

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 17 November 2021
Waller Park Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth, Kent DA2 7LR

Councillor's Present: D Carey (Vice Chairman), W Cook, 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 two questions from the public which were a follow-up to those asked at the September 2021 Meeting of the Council:

- 1. Could the Green Street Green Road roundabout, at the junction with Trolling Down Hill and Gore Road, be cut-back and cleaned?*
- 2. Could the northern end of Green Street Green Road have weeds removed, litter cleared, and the road swept?*

Question 1: The Clerk confirmed that reports had been made to Kent County Council via the Fault Reporting Portal and progress on the matter would be investigated.

Question 2: The Clerk confirmed that street cleansing by the Borough Council had been scheduled for Monday 15 November, but it was reported that this was not the case.

74/11/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Kelly.

75/11/21: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

No declarations were received.

76/11/21: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 as a true record.

77/11/21: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising.

78/11/21: URGENT MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman provided Members with an update regarding internal plumbing at Waller Park.

Recent incidents of graffiti to Council property were currently being investigated by Kent Police.

79/11/21: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

(a) Darenth Neighbourhood Policing Team

A report for October 2021 data had been received from PCSO Midford and distributed to Members.

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

No report received.

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

No report received.

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

Councillors Hicks and Prentice reported that five trees had now been planted to greens bordering Shellbank Lane and the watering and care plan was in operation to cover the next three years.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Hicks for his recent efforts in respect of the 2020 Tree Project; Poppy sales for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and for erecting the flag at Darenth Memorial in readiness for Remembrance Sunday.

RESOLVED: To note all reports and comments.

80/11/21: TO CONSIDER REPAIRS TO PARISH OWNED ROADS OFF B260

RESOLVED: To approve costings for road repairs and instruct works accordingly.

81/11/21: TO CONSIDER REVISIONS TO MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT IN LINE WITH BOROUGH RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLVED: To approve revisions to Member Code of Conduct for adoption by Darenth Parish Council Members.

82/11/21: FINANCE

(a) **To agree Financial Statement as at 31 October 2021**

RESOLVED: To agree the Financial Statement as at 31 October 2021

83/11/21: PUBLIC REALM

(a) **TO DISCUSS AND DETERMINE INSTALLATION OF A MEMORIAL BENCH AND RELOCATION OF EXISTING BENCH AT WALLER PARK**

RESOLVED: To appoint a Memorial bench, donated by C J Love Ltd, overlooking Waller Park playground. Once installed, a small commemorative ceremony will be arranged. Installation of a second bench at Waller Park grounds may be considered in the future.

(b) **TO CONSIDER GREENS MAINTENANCE RENEWAL PROPOSAL FOR 2022**

Renewal was proposed by Councillor Carey and seconded by Councillor Watson-Holmes.

RESOLVED: To renew greens maintenance contract for Waller Park Pavilion and Green Street Green Road verges. Renewal will be from 1 March 2022 with a rolling contract secured until 2025.

84/11/21: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Members noted the details as presented:

DA/21/01601/FUL – 7 Darenth Park Avenue, Darenth DA2 6JN

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, conversion of integral garage into habitable room with associated alterations to front elevation, erection of a front porch and provision of dormer window on rear elevation and roof lights in front elevation in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space **(Clerk requested extension to observation deadline)**

Observation: Members noted the application

DA/21/01265/FUL - 5 St Margarets Close, Darenth DA2 6JW

Erection of a single storey front/side extension

Observation: Members noted the application

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

Members noted decisions as presented:

DA/21/00971/FUL - 19 The Green Darenth Kent DA2 6JS

Provision of a dormer windows in rear roof slope and rooflights in front roof slope in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

DA/21/01369/FUL - 61 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6LX

Erection of a single storey rear extension

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

DA/21/01406/TPO - Adjacent 1 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6JN

Application for Lime tree (T1) - Re pollard to previous pruning points and cut back to leave a clearance from the building by 3m subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

DA/21/01505/NONMAT – 29 Moore Close Darenth Kent DA2 6NN

Non-material amendment following grant of planning permission DA/20/00759/FUL for alteration of rear fenestration to propose replacement of window and rear doors, with full width rear bi-fold doors

Decision: REVISIONS ACCEPTABLE

One Member asked if item **84/11/21(c)** could be discussed as an excluded point. Councillor Carey proposed this request with Councillor Watson-Holmes seconding.

85/11/21: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the proposed date for the next meeting of the Council would be Wednesday 08 December 2021.

Public present left the meeting at 20:18.

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

DA/21/00137/COU – Land Adjacent Kentwood House, Darenth, Kent

Members agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman and Clerk to formulate a response for Member agreement before submission to the Planning Authority by Wednesday 1 December 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:32.