

A G E N D A

MEETING OF DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 21 September 2022, 7:30pm

Jubilee Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth DA2 7LR

The Chairman will remind the Meeting of the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of any part of the proceedings

52/09/22: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

53/09/22: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

54/09/22: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2022

55/09/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

(a) August 2022 Report - Darenth PCSO, Neighbourhood Policing Team

RECOMMENDATION: That Members note reports as presented.

56/09/22: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Issues that have arisen or been raised since agenda production

57/09/22: TO CONSIDER AND FORMULATE RESPONSE IN RESPECT OF BOROUGH CONSULTATION FOR FILLING PARISH/TOWN COUNCILLOR VACANCIES AFTER ORDINARY ELECTIONS AND WHERE PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL IS INQUORATE

Members are asked to consider the proposed procedure for filling Parish/Town Councillor vacancies after an ordinary election and where a Parish/Town Council is inquorate.

The Parish Council is invited to consider procedures set out within the Borough report (previously provided) and submit responses by **26 September 2022**.

58/09/22: TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR BASE STATION INSTALLATION UPGRADE AT CORNERSTONE 13583328, THE PETER GIDNEY CENTRE, DARENTH ROAD SOUTH, DARTFORD, KENT, DA2 7QT

The above request has been submitted by Cornerstone, a telecommunications company, who are in the process of progressing suitable sites in the Dartford area to improve service provision for an equipment upgrade.

The Parish Council is invited to submit views on mobile telecommunications proposals before any planning submission is made as part of Cornerstone's community consultation process.

59/09/22: FINANCE

(a) **To consider amendment of Financial Regulations**

The Parish Council approved the present Financial Regulations on 21 July 2021. The current financial mechanisms for expenditure are set out below under Item 4 'Budgetary control and authority to spend'.

The existing item specifies that:

4. Budgetary control and authority to spend

4.1. Expenditure on revenue items may be authorised up to the amounts included for that class of expenditure in the approved budget. This authority is to be determined by:

- the council for all items over £5,000;
- a duly delegated committee of the council for items over £500; or
- the Clerk, in conjunction with Chairman of Council or Chairman of the appropriate committee, for any items below £500.

To enable appropriate expenditure it is proposed that under Item 4.1, amounts are amended as follows:

- the council for all items over £5,000;
- a duly delegated committee of the council for items over £1,000; or
- the Clerk, in conjunction with Chairman of Council or Chairman of the appropriate committee, for any items below £1,000.

Following the pandemic and in the current economic climate all services, materials and labour costs have increased substantially. To bring expenditure up to date and in line with rising inflation, Members are requested to consider amendments to spend limits reflected in approved budget amounts.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members approve amendments to Financial Regulations as presented, under sub-Item 4.1 of Item 4, Budgetary control and authority to spend.

(a) **To formerly note approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2021-22**

Members are asked to note the Notice of Conclusion of Audit from external auditor PKF Littlejohn in respect of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year 2021-22.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members note approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2021-22 from the external auditor PKF Littlejohn.

(b) **To note new interest rate on Parish Council's 60 Day Business Notice Account with Cambridge & Counties**

Members are asked to note the new interest rate of 1.80% Gross/Annual Equivalent Rate (monthly 1.785%) variable, effective from 5 August 2022. The previous rate was 1.30% Gross/Annual Equivalent Rate (monthly 1.292%) variable.

RECOMMENDATION: To note the new interest rate of 1.80% Gross/Annual Equivalent Rate (monthly 1.785%) variable, effective from 5 August 2022 in respect of the Cambridge & Counties 60 Day Business Notice Account.

(c) **To agree Financial Statements as at 31 July and 31 August 2022**

RECOMMENDATION: To agree Financial Statements as presented

60/09/22: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Planning Reference	Location	Proposals
DA/22/00966/TPO	47 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6LX	Application for 1 No. Lime tree in front garden to reduce crown by 30% (4 metres from height to leave at approx 12 metres in height and reduce spread by 1.5 metres all round). To prune back from property to give 2.5metres clearance, crown lift to give ground clearance of 6 metres, cut back branches to clear lamppost by 2.5 metres and to remove significant dead branches subject to Tree Preservation Order No. 1 1995.
DA/22/00790/FUL	111 Ladywood Road Darenth Kent DA2 7LP	Erection of a first-floor side extension and loft conversion with rear dormer and three rooflights to front roof slope in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space.
DA/22/00962/FUL	5 Moss Way Darenth Kent DA2 7JX	Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.
DA/21/00137/COU	Land Adjacent Kentwood House Darenth Road Darenth Kent	REVISIONS CONSIDERED DURING SUMMER RECESS: 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.
DA/22/01004/FUL	59 Watchgate Darenth Kent DA2 7JY	Erection of dormer extension in rear roof slope with Juliette balconies and dormer windows in front roof slope in connection with conversion of roof space into habitable rooms; Erection of single storey front and rear extensions. Formation of car hardstanding in front garden including formation of dropped kerb access from Watchgate
DA/22/01007/FUL	62 Sinclair Way Darenth Kent DA2 7JS	Provision of additional roof lights in front and rear roof slopes in connection with the existing rooms in the roof space

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

Planning Reference	Location	Proposals	Decision
Planning Inspectorate Appeal Ref: APP/T2215/W/21/3282336 (alternative to that approved under reference 13/00094/LDC)	Braeside, Roman Villa Road, Darenth, Kent DA2 7QS	The development proposed is described as 'the erection of detached outbuilding.	APPEAL DISMISSED
DA/22/00578/TPO	46 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6LX	Application for T1 - To Reduce 1 X Lime Tree by 2.0/2.5 metres (current height is 13.0Mtrs & Width is 9.0Mtrs. We Intend the keep the same height but lift crown from 3.5 mtrs to 5.5/6.0Mtrs & reduce crown width from 9.0 mtrs to 6.5/7.0mtrs) subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995.	CONSENT GRANTED
DA/22/00831/CDNA	Pheasants Field St Margarets Road Darenth Kent	Submission of details relating to external materials of oak post and joinery pursuant to condition 3 (in part) of planning permission DA/21/00746/FUL for erection of a stable block and barn store with associated hardstanding area	DETAILS APPROVED
DA/22/00737/TPO	1 Powell Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6NT	Application for T1 Sycamore- Crown reduce all over by 2m to maintain a balanced crown by 2m back to suitable points (estimated finished dimensions 12m height and crown spread 4m), remove the two lowest limbs as indicated on the attached photograph subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995	CONSENT GRANTED

DA/22/00644/FUL	23 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LE	Demolition of the existing attached garage and erection of a two-storey side extension with canopy to the front. Proposed alterations to the roof to form a dormer window to the rear and roof lights to the front and rear (retrospective application)	PERMISSION GRANTED
DA/21/01150/FUL	72 Watchgate Darenth Kent DA2 7JY	Demolition of existing 'car port' style roof to side of building and erection of a single storey roof with timber screen and door to front and rear (retrospective)	PERMISSION GRANTED
DA/21/01148/FUL	72 Watchgate Darenth Kent DA2 7JY	Provision of glazed shop front and entrance door and roller shutter (retrospective application)	PERMISSION GRANTED
DA/22/00790/FUL	111 Ladywood Road Darenth Kent DA2 7LP	Erection of a first floor side extension and loft conversion with rear dormer and three rooflights to front roofslope in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space	REFUSED TO PERMIT due to its form, design and large size of dormer having an intrusive nature

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

61/09/22: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council is Wednesday 19 October 2022.