

# DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 15 March 2023  
Jubilee Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth, Kent DA2 7LR

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*The Chairman reminded the Meeting of the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of proceedings.*

**Councillor's Present:** D Carey, W Cook, T Hicks, S Holmes, D Risely and N Weavis (Chairman).

**In Attendance:** E Mote.

**Visitors:** PCSO's Prior and Keers from the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

**118/03/23: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gutteridge, Prentice and Seymour.

**119/03/23: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

None received.

**120/03/23: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2023.

**121/03/23: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES**

Councillor Hicks reported that the Streetlight Sub-Committee were still awaiting information from the Darenth Borough Councillor, Maria Kelly.

PCSO Prior reported nuisance motorbikes in Darenth Woods. The Officers were told that new CCTV cameras had been installed at Darenth Hall and the Council's adopted Policy enforced.

**RESOLVED:** To note information received.

**122/03/23: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Issues that have arisen or been raised since agenda production.

The Chairman confirmed that a recent request for use of detectors on Council owned land had been denied as Parish land was not considered suitable for such activities and excavation could damage the surfaces and grass root system. Members agreed that this should be the case for any future requests of this nature.

**123/03/23: FINANCE**

- (a) **To note increase in the interest rate for 60 Day Notice Business Account with Cambridge & Counties Bank**

**RESOLVED:** To note the increase as presented

- (b) **To agree Financial Statement as at 28 February 2023**

**RESOLVED:** To agree Financial Statement as presented.

**124/03/23: PLANNING**

- (a) **To receive details of 'Response to Representations and Consultees' submitted by the Applicant's Agent in relation to planning application DA/22/01444/FUL at the Ship**

Members considered forming a Sub-Committee to meet with the Applicant's Agent to discuss the application further.

The Sub-Committee was suggested as Councillors Weavis, Hicks, Holmes and, in his absence, Councillor Prentice. Councillor Carey proposed the initiative which was seconded by Councillor Risely.

- (b) **To consider new applications**

**DA/23/00223/TPO - Darent Valley Hospital Darenth Wood Road DA2 8DA**

Application to carry out various works to various trees as per Tree Safety Report subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

**Observation:** *Members noted the details of the application.*

- (c) **To note recent decisions made by the Planning Authority**

**DA/22/01295/FUL - 111 Ladywood Road Darenth Kent DA2 7LP**

Erection of a first-floor side extension and loft conversion with rear dormer and three rooflights to front slope in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space

*Decision:* **REFUSED TO PERMIT**

**DA/22/01274/FUL - Darenth Grange Darenth Hill Darenth Dartford**

Change of use of the former care home (Use Class C2) to a mixed use comprising residential accommodation for employees of Vineyard Farms Ltd as well as for a residential training centre for the same persons. Erection of a new screening wall to the front of the property, new fence and gate to the rear, formalised parking areas and pedestrian routes.

*Decision:* **PERMISSION GRANTED**

**DA/22/01104/FUL - 55 The Green Darenth Kent DA2 6JT**

Erection of a single storey rear extension and front porch

*Decision:* **PERMISSION GRANTED**

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

**DA/ 23/00267/FUL - 38 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LQ**

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and lean-to and erection of a single storey side and rear extension

**Observations:** *Members noted the application*

**DA/23/00267/FUL - 38 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LQ**

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and lean-to and erection of a single storey side and rear extension

**Observations:** *Members noted the application*

**DA/23/00268/FUL – 38 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LQ**

Provision of dormer windows in front and rear elevations and window in flank elevation at first floor level in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space

**Observations:** *Members noted the application*

**125/03/23: TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF THE WOOD LANE CAR PARK OWNED BY DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council made an approach to the Borough over concerns of parking at Wood Lane.

Members considered the matter and unanimously concluded that the Parish Council was unable to contribute financially to any proposed projects but would support plans to alleviate overcrowding of the Wood Lane car park.

**126/03/23: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council was confirmed as Wednesday 19 April 2023.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:15.