

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 20 July 2022
Waller Park Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth, Kent DA2 7LR

Councillor's Present: W Cook, I Gutteridge, T Hicks, S Holmes, T Prentice, D Risely and N Weavis (Chairman)

In Attendance: E Mote, Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Visitors: PCSO Lewis and one member of the public.

43/07/22: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carey and Seymour.

44/07/22: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

No declarations received.

45/07/22: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2022

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 June 2022 as a true and accurate record as proposed by Councillor Gutteridge and seconded by Councillor Risely.

46/07/22: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items requiring consideration.

47/07/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS/MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

- (a) June Report - Darenth PCSO, Neighbourhood Policing Team
The Chairman thanked PCSO Lewis for the June data and it was confirmed the contents had been shared with Members and uploaded to the Council's website and Facebook page.

PCSO Lewis reported the recent Community Engagement exercise hosted by PCSO Prior at Waller Park on 18 July. Resident reported activity in the Wood Lane carpark and PCSO Lewis was able to confirm that the situation was being monitored.

- (b) Joint Transportation Board
Members had previously received the minutes of the JTB meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2022.

RESOLVED: To note reports/minutes as presented.

48/07/22: TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman updated Members regarding COUNCIL FACILITIES including recent water inspections to both properties; Sports facility hire for 2022-23 would be let at capacity; the Waller Park flat annual inspection; Waller Park defibrillator installation; Darenth Hall electrical work.

Members requested that future finance analysis includes the separation of hall hire income.

STAFFING: The Chairman was pleased to report that facility staff were providing excellent support in respect of bookings and hall & grounds maintenance; the Grounds & Facilities Warden had recently had his annual appraisal and the Facility Coordinator had completed her three-month probation period during which time skills and suitability to the post had been assessed and a Contract of Employment had now been signed.

OUTSTANDING MATTERS: A request for regular hire of Darenth Hall had not been finalised. Members agreed that the terms requested by the potential hirer would not be of benefit to the community as a whole and therefore, negotiations would not proceed. This would be confirmed to the requestee.

Councillor Cook asked if the Co-op at Watchgate could be approached to see if a defibrillator could be installed outside as this is a central and well frequented location. The Clerk confirmed that she would action this request.

49/07/22: FINANCE

(a) **To note Internal Auditor's Report for 2021-22**

Members noted the details of the Auditor's Report for 2021-22 following the inspection by Lionel Robbins, Internal Auditor on 6 June 2022

(b) **To agree Financial Statement as at 30 June 2022**

RESOLVED: Members agreed the Financial Statement as presented

50/07/23: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Members noted the details as presented:

DA/22/00644/FUL - 23 Coombfield Drive Darenth DA2 7LE

Demolition of the existing attached garage and erection of a two-storey side extension with canopy to the front. Proposed alterations to the roof to form a dormer window to the rear and roof lights to the front and rear (retrospective application)

Observation: Members noted the application

DA/22/00759/FUL - 14 Latham Close Darenth Kent DA2 6NS

Erection of a single storey rear extension

Observation: Members noted the application

DA/22/00737/TPO - 1 Powell Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6NT

Application for T1 Sycamore-Crown reduce all over by 2m to maintain a balanced crown by 2m back to suitable points (estimated finished dimensions 12m height and crown spread 4m), remove the two lowest limbs as indicated on the attached photograph subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Observation: Members noted the application

DA/22/00766/LDC - Chalkcroft Transport Yard Green Street Green Road Dartford Kent DA2 8DX

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of Chalkcroft yard and associated vehicle workshop as a transport yard and for transport services

Observation: Members noted the application

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

DA/22/00532/TPO - 3 Powell Avenue Darenth DA2 6NT

Application to remove 1 No. Silver Birch tree subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

DA/22/00175/COU - Darenth Grange Darenth Hill Darenth

Change of use of former care home (Use Class C2) to hostel (sui generis) use.

Decision: PERMISSION REFUSED

DA/22/00464/TPO - Land At Darenth Park Avenue/Gore Road Darenth

Application for (T1 - T4) - 4x Lime trees to be re pollarded to previous pruning points (not to exceed any lower than the past secondary reduction points within the crown); (T5) - 1x Whitebeam tree to be cut back by 2.5m from the roadside only; removal of dead Horse Chestnut (located in communal grass area) subject to Tree Preservation order No.1 1995

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

DA/22/00529/FUL - 58 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth DA2 6LX

Loft conversion with dormer to the rear elevation and insertion of 2 rooflights to the front elevation

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

DA/22/00421/FUL - 126 Coombfield Drive Darenth DA2 7LH

Erection of single storey side & rear extension to meet existing garage which is to be converted into habitable room, and extension to existing raised decking

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

DA/22/00682/NONMAT - Pheasants Field St Margarets Road Darenth

Non-material amendment following grant of planning permission DA/21/00746/FUL for the proposed stables to be a mirror image of the originally submitted plans with the larger barn section on the left of the development as opposed to the right, removal of windows to front elevation, reduction of height and width of building. Amendment to condition 05 in terms of the drawing number referenced. Pheasants Field St Margarets Road Darenth Kent

Decision: REVISIONS ACCEPTABLE

DA/22/00617/VCON - Dimples Day Nursery Green Street Green Road Dartford Kent

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of single storey extension comprising expanded kitchen, new classroom, toilets and store (removal of condition 3 (the requirement for contaminated land assessment) and variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) and condition 5 (materials) re new materials, as stated on the drawings attached are yellow stocks and Spanish slate

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

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

DA/22/00795/FUL - 2 Lordswood Close Darenth DA2 7LJ

Erection of single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and front porch

Observation: Members noted the application

Neighbouring Authority Application No. DA/22/01172/FUL

Land East Of Part Of Franks Farm Dartford Road Sutton At Hone

Re-Consultation on an application for erection of polytunnels and creation of new non-impounding irrigation reservoir and associated works within Sevenoaks District Council area

Observation: Members noted the application for a Neighbouring Authority

51/07/22: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council would be Wednesday 21 September 2022, following the Summer recess.

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