

# DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Council Meeting  
Wednesday 15 April 2020

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

**01/04/20: TO APPROVE MEMBER DECISION REGARDING STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

Members agreed to formally approve that meetings would take place via email response to the Clerk for the duration of the Coronavirus pandemic. Options for online platforms were not deemed practical for all Members.

**02/04/20: MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO NOTE L01-20 | THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020**

Members noted details as presented.

**03/04/20: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020 AND THE MINUTES OF THE CANCELLED MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020**

Members approved minutes of the Meeting held on 19 February 2020 together with those of the cancelled meeting of 18 March 2020.

**04/04/20: TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO FILL DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY IN DARENTH VALLEY WARD**

Members agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr David Carey to the Parish Council in the Darenth Valley Ward.

The Clerk would seek guidance regarding ratification of the position due to physical meetings being suspended because of the current Coronavirus outbreak.

**05/04/20: TO CONCLUDE REGULARITY OF MEETINGS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

Members concluded that meetings (under the revised format) should be held monthly with the Annual General Meeting being cancelled until May 2021.

**06/04/20: TO NOTE UPDATE IN RESPECT OF INSTALLATION OF PALISADE FENCING AT LADYWOOD ROAD, DARENTH FOLLOWING PLANNING APPROVAL**

Members noted that following approval of Planning Application DA/19/01589/FUL being erection of a 1.8m steel palisade fence and kissing gate at land Between 96 and 115 Ladywood Road, works would commence as soon as practically possible. There had been delays regarding the planning application due to resident objection and the Coronavirus pandemic had delayed installation works. The Clerk ensured measures would be taken to aid commencement of works as soon as practically possible as motorcycles were still having an enormous noise impact on residents. The Clerk confirmed that the fencing contractor's quote would remain valid despite delays.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members note imminent installation of palisade fencing at Ladywood Road following Planning Approval.

**07/04/20: FINANCE**

**(a) To retrospectively approve payments for March 2020**

Members retrospectively approved payments as presented.

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

Members considered and approved payments as presented.

**08/04/20: PLANNING**

**(a) To consider new applications**

Members noted details of new applications.

However, in respect of application DA/20/00387/FUL - 17 Redding Close, Darenth DA2 6NB: Erection of a single storey rear extension, Councillor Cook wished it to be minuted that the Parish Council had always opposed extensions on this site because of building on Green Belt.

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

No new applications or recent decisions were received.

In the absence of Members being able to meet physically, Councillor Hicks wished to report the following:

*Darenth Road possible encampment*

*I would like to bring to the attention of fellow Councillors an illegal settlement in Darenth Road along from The Chequers Pub. It is a large motorhome in a field beside the entrance to Beechcare Nursing Home and opposite the Darenth Valley footpath, and on the corner in the horse field. It has been there for over 5 weeks. I realise that the enforcement officers are probably not at work but please could it be noted on this months minutes for future reference and action.*

**09/04/20: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 20 May 2020.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)