the Denmead in a single year.

The planning system seems unable to prevent, or even mitigate this loss of important space and changes to the village’s character. These have been seen in more traffic, less wildlife and poorer visual amenity. It is a perverse ruling that designates gardens as ‘brownfield’ sites and any attempt to address this is to be welcomed. Denmead Parish Council has recorded our support with Mr Clarke and encouraged our own MP, Mark Oaten, to support the bill, which he has done.

Cllr Neil Lander-Brinkley



Ludcombe, above, is an early example of back garden infilling.

It was done before the government was insisting on the very high housing density now required. The Parish Council is supporting other parish councils in asking for there to be a rural exemption to this requirement.



The picture above shows the site in the article above.

Where there was once one bungalow a total of twenty houses and flats are to be constructed.

Most residents will know the site has been an eyesore for months.

Volunteer? Telephone the Clerk on 023 9224 7947

DENMEAD VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

What is a village design statement (VDS)?

A VDS is a community lead expression of the qualities and characteristics of Denmead. It is intended to be used by developers and planners as a help and guidance on what is acceptable in the village.

Where can it be seen?

On or after 17 August 2006 at the Parish Council offices (open 09.00 to 1.00) Community Centre, School Lane, Denmead; Tel 023 9224 7947, Denmead Parish Council website - www.denmeadparishcouncil.co.uk or at the Winchester City Council Offices, WCC website. Copies may be purchased at either of the offices above at a cost of £5.00.

A six week public consultation period runs from 17 August 2006.

The closing date for comments is 28 September 2006. Comments should be made to:- Head of Strategic Planning, WCC, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ.

Follow up

The Denmead Future group will analyse the comments and recommend to WCC how the VDS should be changed as a result. WCC will adopt the VDS, amended as necessary, as a 'Supplementary Planning Document' which will be used in determining planning applications.

The main guideline points in the VDS:

(Bracketed items are references to the Winchester District Local Plan Review.)

1. Development which would erode the Denmead Waterlooville local gap should not be permitted (C.2).
2. If the Reserve Site of Little Frenchies Field is developed it ought to include a high proportion of starter/affordable homes. However the possibility of overloading storm water arrangements needs consideration. (H.2, DP.8)
3. The Anthill area is predominantly one of large houses on large plots. Planning applications should avoid destroying the character of the area. (DP.3)
4. Public houses are important local facilities and their loss will be resisted (SF.7).
5. New buildings on the village edge or in isolated situations should generally be set back from the road and well screened by mature trees/shrubs landscaping to maintain a soft edge to the village and blend with the existing landscape (DP.3).
6. Dando Lane caravan park provides affordable housing and therefore should be retained. (H.10)
7. The West of Waterlooville Major Development Area needs landscaping to blend it with the countryside when viewed from across the low-lying open fields between it and the Closewood Road/Newlands Lane hill crest. (MDA.1)
8. Conversion of shops into residential properties should not be allowed although shops with living accommodation over is acceptable. (SF.7, E.2)
9. Conversion of business premises into residential properties should not be allowed. (SF.6)
10. The change of use retail A1 outlets within the village centre envelope into other Use Classes should only be allowed where this will help retain a viable village centre. (SF.5)
11. Further retail outlets of similar size to those existing in the village centre are encouraged so that people are given a measure of independence and the opportunity to reduce car use. (SF.1)
12. Farm shops, with parking, and other measures supportive of recreational use, together with employment opportunities, are encouraged. (SF.5, SF.6)
13. Within the parish, buildings should not be disproportionate in height to existing buildings and the general roof line shall be maintained. (DP.3)
14. Outside the policy boundary but within the parish renovation and conversion of buildings should be encouraged in accordance with guidelines covered in the Winchester Plan, modified as necessary by AONB restrictions. (CE.6, CE.17, CE.24)
15. Bricks are mostly the darker shades or red. There are a few places with lighter shades of pinkish light brown. Older houses have flared headers used to make a pattern - which varies from building to building. Where restoration or extension of such properties is undertaken, new work should match old. (DP.3)
16. Knapped flint in existing constructions is sometimes coursed and sometimes not. The flints are sometimes set in cement but more often in lime mortar. Restoration or extension work should match existing in the vicinity. (DP.3)
17. Rendering in all its variations is white or pale yellow. Other colours would need careful consideration before being allowed. (DP.3)
18. To avoid the centre losing its village appearance, future improvements/developments should sympathise with the earlier styles, designs and choice of materials (flint, or brickwork with pointing) that match the earlier buildings. (DP.3)
19. Roofs should be pitched with (artificial or natural) slate, tile or thatch waterproofing. (See 28 below.) (DP.3)

