

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 08 December 2021
Waller Park Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth, Kent DA2 7LR

Councillor's Present: D Carey (Vice Chairman), W Cook, 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.

One member of the public reported he had asked Kent County Council to clean traffic bollards at Gills Road and Darenth Village. He also informed Members that the chain-link fence at Waller Park which borders Green Street Green Road requires maintenance.

86/12/21: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor I Gutteridge and KCC Councillor J Kite.

87/12/21: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

No declarations were received.

88/12/21: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 17 November 2021 as a true record.

89/12/21: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members asked for the current position regarding insurance cover for roads under Parish ownership and the Clerk confirmed this item was awaiting response from the insurance provider.

One Member asked if representatives of the Borough & Parish Forum could ask for an agenda item at the next meeting regarding Parish representation in the Borough. The Chairman asked for this question to be put in writing before being put forward for the Borough & Parish Forum Agenda at its January meeting.

90/12/21: URGENT MATTERS ARISING

Graffiti damage to Council properties remains an ongoing investigation by Kent Police.

Members agreed that works relating to the internal plumbing at Waller Park were now urgent and instructed the Clerk to source contractors to carry out repairs.

91/12/21: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

(a) Darenth Neighbourhood Policing Team

A report from PCSO Midford had been distributed to Members, uploaded to the website and posted to the Council's Facebook Page ahead of the meeting.

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

Councillor Kite submitted his apologies for the meeting.

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

Dates for upcoming Dartford Borough Council events had been distributed to Members.

(d) **Joint Transportation Board**

Councillor Seymour had attended the JTB meeting on 07 December 2021 and reported: The position on the Lower Thames Crossing remains ongoing; Dartford & Gravesham Cycling Forum gave information regarding cycle paths.

RESOLVED: To note all reports and comments.

92/12/21: FINANCE

(a) **To agree Financial Statement as at 30 November 2021**

Councillor Hicks proposed to agree the Finance Statement and Councillor Seymour seconded the proposal.

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

(b) **To note interest rate reduction to Cambridge & Counties 60 Day Business Notice Account**

Members noted the new interest rate is 0.75% Gross/AER (monthly 0.747%) variable, becoming effective from 07 February 2022.

RESOLVED: To note interest rate reduction as presented.

93/12/21: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Members noted the details as presented:

DA/21/01761/VCON - Darenth Road Quarry Darenth Road Dartford Kent

Construction of ready-mix concrete plant on existing quarry site (incorporating variation of condition 2 of planning permission DA/18/01060/FUL (approved drawings) for amendments/additions to site layout including provision of new modular office/welfare building)

Observation: Members noted the application

DA/18/01640/OUT - Blackshole Farm Watling Street Dartford Kent DA2 8DE

Outline application for demolition of existing buildings and hard standing and redevelopment of the site to provide: a building comprising a care home (Use Class C2) comprising up to 5,469sqm of ground to second floor space and a 20-bed hospital ward (Use Class C2) with associated parking; a multi-storey car park comprising up to 12,181sqm of floor space; and associated works, with all matters except for access reserved for later determination. We have received revised information on this planning application. **The revisions being removal from scheme of the coffee shop with drive-thru and addition of 20 bed hospital ward in care home building**

Observation: Members noted the application

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

Members noted decisions:

DA/21/00754/FUL - Dimples Day Nursery Green Street Green Road Dartford

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of single storey extension comprising expanded kitchen, new classroom, toilets and store

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

DA/21/01003/FUL – Darent Valley Hospital Darenth Wood Road Darenth Kent

Erection of a new 18 bed modular isolation ward building with associated mechanical plant, bin store and access ramp. As well as the demolition of an existing bungalow

building and reconfiguration of pedestrian and vehicular access arrangements, car parks and refuse storage area within the site

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

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

Erection of a single storey front/side extension

Decision: CONSENT GRANTED

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

None received.

94/12/21: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the proposed date for the next meeting of the Council would be Wednesday 19 January 2022.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:57.