

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 17 March 2021

COVID-19 2020 Regulations Statement

The COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic and the unprecedented Government measures in response to the crisis (e.g., prohibitions on gatherings, social distancing, self-isolation and shielding of those deemed to be the most vulnerable) have meant that the requirement for local authorities to hold public meetings in person with all members present in one place cannot currently be met. The statutory requirements for meetings are mainly contained in the Local Government Act 1972 ("the 1972 Act") and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 ("the 1960 Act").

In recognition of the difficulties of holding and attending meetings, the Government included s.78 in the Coronavirus Act 2020 and provided the Secretary of State the power to make Regulations for the provision of holding alternative format meetings.

As such, this Meeting was held under agreed terms, being to conduct the Council business remotely by Zoom with decisions recorded in the minutes by the Clerk.

Councillors' participating at remote meeting: D Carey, W Cook, I Gutteridge (Chairman), T Hicks, D Risely, Y Seymour and N Weavis (Vice Chairman).

Public present: There was one member of the public present who had registered to observe the meeting.

109/03/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-PARTICIPATION

No apologies for absence were received.

110/03/21: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Member declared any interests of a pecuniary or personal nature.

111/03/21: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REMOTE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2021

A majority of 6-1 Members resolved to approve the minutes of the remote meeting held on Wednesday 17 February 2021 and adopted them as a true record.

Members noted that at 19:35, Councillor Cook left the meeting.

112/03/21: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising.

113/03/21: FINANCE

(a) **To receive Financial Statement as at 28 February 2021**

RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Statement as presented.

(b) **To formally note receipt of outstanding sum from North Kent Disabled Foundation**

A payment of £3,334 had been made by the North Kent Disabled Foundation in respect of rent for September 2019 to March 2020. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her persistence in recovering the funds.

RESOLVED: That Members noted receipt of £3,334 from the North Kent Disabled Foundation in respect of outstanding fees.

(c) **To note 2021-22 Precept**

Having been circulated, Members noted the respective Council Tax Bands following the 7.8% increase in the Parish Precept.

RESOLVED: That the figure was noted.

114/03/21: PLANNING

(a) To consider new applications

Members deliberated new applications from the Local Planning Authority:

DA/21/00260/FUL - 2 Darenth Place Green Street Green Road Dartford Kent 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. Members noted the details of the application.

DA/21/00254/FUL - 12 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LQ
Erection of a single storey rear/side extension. Members noted the details of the application.

DA/21/00235/LDC - 137 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LF
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed alterations to roof from hip end to gable end for provision of dormer window in rear elevation and roof lights in front elevation in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space and demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension. Members noted the details of the application.

DA/20/01610/FUL - Parking Area Rear Of 25 And 27 Sinclair Way Darenth Kent
Erection of a detached garage for use by 59 Sinclair Way. Members noted the details of the application.

DA/21/00316/CPO - St Margaret's Farm St Margaret's Road Darenth Kent DA4 9LB
Consultation on request for approval of details pursuant to conditions 20 (remaining parts of the condition – construction Management Plan), 21 (remaining parts of the condition – Surface Water Drainage Scheme) of planning permission 19/1626 (DBC ref - 19/01626/CPO). Members noted the details of the application.

DA/21/00348/TPO - 19 The Green Darenth Kent 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. Members noted the details of the application.

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

Members noted recent decisions from the Local Planning Authority:

DA/21/00082/TPO - 23 The Green Darenth Kent DA2 6JS
Application to remove lower growths below the main trunk division, crown reduce to 6 metres diameter and a 2-metre reduction in height of 1 No Sycamore tree subject to Tree preservation order No.1 1995. Decision: **CONSENT GRANTED**

DA/20/01339/FUL - Darent Valley Hospital Darent Wood Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DA
Installation of a 2nd Oxygen storage facility (VIE, Vacuum Insulated Evaporator).
Incorporating Oxygen storage tanks, Oxygen vaporising equipment, and associated security fencing (retrospective application). Decision: **CONSENT GRANTED**

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

Members noted new applications/recent decisions from the Local Planning Authority:

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

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension. Members noted the details of the application.

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

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension. Members noted the details of the application.

DA/21/00126/LBC - The Clock House Green Street Green Road Dartford Kent DA2 8DP

Application for listed building consent to repair and restore roof structure and to replace roof tiles. Members noted the details of the application.

DA/21/00356/FUL - TWA Water Works Green Street Green Road Dartford Kent DA2 8DH

Removal of existing two storey demountable office building and erection of single storey demountable office building. Members noted the details of the application.

(a) **To consider revised Grant of Easement over Parish owned Common Land for additional electricity supply to Swyres Farm**

Further to previous approval for a Grant an Easement over Parish owned land (**Agenda Item 94/01/21 (a)**) for an electricity cable to be installed, further investigations by UK Power Network have found it would be possible to provide the necessary supply from a point opposite Hill Rise. Members noted details of the plan showing the relocated position. It was noted that this route would be less disruptive and a shorter length than that previously agreed.

RESOLVED: Members considered and approved the revised Grant of Easement over Parish owned land for the installation of an electricity cable to supply Swyres Farm and requested that reinstatement of disturbed land be a condition of approval.

(b) **To consider proposal for Widening of Public Footpath SD41 (part) at Darenth**

Kent County Council is considering a proposal to widen a section of existing public footpath DR41 in the Parish of Darenth by way of Public Path Creation Agreement. A plan for the proposal was presented to Members.

Member noted the details and had no formal response to submit.

115/03/21: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting of the Council was noted as Wednesday 21 April 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:50.