20. Existing 'C' or 'U' roads should not be widened nor provided with kerbs or pavements. (DP.3)
21. Roads in new developments should be wide enough to allow vehicles to pass each other without either using the pavements. (T.1)
22. Greenways to connect new developments to centres, schools and the countryside shall be provided where applicable. (T.8)
23. Road furniture should be minimised in number. However retention of the old style sign posts surmounted by a finial ring is important to the character of the village. (DP.3)
24. Street lighting, when due for renewal, should be replaced with the latest downward facing lamps with reduced light pollution. New street lights should be of this type too. (DP.3)
25. Telephone wires, power cables and cable TV should be routed underground whenever possible in ducts shared with other utilities. This will not only enhance the view but cause less disruption and rough surfaces on the pavements from all too frequent excavations. (DP.14)
26. Flood lighting for any purpose shall be designed not to cause light pollution and shall be limited in the hours of use. (DP.10)
27. Ground source heating (water heated by loops in the ground) is encouraged. (DP.6)
28. Photovoltaic panels and microwindmills for electricity generation or solar panels for water heating are encouraged. These may be roof mounted. (DP.8)
29. Storm water arrangements in future developments must maximise the opportunities for use of SUDS and environmental improvements. (DP.8)
30. Water butts and soakaways (ground permitting) are encouraged. (DP.6)
31. Water management schemes for the MDA ought to bring recreational and educational benefits to the residents. (DP.5)
32. Badger sets are to be found in many places within the parish. Any development will need to check on Badger presence. (CE.10)
33. Bats are widespread within the parish and its buildings (which in some cases they occupy seasonally). They are a protected species. (CE.10)
34. There are a number of areas designated a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation which must not be endangered. (CE.9)
35. Tree planting generally shall be of types already found within the parish but note that elm has suffered from widespread Dutch Elm Disease. (DP.4)
36. Field hedges should be of traditional thorns intermixed with other species found in existing hedges. (DP.4)
37. Garden hedges may have a wider variety of species than field hedges but should be maintained to not more than two metres in height. (DP.4)

DENMEAD FUTURE PLAN

The VDS is a first step towards producing a Denmead Future Action Plan. The VDS is by definition a Supplementary Planning Document and as such it can not contradict anything that is contained in the Winchester Local Plan Review.

There are a number of other Hampshire communities of which you may have heard which are producing their own action plans. In some cases the groups had made a lot of progress before realising they had to produce the VDS as a foundation.

In Denmead we now have a VDS. What is needed now are volunteers to forward the production of an action plan.

If you look at the VDS you will find near the back a section called Goals. This is of limited ideas intended to influence what future Winchester Local Plans contain.

The Denmead Future Action Plan can go much further but only if all the research and groundwork is done first. It will not be a NIMBY's (Not In My Back Yard) platform. The action plan must look at the parish as a whole, and to some extent at surrounding parishes, to formulate something of benefit for all residents and businesses in the coming years.

Unlike the VDS an Action Plan can and should consider subjects such as education, transport, health services, employment opportunities, recreational facilities and of course planning.

Volunteer now - telephone the Clerk on 023 9224 7947

Denmead Festival 2006 – “Thank you”s

After the awful weather in May before the second DENMEAD FESTIVAL began, it is both a relief and pleasure to record that the nine days' events were a SUCCESS!!! Many people have told us how much pleasure they got from the range of events, all right here in the village. I think some people went to nearly every event. Thanks! Your enjoyment makes all the hard work worthwhile.

