

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 20 October 2021
Waller Park Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth, Kent DA2 7RL

Councillor's Present: D Carey (Vice Chairman), I Gutteridge, T Hicks, T Prentice, D Risely, Y Seymour, S Watson-Holmes and N Weavis (Chairman).

In Attendance: E Mote, Parish Clerk

Visitors: Two members of the public.

There were no questions from the public.

63/10/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Prentice gave apologies for Councillor Cook. Borough Councillor Kelly was not present at the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Midford from the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

64/10/21: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Councillor Holmes asked Members to note a declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item 59/09/21 (a) at the September 2021 meeting.

65/10/21: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2021 as a true record.

66/10/21: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

One Member raised questions on Agenda Items 58/09/21; 59/09/21 (b); 59/09/21 (c); 59/09/21 (d); 59/09/21 (e) which The Clerk duly clarified.

67/10/21: URGENT MATTERS ARISING

Following the Chairman's report that gutters and drainpipes at Waller Park Pavilion were in a poor state of repair due to their age, quotations had been sourced which the Clerk would forward to Members. A majority response would determine the preferred contractor who would be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs.

68/10/21: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

(a) Darenth Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Neighbourhood Team provided apologies for the meeting.

(b) Councillor J Kite, Kent County Councillor for Dartford Rural Ward

No report received.

(c) Councillor M Kelly, Dartford Borough Councillor for Darenth

Members had previously received the following report:

I have recently attended the Friends of Darenth Country Park meeting, it was good to meet with all the people that work so hard keeping our lovely country park in great shape. This meeting was attended by my colleague Cllr Tom Oliver who is leading on

Planet Dartford, the new green initiative driven by the council. This is something I am keen to get involved in and introduce in Darenth the planting of trees, wild flowers and edible gardens in the appropriate spaces. This is something I hope to bring you more information on over the coming months as I have requested to be part of the committee.

Since the 1st of September DBC has gone live with safety cameras outside three local schools, in order to combat dangerous driving and parking. For further information on this look on the DBC website. As we all know these cameras are much needed as this seems to be a very common issue at schools.

Dartford Lions will be holding a fireworks night event on the 6th November in Central Park tickets for this event are now on sale on the Dartford Lions website, a fantastic local charity to support.

This years Remembrance Sunday Service is on the 14th November meeting at the Dartford Library Central Park Dartford for 10.30am.

(d) **Darenth Community & Facilities Committee**

Councillor Hicks updated Members on a further meeting with S L Treecare, the contractor instructed to plant trees on Green Street Green Road as part of the Parish 2020 Tree Project.

Current prices for the purchase of trees will allow for 8 x 4½ metre high plants within the remit of the Kent County Council's Combined Member Grant Funding received. The contractor will commence planting at the earliest opportunity. Media promotion will be organised at the time of planting.

(e) **Borough and Parish Forum**

Members had previously received a written report from the Clerk.

(f) **Friends of Darenth Country Park**

Members had previously received a written report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To note all reports.

69/10/21: TO APPROVE POLICY FOR THE USE OF STAFF MOBILE PHONES

RESOLVED: To approve and adopt the Mobile Phone Policy as presented.

70/10/21: TO DISCUSS AND DETERMINE LOCATION FOR MEMORIAL BENCH AT WALLER PARK

Members resolved to defer this item to the November Council meeting to give more purposeful thought to the siting of the memorial bench.

71/10/21: FINANCE

(a) **To note and discuss urgent works required to Waller Park water tank**

It had been previously reported that there were problems with leaking water to the tank in the Pavilion. The Clerk was in the process of obtaining a prioritised report for repair when the leak worsened, and an emergency plumber was called to site. Remedial repairs were carried out and a report would be submitted. Once both reports are received, they will be forwarded to Members for future consideration.

Members requested more information regarding which parts of the building the tank supplied water to. The Clerk would investigate and report the information to Members.

(b) **Annual Insurance Renewal**

Members, having been previously presented with the quotation from Came & Co, considered the details for annual renewal at a cost of £3,654.36. Councillor Carey

proposed approval of the renewal, and this was seconded by Councillor Watson-Holmes.

