

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 19 January 2022
Waller Park Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth, Kent DA2 7LR

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

Visitors: PCSO Prior, Pastor S Brindley and three members of the public.

The Chairman moved to bring forward Agenda item 97/01/22 to receive a verbal presentation from Pastor S Brindley.

97/01/22: TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR REGULAR HIRE OF DARENTH HALL

Having previously received a proposal for regular hire of Darenth Hall, Members were given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the submission. It was agreed that further discussion would take place at a Special Meeting of the Council on 09 February 2022 to conclude a decision. The Clerk would provide details of income and expenditure for Darenth Hall to assist the decision-making process.

A further report on the decision will be recorded at the February meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman then moved to bring forward Agenda item 102/01/22 to receive a verbal report from PCSO Prior from the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

102/01/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

PCSO Prior provided the meeting with details of the December 2021 crime statistics. Information regarding the new Kent Police initiative, My Community Voice was explained to Members. The Clerk confirmed that the details had been shared with the community via the Parish website and Facebook Page. Posters were provided by PCSO Prior which would be displayed in Parish noticeboards.

Details regarding the Kent Police Property Fund applications were shared with the meeting. Charitable organisations can bid for donations from funds accumulated from unclaimed lost property. The Clerk would disseminate this information with the public via its media platforms.

It was also reported that PCSO Midford had been moved to Gravesend.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Prior for her report and additional information and PCSO Prior left the meeting.

The Chairman took questions from the public for Member consideration:

One member of the public asked about the defibrillator purchase for Waller Park and Community Infrastructure Levy spend.

The meeting then proceeded with the following item:

95/01/22: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

96/01/22: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

No declarations received.

97/01/22: TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR REGULAR HIRE OF DARENTH HALL

At the Chairman's discretion, this item had been moved to the top of the meeting.

98/01/22: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 08 DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 08 December 2021 as a true record.

99/01/22: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising that had not been dealt with outside of the meeting.

100/01/22: URGENT MATTERS ARISING

There were no urgent matters arising.

101/01/22: TO CONSIDER SIGNAGE INSTALLATION REQUEST FROM GREENLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following a request from Greenlands Primary School to erect additional signage to Council-owned greens on Green St Green Road, Members considered the proposals, aimed at raising the profile of the school.

Members felt the school was already adequately signed; signage could be a potential distraction to drivers and additional signage may detract from the rural setting.

RESOLVED: To decline the request for erection of additional signage.

102/01/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

This item had been moved to earlier on the agenda at the Chairman's discretion.

RESOLVED: To note the verbal report from PCSO Prior from Kent Police.

103/01/22: FINANCE

(a) **Precept Base for 2022/23**

RESOLVED: To note the Precept Base for 2022/23 as 1274.

(b) **To determine 2022/23 budget**

RESOLVED: That, having been circulated prior to the Meeting, Members approved the Budget for 2022-23 and instructed the Clerk to submit the Precept request and supporting papers to the Collecting Authority.

(c) **Government Support Grant**

RESOLVED: To note that a Government Support Grant of £1,923 will be received in 2022-23.

(d) **To consider facility hire Fees & Charges and approve increased costings**

RESOLVED: To agree increased Fees & Charges as presented

(e) **To agree Financial Statement as at 31 December 2021**

RESOLVED: To agree Financial Statement as presented

104/01/22: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Members noted the details as presented:

DA/21/01737/FUL - 217 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LF

Erection of a detached garden outbuilding/annex to main house for office and leisure activities (retrospective application)

Observation: Members noted the application

DA/21/01891/FUL - 57 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6LX

Demolition of existing rear extension and conservatory, erection of a single storey rear extension and front open porch and conversion of one garage into habitable room with associated alterations to front elevation

Observation: Members noted the application

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

Members noted decision:

DA/21/01601/FUL - 7 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6JN

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, conversion of integral garage into habitable room with associated alterations to front elevation, erection of a front porch and provision of two dormer windows on rear elevation and roof lights in front elevation in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

- (c) **To consider new applications/recent decisions received after agenda publication**
None received.

105/01/22: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the proposed date for the next meeting of the Council of Wednesday 16 February 2022.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.