

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillor's Present: I Gutteridge, T Prentice, D Risely, Y Seymour and N Weavis (Chairman).

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

Visitors: PCSO's Prior, Keers & Midford and five members of the public.

01/04/22: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carey, Cook, Hicks and Holmes.

02/04/22: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

No declarations received.

03/04/22: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED: To approve, by majority agreement, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022 as a true and accurate record.

04/04/22: URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman authorised an urgent item to consider replacement of the front door of the Waller Park flat. Members were presented with two figures: White PVC door - £920.98 and a brown external door - £1,125.46. Both prices are inclusive of materials and labour.

Replacement is necessary to ensure security of the property for safety and insurance purposes.

RESOLVED: By majority agreement, to install a replacement front door at the Waller Park flat at a cost of £1,125.46. The Clerk would authorise payment for the emergency purchase.

The Chairman took questions from the public.

Following the response to a question another member of the public left the public area and verbally attacked another member of the public, the Chairman, Clerk and Councillors. The intimidating nature of this behaviour forced the Chairman to suspend the meeting and he asked the disruptive member of the public for her name and the reason for her behaviour. However, the motive was not explained and the offender refused to provide her identity.

The three PCSOs in attendance offered their assistance, which was welcomed by the Chairman.

With the Chairman unable to continue the meeting, the Clerk opened the door for the individual to leave and she was escorted from the premises by one of the PCSOs.

The Chairman then restarted the meeting and a second question was taken from the public, which the clerk committed to responding to by email.

05/04/22: TO NOTE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARISH TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLVED: To note the implementation of the Parish Tree Management Plan.

06/04/22: TO NOTE DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2022

RESOLVED: To note the Borough Review of Polling Districts and Places for 2022.

07/04/22: TO FORMALLY NOTE RECRUITMENT OF NEW FACILITY COORDINATOR FOR DARENTH VILLAGE HALL ON 01 APRIL 2022

RESOLVED: To note the recent recruitment of the Facility Coordinator for Darenth Hall on 01 April 2022.

08/04/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

- (a) To note the Kent Police PCSO's report for March 2022

Members had previously been provided with the March 2022 report from PCSOs Lewis and Prior. The details had been uploaded to the Parish website for public information.

PCSO Prior gave a verbal report regarding nuisance vehicles at three locations in Darenth. She explained that Section 59 Orders allow police to give drivers a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes "alarm, distress or annoyance". If reported to have done so again within a year the police have the right to confiscate the vehicle.

PCSO Prior extended an invitation to Parish Members to accompany the Neighbourhood Team on a 'walk-around' the Parish.

RESOLVED: To kindly note written and verbal reports from the Kent Police Neighbourhood Team.

09/04/22: FINANCE

- (a) **To consider and agree Internal Control Policy**

RESOLVED: Members agreed the details of the Internal Control Policy as presented.

- (b) **To consider and agree Internal Audit Plan**

RESOLVED: Members agreed the details of the Internal Audit Plan as presented.

- (c) **To approve Allocation of Reserves for 2022-23**

As required by the internal audit of the 2022/23 accounts, Members were asked to consider and approve the proposed allocation of Reserves.

RESOLVED: Members approved the Allocation of Reserves as presented.

(d) **To approve Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 - Section 1**

RESOLVED: To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement in respect of the Annual Governance Accountability Review for 2021-22.

(e) **To approve Accounting Statements of the 2021-22 Annual Governance Accountability Review – Section 2**

RESOLVED: To approve Section 2 of the Accounting Statements in respect of the Annual Governance Accountability Review for 2021-22.

(f) **To agree Financial Statement as at 31 March 2022**

RESOLVED: To agree the Financial Statement as presented

(g) **To formally note Electrical Works at Darenth Village Hall**

RESOLVED: To formally note commencement of remedial and recommended works following the EICR Electrical Report requested by Members.

Members noted costs for remedial works of £1,425.00 with recommended works being £3,095.00. Works will qualify for the NICEIC Certification as per the requirements of BS 7671 of Wiring Regulations 2018, Part II.

(h) **To formally note Green Fund Award from Dartford Borough Council**

RESOLVED: To formally note funding from Dartford Borough Council's Green Fund Award of £3,000.00 received on 01 April 2022 to maintain, improve, retain and protect trees and implement the Parish Council's Tree Maintenance Plan.

(i) **To note annual subscription payment of £20.00 to the Darent River Preservation Society (DRiPS) for the year 2021-22**

RESOLVED: To note subscription payment of £20.00 to the Darent Valley Preservation Society for 2021-22.

PCSO's Prior and Keers left the meeting.

10/04/22: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Members noted the details as presented:

DA/22/00320/TPO - 16E The Green Darenth Kent DA2 6JR

Application for thinning by 35%, remove dead branches of 1 No. Pine tree subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Observation: Members noted the application.

**DA/22/00381/FUL - 5 Littledale Green Street Green Road
Dartford Kent DA2 7HU**

Erection of a first-floor rear extension

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

Observation: Members wished a formal objection be raised in respect of the application.

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

DA/21/01416/FUL - 16A The Green Darenth Kent DA2 6JR

Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a two-storey side extension

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

**DA/22/00158/TPO - Land Adjacent 69 Darenth Park Avenue
Darenth Kent DA2 6LX**

Application for T1- Lime - fell to ground level subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

**DA/22/00131/TPO - Land Fronting Clockhouse Stables Green
Street Green Road Dartford Kent**

Application for T1, T2, T3, T6 & T7 (x5) Lime: Prune back to previous historically pruning points; T4 & T5 (x2) Lime; Fell subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 2001

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

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

**DA/21/00137/COU - Land Adjacent Kentwood House Darenth
Road Darenth Kent**

Change of use of former agricultural land to mixed use as a hobby farm and for keeping of horses. Removal of some of the existing buildings. Erection of an agricultural barn.

Observation: Members noted the Additional Information revisions to the application. An objection would be submitted to the Planning Authority after an objection proposal is approved by Members.

**DA/22/00140/VCON - Land Adjacent 17 Coombfield Drive Darenth
Kent DA2 7LG**

Application for variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission DA/19/01711/FUL (granted on appeal) to add single storey side extension to provide utility room.

Observation: Members noted revisions in the form of revised plans and updated descriptions but wished to object on the grounds of continued over intensification of the site. An objection would be submitted to the Planning Authority after an objection proposal is approved by Members.

11/04/22: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the proposed date for the Annual Parish and Annual Council Meetings would be on Wednesday 18 May 2022.

12/04/22: EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the **exclusion** of the **press and public** for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2).

13/04/22: PARISH CLERK REVIEW

Members concluded the particulars of the Clerk's Review by majority approval.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

(Chairman)