

# DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

## *SUMMONS & AGENDA*

To All Members of The Council:

Councillor I Armitt (Vice Chairman)

Councillor K Holmes

Councillor S Holmes

Councillor I Gutteridge

Councillor T Hicks

Councillor T Prentice

Councillor D Risely

Councillor N Weavis (Chairman)

Councillor K Webb

You are summoned to attend the

**Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on:

Wednesday 20 March 2024, 7:30pm

Jubilee Hall, Waller Park Pavilion,  
Wood Lane, Darenth DA2 7LR

*E.E.Mote*

Ellen E Mote

Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Dated: 13 March 2024



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or draft minutes, please inform the clerk 24 hours in advance of the meeting***

# A G E N D A

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*The Chairman will remind the Meeting of the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of any part of the proceedings. Anyone wishing to film events is required to declare their intention prior to commencement of the meeting.*

### **250/03/24: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **251/03/24: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

### **252/03/24: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the minutes be approved and adopted as a true record.

### **253/03/24: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The Chairman will announce his decision as to whether any items received for consideration since agenda production are suitably urgent to be discussed at the meeting and indicate their position on the agenda.

### **254/03/24: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES**

#### **(a) Borough Councillor Report**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the report is noted, and any relevant outcomes actioned as appropriate.

### **255/03/24: FINANCE**

#### **(a) To note retrospective expenditure in respect of refurbishment works at Waller Park**

As scaffolding was already erected, saving potential future costs of up to £15,000, Members are asked to retrospectively note that fascia painting and guttering upgrade works were authorised by The Clerk in February 2024.

Under Section 4.5 of the council's Financial Regulations, the Clerk confirmed there was sufficient budgetary provision for the expenditure and authorised the spend on behalf of the council. The Responsible Finance Officer (the Clerk), having consulted with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, authorised payment for the works and confirmed she would report to the Council as soon as practicable.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Members note retrospective costs for fascia painting and guttering upgrade works authorised by The Clerk under Section 4.5 of the council's Financial Regulations.

- (b) **To note National Minimum Wage increase to £11.44 from 1 April 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Members note the increase to the National Minimum Wage together the any resulting effect on staff salaries.

- (c) **To agree monthly financial statement as at 29 February 2024**

- (d) **To note budget position as at 29 February 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the finance records be agreed and noted.

**256/03/24: PLANNING**

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

Planning Reference	Location	Proposals
DA/24/00217/TPO	Darent Valley Hospital Darenth Wood Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DA	Application for group of mature Limes(Tilia) T1-T5 around accommodation blocks plus mid-sized stand of Acer species near site boundary of accommodation area at the corner of Powell Ave/Darenth Wood Rd-remove epicormic growth from base of trunks of mature Lime trees and raise crowns of semi mature Sycamores and mixed small tree to give 2m clearance) subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995
DA/24/00245/ADV	Roundabout On Junction Of Watling St, St James Lane And Darenth Wood Road, Dartford, Kent, DA2 8DA	Display of 4 x free standing, non-illuminated fascia advertising boards

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Clerk submits any comments or observations to the Planning Authority.

- (b) **To note recent decisions and appeals**

Planning Reference	Location	Proposals	Decision
DA/23/01081/FUL	Darenth Fishing Complex Darenth Hill Darenth Kent	Change of use of two parcels of land to provide touring caravan sites for 29 No. Pitches and provision of associated facilities including toilet/shower blocks and refuse stores.	<b>REFUSED TO PERMIT</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Members note recent decisions made by the Planning Authority.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** To note recent decisions received after agenda publication with the Clerk submitting any comments or observations to the Planning Authority.

**257/03/24: TO NOTE AND CONSIDER ROOF INSPECTION REPORT FOR DARENTH HALL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Clerk acts in accordance with any decision made in respect of the roof inspection report for Darenth Hall.

**258/03/24: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council is Wednesday 17 April 2024.

**259/03/24: EXCLUSION OF PRESS & 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 the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2).

**260/03/24: TO CONSIDER BOILER UPGRADE WORKS AT WALLER PARK PAVILION CHANGING ROOMS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Clerk acts in accordance with any decision made in respect of boiler upgrade works at Waller Park Pavilion Changing Rooms.

**261/03/24: TO RESOLVE MATTERS IN RESPECT OF PARISH STREETLIGHTING**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That matters regarding Parish streetlighting be concluded.