

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Council Meeting
Wednesday 20 May 2020

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

10/05/20: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-PARTICIPATION

There were no apologies for non-participation of the meeting.

11/05/20: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

12/05/20: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2020

Members approved the minutes of the Council Meeting of Wednesday 15 April 2020.

13/05/20: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

14/05/20: TO CONFIRM CONTINUATION OF POSTS FOR CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN TO MAY 2021

Members unanimously approved continuation of the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman to May 2021.

Councillors' Gutteridge and Weavis duly accepted continuation of these roles.

15/05/20: TO FORMALLY NOTE CO-OPTION OUTCOME FOR DARENTH VALLEY WARD AT DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Members formally acknowledged the co-option of Mr David Carey for the remainder of the Electoral Term to May 2023 and welcomed him to the role.

In response Councillor Carey thanked fellow Members for the opportunity to represent Darenth Valley Ward.

16/05/20: FINANCE

(a) To receive update regarding Fees and Charges 2020/21

Members were asked to consider retention of current Fees and Charges due to the uncertainty regarding the outcome of the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and to make provision for review in February 2021 with any amendments being implemented on 1 April 2021.

The Chairman wished Members to note that, whilst uncertainty regarding the pandemic remains, any regular hirers using facilities for less than their contracted hours, would be charged on a pro-rate basis.

Members agreed that Fees and Charges remain for 2020-21 with a recommended review in February 2021 for implementation in April 2021.

(b) **To receive payments for approval**

Members approved payments as presented.

17/05/20: CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2020-21

Members resolved to approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2020-21 as presented.

Councillor Hicks wished to note that a proposal was made by members of the Community and Facilities Committee to rotate roles and suggested that this be implemented when physical meetings resume.

18/05/20: OUTSIDE BODIES & COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION FOR 2020-21

Members confirmed representation to Outside Bodies and Committees for 2020-21 as presented with the addition of Councillor Cook and the Clerk as Parish representatives for the Darenth Country Park Committee.

19/05/20: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

DA/20/00446/FUL 53 The Green Darenth DA2 6JT - Demolition of single storey garage and conservatory and erection of two storey side extension incorporating dormer window together with single storey rear extension.

DA/20/00474/FUL Gate Lodge Darenth Fishing Complex Darenth Hill Darenth DA2 7QY - 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.

The Council objected to the application on the grounds that the site is within Green Belt and whilst accepting that the proposed building is to replace an existing and permitted caravan, Darenth Parish Council believes it represents an unacceptable expansion that would have a detrimental impact on the openness of the Green Belt. The site already has permission regarding Flat 1 & Flat 2, (under Planning Reference: DA/20/00226/FUL).

In addition, the Parish Council believes that this development could lead to further developments that may encourage a well used recreational site being turned into a housing estate which we feel would be out of character in this rural setting.

DA/20/00520/FUL 5 Moore Close Darenth DA2 6NN - Erection of a part two/part single storey rear extension.

Councillor noted if the new ground floor contained a new garage, he had no objections.

DA/20/00485/FUL Newlands Darenth Wood Road Darenth DA2 8AA - Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension.

Councillor Cook noted that, in his opinion, the application was not acceptable because of Green Belt issues but did not raise an official objection.

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

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

DA/20/00556/FUL 1 Sinclair Way Darenth DA2 7JS - Erection of a two-storey side extension.

Members noted the details and made no objection the application.

20/05/20: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date of the next Council meeting of Wednesday 17 June 2020.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Chairman)