

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 June 2020

Councillors' participating: W Cook, I Gutteridge (Chairman), T Hicks, M Mahoney, S-J Mahoney, D Risely, Y Seymour and N Weavis (Vice Chairman)

21/06/20: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-PARTICIPATION

No apologies for non-participation were received. Councillor D Carey did not comment.

22/06/20: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

23/06/20: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2020

The Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 20 May 2020 were approved and adopted as a true record.

24/06/20: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

25/06/20: URGENT MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported the following regarding the Ladywood Road Fence Installation Project. *Subsequent to commencement of works on 26 May 2020, a resident complaint led to works being halted while investigations take place by the relevant authorities. Hopefully, the contractor can return to site very soon and the works programme will continue. This delay is regrettable and frustrating as the project has received immense support from residents impacted directly by noise nuisance created by off-road vehicles. The Policing Team are extremely pleased to have had no reports of illegal activities concerning off-road bikes or quads in the area since commencement of the fence installation.*

26/06/20: FINANCE

- (a) **Members are asked to consider and approve updated Financial Regulations to review the effectiveness of its system of internal control which shall be in accordance with proper practices**

Members considered and approved updated Financial Regulations, originally adopted on 20 July 2016.

- (b) **Members are asked to note Interest Rate Reduction to 60 Day Notice Business Savings Account with Cambridge & Counties**

Members noted interest rate reduction to 1.00% Gross/AER in respect of the Business Savings Account with Cambridge & Counties, with effect from 12 August 2020.

(c) To receive Financial Statement for as at 31 May 2020

Members agreed the Financial statement to 31 May 2020.

27/06/20: PLANNING

(a) To consider new applications

New applications were noted.

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

Members duly noted recent decisions, appeals and enforcements made by the Planning Authority.

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

Members considered and noted new applications received after distribution of the agenda.

(d) Kent County Council non-maintained highway outside The Ship, Green Street Green Road

Members were asked to consider the following statement from Councillor Cook regarding Land at The Ship, Green Street Green Road, *"I think The Clerk needs to check with KCC Highways on the extremely large hole in the road at the entrance to the road. Although the road hasn't been closed to the traffic the hole completely blocks the road and traffic is driving over our common to get in and out of the road. This needs to be sorted out"*.

Councillor Cook commented as follows: *"This is not a non-maintained highway Both d and 29.06.2020 were put in before the agenda closing date. Both items need to be taken together as I pointed out in my statement.,we cannot do the bunding until the hole is filled, otherwise we will close the road. This is not an item to be noted it is an item for action"*.

Councillor Weavis suggested The Clerk contacts Kent County Council to update the Parish Council on any current intentions regarding the area in question. The vehicles going to the left of the traffic arrow (with The Ship behind you) and partially encroaching on Parish Council owned land are clearly in contravention of the current signage. Two-way traffic passing on the other side as the arrows direct, does not cross our land. The problem will hopefully be eradicated when the intended bunding is installed.

28/06/20: TO FORMALLY ADOPT DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY

Seven Members considered and resolved to formally adopt the Dignity At Work Policy for the Parish Council. One Member did not comment or support adoption of the Policy.

29/06/20: CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

- a) The Clerk will review the bunding installation to the Green outside the disused Ship Inn at Green Street Green following enquiries with KCC in respect of ownership and maintenance of the highway.
- b) Councillor Hicks reported that the flagpole rope needs attention and a new Union flag should be purchased. Councillor Hicks has kindly offered to address this.
- c) Members noted details for Dartford Pride 2020, an initiative which remembers the history, celebrating progress society has made and promoting the incredible contribution of the LGBT+ communities through events and activities.

- d) The Chairman requested that Members note Kent County Council's Resurfacing Works Notice in respect of forthcoming plans for various roads in Kent.

30/06/20: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date for the next meeting of the Council as Wednesday 15 July 2020. The Chairman reported that for clarity in approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Review and Accounts and in line with Government Legislation, this meeting would be required to be held virtually.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Chairman)