

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 18 May 2022

Councillor's Present: D Carey, I Gutteridge, T Hicks, T Prentice, D Risely, S Watson-Holmes and N Weavis

Non-Attendance: Councillor W Cook

In Attendance: E Mote, Parish Clerk

Visitors: PCSO's Prior and Midford plus seven members of public present.

14/05/22: TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2022-23

Councillor Gutteridge wished to propose Councillor N Weavis for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year, this was seconded by Councillor D Carey. Councillor N Weavis was duly elected and accepted the position with a 6:1 majority vote.

15/05/22: TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The newly elected Chairman confirmed his Acceptance of Office.

16/05/22: TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2022-23

Councillor N Weavis proposed Councillor D Carey for the position of Vice Chairman. The role was seconded by Councillor T Hicks and was duly accepted. Councillor D Carey was elected and accepted the position with a 6:1 majority vote.

17/05/22: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Y Seymour and Borough Councillor M Kelly.

18/05/22: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None received.

19/05/22: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021 AND THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2022

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 26 May 2021 and the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 April 2022 were approved by majority decision.

20/05/22: URGENT ITEMS

An amendment to the Allocation of Reserves for 2022-23, previously approved on Wednesday 20 April 2022 under Agenda Item 09/04/22 (c) was noted and accepted by Members.

21/05/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES, AGENCIES, COMMITTEES AND PORTFOLIO MEMBERS

Members were previously provided with the Kent Police April Return from PCSO Andrew Lewis and noted the details of the report.

22/05/22: TO CONFIRM PORTFOLIO MEMBERS FOR:

- (a) Finance & Human Resources
RESOLVED: That Councillor S Watson-Holmes represent the Council as portfolio member for Finance & Human Resources.
- (b) Planning
RESOLVED: That Councillor N Weavis represent the Council as portfolio member for Planning.
- (c) Public Realm & Facilities
RESOLVED: That Councillor T Hicks represent the Council as portfolio member for Public Realm & Facilities.

23/05/22: TO AGREE REPRESENTATION TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2022-23

- (a) Dartford Borough Council - Borough & Council Parish Forum
RESOLVED: That Councillor N Weavis and The Clerk represent the Council.
- (b) Dartford Borough Council - Elders Forum
RESOLVED: That Councillor Y Seymour represents the Council.
- (c) Dartford Borough Council - Joint Transportation Board
RESOLVED: That Councillor Y Seymour represents the Council.
- (d) Friends of Darenth Country Park
RESOLVED: That Councillor W Cook and the Clerk represent the Council.
- (e) Kent Association of Local Councils
RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Clerk represent the Council.
- (f) Darent River Preservation Society (DRiPS)
RESOLVED: That Councillor T Hicks represents the Council.

24/05/22: TO APPOINT BANKERS

Members were requested to confirm NatWest Bank plc and Cambridge & Counties Bank as Bankers for the Parish Council and to mandate them to administer:

- (a) Business Current Account
- (b) Business Reserve Account
- (c) Business Savings Account

RESOLVED: To reappoint Bankers for the ensuing year.

25/05/22: RE-APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLVED: To re-appoint Lionel Robbins as the Council's Internal Auditor for the ensuing year.

26/05/21: TO APPROVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2022-23

15 June 2022	19 October 2022	18 January 2023
20 July 2022	16 November 2022	15 February 2023
21 September 2022	14 December 2022	15 March 2023

RESOLVED: To approve Calendar of Meetings for 2022-23 in respect of Full Council Meetings as presented.

27/05/22: REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

There being no amendments and having previously been presented with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Members resolved to confirm no revisions to the current documents.

28/05/22: FINANCE

- (a) **To note receipt of the first half instalment of Parish Precept from the Borough received on 29 April 2022 in the sum of £39,808**

RESOLVED: To note receipt of the first half instalment of Parish Precept in the sum of £39,808.

- (b) **To consider 2022-23 annual membership subscription for the National Association for Local Councils and the Kent Association for Local Councils in the sum of £1,225.61 inclusive of VAT**

RESOLVED: To renew annual membership subscription for NALC and KALC in the sum of £1,225.61.

- (c) **To note increased credit interest rate on NatWest Business Reserve account**

RESOLVED: To note credit interest rate increase for the NatWest Business Reserve account.

- (d) **To agree Financial Statement as at 30 April 2022**

RESOLVED: To agree the Financial Statement for 30 April as presented.

29/05/22: PLANNING

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

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

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

Observation: Members noted the application.

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

Application for (T1 - T4) - 4x Lime trees to be re-pollarded to previous pruning points. Current tree width 15m being pruned to 11m, 2m pollard and (T5) - 1x Maple tree to be cut back by 2.5m from the roadside only. Current tree width 10 m being pruned back to 7.5m subject to Tree Preservation order No.1 1995

Observation: Members noted the application.

DA/22/00175/COU - Darenth Grange Darenth Hill Darenth Kent DA2 7QR

Change of use of former care home (Use Class C2) to hostel (sui generis) use.
Revised information on this planning application - **The revisions being revised site location/red line plan.**

Observation: Members wished to reiterate previous objection taking into account the revisions to the site location plan.

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

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

Observation: Members noted the details.

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

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

Observation: Members noted the details.

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

DA/22/00077/FUL - 18 Moore Close Darenth Kent DA2 6NN

Provision of a dormer window with Juliette balcony in rear roof slope and two roof lights to front roof slope in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space

Decision: REFUSED TO PERMIT as it would introduce an intrusive and prominent addition to the rear of the property

DA/22/00155/VCON - Gate Lodge Darenth Fishing Complex Darenth Hill

Replacement of lawful use for stationing a mobile home with the erection of a detached dwelling house with rooms in the roof space and parking and amenity provision (incorporating variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission DA/20/00474/FUL in respect of increasing the width and depth of the building by 65mm; amending the scale and design of the proposed dormer windows; the insertion of a Velux window in the front elevation; revised fenestration details; and alterations to the internal layout of the proposed dwelling house).

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

APP/T2215/C/22/3296542 - Braeside Roman Villa Road Darenth DA2 7QS

The Enforcement Notice alleges that the breach of Planning Control is:

Without planning permission, the material change of use of the land for the storage of caravans, plant, machinery, trailers, vehicles, portaloos, gas bottles, building & landscaping equipment & materials, bagged waste materials, the parking of vehicles and the occupation of two touring caravans for human habitation with associated laying of hardstanding, erection of fencing and an enclosure, erection of a timber dry store and the creation of a new access.

Notification: ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING CONTROL

DA/22/00253/TPO - 44 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6LX

Application for T1 Lime: Overall crown reduction of 2m (currently 16.5m in height, 6m spread), Remove epicormic growth around stem base and up to crown break as illustrated on the photos subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Decision: **CONSENT GRANTED**

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

30/05/22: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council is Wednesday 15 June 2022.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:32pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Chairman/Vice Chairman)