

# DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 26 May 2021

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**Councillor's Present:** D Carey (Vice Chairman), W Cook, I Gutteridge T Hicks, T Prentice, D Risely, Y Seymour, S Watson-Holmes and N Weavis (Chairman).

**In Attendance:** E Mote, Parish Clerk

**Public present:** There were three members of public present.

*At the Chairman's discretion the meeting was adjourned at this point to receive questions from the public.*

Following a report that an item in the February 2021 Minutes was not representative of what a member of the public believed, Members resolved, on this occasion, to amend the Minutes.

A member of the public wished to know what Community Infrastructure Levy monies from the Borough Council had been used for. To date, money is still being allocated to relevant projects and will be reported through the appropriate Council Meeting.

**11/05/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

**12/05/21: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

None received.

**13/05/21: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2021**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 17 March 2021 were approved. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 30 March 2021 were approved by majority decision. Councillors' Watson-Holmes and Prentice abstained as they had not been present at the March meetings.

**14/05/21: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were no matters arising.

**15/05/21: REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** To adopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as presented.

**16/05/21: TO NOTE SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2021-22**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021-22 as presented.

**17/05/21: FINANCE**

(a) **To consider and agree Internal Control Policy**

**RESOLVED:** To agree Internal Control Policy.

**(b) To consider and agree Internal Audit Plan**

**RESOLVED:** To agree amendments to the Internal Audit Plan and Internal Control Policy as presented.

**(c) To approve Allocation of Reserves for 2021-22**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the proposed allocation of Reserves for 2021-22.

**(d) To approve Annual Governance Statement 2020-21 - Section 1**

**RESOLVED:** To approve Annual Governance Statement for 2020-21.

**(e) To approve Accounting Statements of the 2020-21 Annual Governance Accountability Review – Section 2**

**RESOLVED:** To approve Accounting Statements of the 2020-21 Annual Governance Accountability Review – Section 2.

**(f) To consider membership subscription renewal to the Kent Association for Local Councils and National Association for Local Councils for 2021-22**

**RESOLVED:** To renew membership, at an annual cost of £1,020.68, to the Kent and National Associations for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

**(g) To receive Financial Statements as at 31 March 2021 and 30 April 2021**

**RESOLVED:** To approve Financial Statements as presented.

**18/05/21: TO NOTE RENEWAL OF WAYLEAVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL AND EE LIMITED**

Members were asked to note Lease renewal to grant right of access for a term of 10 years, between Darenth Parish Council and EE Limited, for the communications site situated at Darenth Hall.

**RESOLVED:** To note renewal of Wayleave Agreement between Darenth Parish Council and EE Limited.

**19/05/21: TO NOTE PROPOSED KENT COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION AND PARISH RESPONSE TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR VARIOUS ROADS AT DARENTH PARK VILLAGE**

**RESOLVED:** To note Kent County Council Consultation for Traffic Regulation Order for various roads at Darenth Park Village and Parish comment submission.

**20/05/21: TO NOTE RETROSPECTIVE DECISION TO STORE TWO CONTRACTOR UNITS AT DARENTH HALL GROUNDS IN RESPECT OF ESSENTIAL WORKS AT HILL RISE**

Low Carbon Exchange Ltd are specialists in renewable technology and are providing external wall insulation to properties at Hill Rise, Darenth. Members considered and agreed storage for one welfare unit, one office container and a small area for materials, at the grounds of Darenth Hall.

**RESOLVED:** To note retrospective decision for use of Darenth Hall grounds to site and store 2 x work unit and materials.

**21/05/21: PLANNING**

**(a) To consider new applications**

**DA/21/00496/FUL - 190 Coombfield Drive, Darenth DA2 7LH**

Erection of a part two/part single storey rear extension, extension of existing rear dormer window and conversion of garage into habitable room with associated alterations to front elevation

*Observation: Members supported the application provided there was no loss of parking amenity*

**DA/21/00368/FUL - 16 Moss Way Darenth DA2 7JX**

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension

*Observation: The Parish Council noted the application*

**DA/21/00673/FUL - 20 The Green, Darenth DA2 6JS**

Erection of a front porch

*Observation: The Parish Council noted the application*

**DA/21/00551/LDC - The Manse, Green Street Green Road, Dartford**

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed erection of a single storey rear extension incorporating demolition of existing conservatory

*Observation: The Parish Council noted the application*

**DA/21/00553/FUL - The Manse, Green Street Green Road, Dartford**

Erection of a part two/part single storey side extension and single storey rear extension

*Observation: The Parish Council noted the application*

**DA/21/00727/FUL - 4 Hillside, Darenth DA2 7JB**

Erection of a single storey rear extension

*Observation: The Parish Council noted the application*

**(b) To note recent decisions and appeals made by the Planning Authority**

Members noted the details as presented:

**DA/20/01290/COU – Caravan Site Hillside Farm Darenth Hill Darenth**

Extension to existing gypsy/traveller site to provide an additional 6 pitches, comprising the siting of 1 No. mobile home and 1 No. touring caravan per pitch. As well as a new toilet/ shower/utility building and associated car parking, hard surfacing and landscaping

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

**DA/21/00348/TPO - 19 The Green Darenth DA2 6JS**

Application (T1) False acacia in rear garden: Crown reduce and reshape by 1m and cut back to fence line from neighbouring property. Height from 6m to 5m, Crown spread from 3m to 2m subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

**DA/21/00379/FUL - 9 Powell Avenue Darenth DA2 6NT**

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

**DA/21/00501/TPO - 25 Powell Avenue Darenth DA2 6NT**

Application to fell 1 No Horse Chestnut tree subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

**DA/21/00260/FUL - 2 Darenth Place Green Street Green Rd Dartford DA2 7JG**

Erection of a part single/part two storey rear extension and Juliette balcony on existing side elevation at first floor level and additional window at ground floor level

Decision: APPLICATION PERMITTED

**DA/21/00504/LDC - 31 Coombfield Drive Darenth DA2 7LE**

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed demolition of rear conservatory, conversion of rear part of side garage to habitable room and erection of a single storey rear/side extension

Decision: PERMISSION REQUIRED

**(c) To consider new applications/recent decisions received after agenda publication**

Members made the following observations:

**DA/21/00754/FUL - Dimples Day Nursery Green Street Green Road Dartford DA2 7HT**

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of single storey extension comprising expanded kitchen, new classroom, toilets and store.

*Observation: Whilst Members did not object to the application, there were grave concerns regarding the extended footprint*

**DA/21/00789/FUL - 137 Coombfield Drive Darenth DA2 7LF**

Erection of a single storey rear extension

*Observation: The Parish Council noted the application*

**22/05/21: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next meeting of the Council was confirmed as Wednesday 21 July 2021.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To consider the exclusion of the press and public for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

**23/05/21: TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE QUOTATIONS IN RESPECT OF WALLER PARK FLAT UPDGRADE WORKS**

**Resolved:** To proceed with preferred quote option as proposed by Councillor Carey and seconded by Councillor Watson-Holmes.

**24/02/21: TO NOTE DETAILS OF VACANCY FOR GROUNDS AND FACILITY WARDEN AND RECEIVE UPDATE**

**Resolved:** To note details of vacancy and delegate responsibility to the Clerk to proceed with interviews without delay.

There being no further business, the virtual meeting of the Council closed at 8:42pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)