

## AGENDA

MEETING OF DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL  
Wednesday 19 June 2024, 7:30pm

Jubilee Hall, Waller Park Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth DA2 7LR

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*The Chairman will remind the Meeting of the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of any part of the proceedings. Anyone wishing to film events is asked to declare an intention prior to commencement of the meeting.*

**23/06/24: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**24/06/24: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

**25/06/24: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the minutes be approved as a true record.

**26/06/24: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The Chairman will announce his decision as to whether any items received for consideration since agenda production, are suitably urgent to be discussed at the meeting, and indicate their position on the agenda.

**27/06/24: TO RECEIVE EXTERNAL REPORTS**

**28/06/24: FINANCE**

- (a) **To agree Monthly Bank Analysis as at 31 May 2024**
- (b) **To note Monthly Budget Analysis as at 31 May 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION:** To agree and note financial records as presented.

(c) **To adopt revised Model Financial Regulations**

Having previously been circulated, Members are asked to consider and adopt revised Model Financial Regulations produced for local councils by the National Association of Local Councils in April 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To adopt revised Model Financial Regulations as presented.

(d) **To note the AGAR3 2023-24 (Internal Audit)**

Having been circulated in advance of the Meeting and noting that two minor points which had not prohibited the signing of the Report, Members are asked to note the Internal Auditors Report 2023-24.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the report is noted.

(e) **Notice of Exercise of Public Rights**

To note that the Notice of Exercise of Public Rights to inspect the 2023-24 Accounts was published on 31 May 2024, with the 30 working days inspection period commencing on 03 June and ending on 12 July 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Notice of Exercise of Public Rights is noted.

**29/06/24: TO NOTE UPDATE FROM KENT COUNTY COUNCIL'S HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS TEAM IN RESPECT OF COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH AND INSTALLATION OF A SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE AT GREEN STREET GREEN ROAD**

Having been provided with an update from the Highways Improvements Team, Members are asked to conclude an option to either take forward a Community Speed Watch programme or add the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device to the Darenth Highways Improvement Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Clerk takes appropriate action in respect of any decision made.

**30/06/24: TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CYGNUS ACADEMIES TRUST IN RESPECT OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND OUTSIDE GREENLANDS SCHOOL**

The Trust contacted the Parish Council on 28 May 2024, informing that they had secured funding to fix potholes at Council owned land outside Greenlands Primary School. The Kent County Council Highways approved contractor, T Body, is expecting to carry the work as soon as possible.

Cygnus Academies Trust confirm that the works will be at no cost to the Parish Council, and as such, will be treated as a one-off goodwill gesture as part of collaborative Parish/School relations.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Members note the update as presented.

**31/06/24: TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS REPAIRS TO BRIDLEWAYS AT GREEN STREET GREEN RD**

To receive verbal update from The Chairman.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Clerk acts on any instruction resolved by Members.

**32/06/24: GROUNDS & FACILITIES**

(a) **Water Testing at Council Facilities**

Members asked the Clerk previously to clarify future water testing requirements following the boiler upgrade works at Waller Park Pavilion. It is confirmed that a requirement for Legionella checks must continue as hot water is being stored in calorifiers. Total Viable Count (A general bacteria test that looks at the overall number of microorganisms present in water that can grow) samples from the cold-water system and Legionella samples for the hot-water system will need to be carried out annually to confirm compliancy. It is also confirmed that temperature checks will need to continue as we have more than five people using the building on a regular basis.

Facility staff members have now received training for the above Legionella testing and will continue to record test outcomes and relevant dates as appropriate, with Primec Ltd carrying out required annual testing in conjunction with staff tests.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Members note requirements for continued facility Water Testing.

(b) **To note Playground Inspection Reports for:**

1. May 2024
2. June 2024

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Members note Reports as presented.

**33/06/24: CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **We Are Beams Thank You**

To note £250.00 grant donation Thank You letter from We Are Beams and invitation to visit facilities to learn about the work of the charity.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Members note correspondence from We Are Beams in respect of Council Grant Donation.

**34/06/24: PLANNING**

(a) **To discuss planting on Council owned land at Green Street Green Road**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Clerk takes appropriate action in respect of any decision made.

(b) **To consider new applications**

<b>Planning Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
DA/24/00492/FUL	42 Ladywood Road Darenth Kent DA2 7LL	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension incorporating external platform and increased width of decking with increased height to rear boundary fence between 42 and 44 Ladywood Road with associated alterations to the existing DA/24/00608/FUL side and rear elevations
DA/24/00608/FUL	Darent Valley Hospital Darenth Wood Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DA	Creation of Temporary contractors' compound and temporary drop-down zones around the Darent Valley Hospital site
DA/24/00581/TPO	The Ship Green Street Green Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DP	Application for Yew tree-14.5 wide-reduce crown over building by no more than 2m giving maximum clearance of 2m- back to yellow line on annotated photo-reduce crown spread over garden by no more than 3m - back to yellow line as shown on annotated photo (no crown height reduction) subject to Tree Preservation Order No.3 2023

		EXTENSION FOR RESPONSE GRANTED BY LPA on 24 May 2024 – Recommended response for submission: The Parish Council notes that, in respect of the refused Application Number 24/00347/TPO, the Tree Consultant commented that the Council ( <i>sic</i> DBC) 'would support some sympathetic reduction in order to alleviate the trees impact over the current building'. The Parish Council unreservedly supports this Application and trusts that the reduced proposal enables consent to be given to enable this much needed development of 'The Ship' site to proceed.
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(c) **To note recent decisions made by the Planning Authority**

<b>Planning Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposals</b>	<b>Decision</b>
DA/24/00381/TPO	26 Darenth Park Ave Darenth Kent DA2 6JN	Application for 30% crown reduction of 1 No. Cherry tree (Prunus) as per annotated photos subject to Tree Preservation order No.1 1995	<b>CONSENT GRANTED</b>

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

**35/06/24: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council is Wednesday 17 July 2024.