RESOLVED: To renew Annual Insurance Policy.

(c) **To formerly note approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Review for 2020-21**

Members noted the Notice of Conclusion of Audit from external auditor PKF Littlejohn in respect of the Annual Governance and Accountability Review for the year 2020-21. Approval notices had been duly displayed on the Council website.

RESOLVED: To formerly note approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Review for 2020-21 by the External Auditor.

(d) **To note the second instalment precept payment from Dartford Borough Council in the sum of £38,150 paid on 29 September 2021**

RESOLVED: To note the second Precept payment from Dartford Borough Council.

(e) **To agree Financial Statement as at 30 September 2021**

RESOLVED: To agree the Financial Statement as at 30 September 2021

72/10/21: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Members noted the details as presented:

DA/21/01516/ADV – 72 Watchgate Darenth Kent DA2 7JY

Display of 1 No. internally illuminated fascia sign and 1 No. internally illuminated projecting sign

Observation: Members noted the application

Members noted the previously reported pothole outside 72 Watchgate, Darenth DA2 7JY. The Clerk confirmed that Kent County Council had confirmed the area to the front of the property was the responsibility of the owner and that they had been contacted regarding repair.

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

Members noted decisions as presented:

DA/21/00879/CDNA - Land Adjacent 17 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LG

Submission of details relating to levels pursuant to condition 3 of planning permission DA/19/01711/FUL (granted on appeal) for demolition of existing double garage and erection of an attached 3-bed dwelling with associated parking, amenity space and landscaping

Decision: DETAILS APPROVED

DA/21/01040/CDNA - Land Adjacent 17 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LG

Submission of details relating to external materials pursuant to condition 4 of planning permission DA/19/01711/FUL (granted on appeal) for demolition of existing double garage and erection of an attached 3-bed dwelling with associated parking, amenity space and landscaping

Decision: DETAILS APPROVED

DA/21/01041/CDNA - Land Adjacent 17 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LG

Submission of details relating to landscaping, refuse and cycle stores pursuant to condition 5, details relating to boundary treatments pursuant to condition 7 of planning permission DA/19/01711/FUL (granted on appeal) for demolition of existing double garage and erection of an attached 3-bed dwelling with associated parking, amenity space and landscaping

Decision: DETAILS APPROVED

DA/19/00332/FUL - Darent Valley Hospital Darenth Wood Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DA

Provision of temporary clinical ward within an enclosed external area of the hospital to provide better stroke facilities across the county

Decision: APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

DA/21/01152/TPO - 19 The Green Darenth Kent DA2 6JS

Application for T2 Lime - Overall crown reduction of 2-2.5m height and approx. 1-1.5m from the lateral spread (annotated PDF), Remove any dead branches (exempt works) & remove all epicormic growth up to 3m measured from ground level (to max cut size 25mm) subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

DA/21/01168/TPO - 24 The Green Darenth Kent DA2 6JS

Application for Sycamore (T1) - reduce crown height by 2m and radius by 1.5m, thin by 30% (estimated finished dimensions is approx. 10m and finished spread of approx. 6m) and Lime (T2) to cut and remove lower ivy growth by hand; remove trunk suckers to first main fork at around 4m from ground level (repeat annually when required); Reduce overall crown dimensions by no more than 3m with an estimated finished height of no lower than 12m and radial spread of not less than 4m; and Crown thin by no more than 15% subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

DA/21/01320/CDNA - 17 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LG

Submission of details relating to parking areas drainage and surface details (condition 8) pursuant to planning permission DA/19/01711/FUL (granted on appeal) for demolition of existing double garage and erection of an attached 3-bed dwelling with associated parking, amenity space and landscaping

Decision: DETAILS APPROVED

DA/21/01321/CDNA - 17 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LG

Submission of details electric vehicle parking (condition 10) pursuant to planning permission DA/19/01711/FUL (granted on appeal) for demolition of existing double garage and erection of an attached 3-bed dwelling with associated parking, amenity space and landscaping

Decision: DETAILS APPROVED

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

Members noted the details as presented:

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

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

Observation: Members noted the application

73/10/21: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the proposed date for the next meeting of the Council would be Wednesday 17 November 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:38.