On behalf of the Committee that ran the Festival, I am writing to record our public thanks to those businessmen, organisations and individuals who helped to create this SUCCESS.

WKB Toyota (Waterlooville) : Taylor Garnier : Denmead Parish Council :
Winchester City Council : Hampshire County Council : Waterlooville Library :
Denmead Village Association : Denmead Newsagents : Shipyard Motors :
The Village Bakery : Mr & Mrs J Withers : Greta's House : Mercedes (Portsmouth) :
Kaz Smith : Rev'd Sandra Edwards, the PCC and members of All Saints Church

Neil Lander-Brinkley
Parish Council nominee to the Festival Committee

DOES ANYBODY KNOW?

In the last issue of the Parish Scene readers were asked whether anybody really knew the origins of the old fishponds on Anthill Common.

There has only been one response restating the claim that the ponds belonged to the monks who used to live in Rookwood Farm.

Rookwood Farm, as it is now called, used to be named Denmead Farm and was the manor house for the sub-manor of Denmead within the Hambledon manor.

Hambledon manor belonged to the bishop of Winchester. Ecclesiastical maps show no church holdings in the vicinity. The nearest was a chantry of Southwick Priory but that was up by Broadway.

Other documents show that Rookwood was in the hands of ordinary people from no later than 1220 - which was before the peak of ecclesiastic land ownership.

In Tudor times a number of large houses were given moats not for defence but to act as fishponds. The absence of a reference to fishponds in the Enclosure Acts suggests the ponds are of 19th century origin - and perhaps once belonged to a family called Monk?



The garden in a corner of Denmead Bowling Club grounds.

Electric Blanket Safety

Do you have an electric blanket? If it's over 3 years old you can have its safety checked free by Hampshire's Trading Standards department. These checks will be throughout Hampshire during late September early October. Ring: 01329 316183 for further information or to book your place.

Rural Transport

The Southern Parishes Network is a forum for the discussion of issues affecting rural communities in the southern parishes of Winchester City Council district.

Next meeting is 12.30-2.00pm Tuesday 31 October 2006, Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham - Discussion topic: Rural Transport.

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Flag flying days 2006

Fri 21 Apr Birthday of HRH The Queen
 Sun 23 Apr St George's Day
 Sat 10 Jun Birthday of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh
 Sat ?? Jun Queen's official birthday
 Fri 15 Sep Battle of Britain Day
 Sat 21 Oct Trafalgar Day
 Sat 11 Nov Armistice Day
 Sun 12 Nov Remembrance Day
 Tue 14 Nov Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales
 NOTE: The flag will be lowered to half mast at 11.00am
 on both Armistice Day and Remembrance Day.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Anyone willing to be co-opted should write to The Clerk, Denmead Parish Council, The Old School, School Lane, Denmead. PO7 6LU enclosing details of their interests and reasons for wishing to be a Parish Councillor.

NOTE: Except where otherwise stated all articles in this issue are by the editor.

Parish Council Meetings January to December 2006

All meetings begin at 7.30pm on the days shown in the column header unless otherwise indicated, at the Community Centre.
 Full details including venues are given in the timetable on the public noticeboard in the village centre.

Month	Amenities Wednesday	Finance Tuesday	Footpaths Tuesday	H & GP Wednesday	Parish Council Wednesday	Planning Wednesday
Jan	18	10	24			11, 25
Feb				1	15	8, 22
Mar	1	7	7	15	29	8, 22
Apr	12	11		26	25**	5, 19
May	24		30		10***	3, 17, 31
Jun		6		7	21	14, 28
Jul	5	18	18	19		12, 26
Aug					2	9, 23
Sep	13	5	19	27		6, 20
Oct	25				11	4, 18
Nov			7	8	22	1, 15, 29
Dec	6	5			19 Tues	13
*** Annual Parish Meeting				** Annual Parish Assembly		

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