

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 17 April 2024
Jubilee Pavilion, Waller Park, Wood Lane, Darenth, Kent DA2 7LR

Councillor's Present: I Armitt (Vice Chairman), T Hicks, K Holmes, S Holmes, T Prentice, D Risely and N Weavis (Chairman).

In Attendance: E Mote, Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Visitors: One member of the public.

The Chairman reminded the Meeting of the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of proceedings.

01/04/24: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Gutteridge and K Webb. Borough Councillor P Denman also submitted his apologies.

02/04/24: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None received.

03/04/24: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2024 as Proposed by Councillor T Hicks and Seconded by Councillor D Risley.

04/04/24: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items raised for consideration.

05/04/24: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES; AGENCIES; COMMITTEES AND PORTFOLIO MEMBERS

(a) Borough Councillor Report

Councillor P Denman sent apologies for the meeting, having formerly confirmed to the Clerk, there were no major items to report.

06/04/24: FINANCE

(a) To agree monthly financial statement as at 31 March 2024

Proposed agreement by Councillor S Holmes and Seconded by Councillor T Hicks.

(b) To note budget position as at 31 March 2024

RESOLVED: That the finance items were agreed and noted.

(c) Grant Applications

To consider the **exclusion** of the **press and public** for the item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2).

The Chairman confirmed that this item be moved and considered under **Agenda Item 11/04/24** so that Members of the public could be excluded due to the nature of business to be discussed.

07/04/24: TO CONSIDER BRIDLEWAYS AT GREEN STREET GREEN ROAD

Patch repairs to affected Council owned land located outside Greenlands Primary School will be investigated and costings presented to Members.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk acts in accordance with the decision made in respect of bridleways and Council owned land.

08/04/24: TO CONSIDER UPDATE FROM CYGNUS ACADEMIES TRUST

Councillors discussed and supported many elements of the outline proposal, previously presented to Members, in respect of Council owned land. Ahead of confirming layout amendments, those present wished to know if Kent County Council's Highways & Transport department and neighbouring Thames Water had been, or would be consulted on the plan proposal.

Councillor S Holmes proposed the matter be deferred, pending confirmation of updated information. The proposal was Seconded by Councillor I Armitt.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred and the Clerk contact Cygnus Academies Trust with Member enquiries.

09/04/24: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

DA/24/00291/OUT – Newlands Darenth Wood Road Darenth Kent DA2 8AA

Outline application with details of access only in connection with a residential infill development and demolition of outbuildings.

Observations: Noted.

DA/24/00347/TPO - The Ship Green Street Green Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DP

Application for Yew tree-14.5 side-reduce width by approx 3m over building and approx 4m over garden, reduce in height from approx 13m by up to 4m leaving height 9m; shape as a sphere subject to Tree Preservation Order No.3 2023.

Observations: Parish response submitted prior to the meeting, due to time constraints.

Councillor Armitt informed the meeting that scaffolding had been erected at the site of The Ship on Green Street Green Road and that the project appeared to be progressing.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk submits any comments or observations to the Planning Authority.

(b) **To note recent decisions and appeals**

DA/24/00170/FUL - 44 Darenth Pk Ave Darenth DA2 6LX

Erection of a single storey rear extension, provision of dormer windows in rear elevation. Roof light in front roof slope in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space and additional windows

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

RESOLVED: That Members note recent decisions made by the Planning Authority.

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

DA/24/00381/TPO – 26 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth 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

Observations: Noted.

DA/24/00092/FUL - 113 Ladywood Road Darenth Kent DA2 7LP

Erection of a single storey front extension

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

DA/24/00159/FUL - 59 The Green Darenth Kent DA2 6JU

Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of existing integral garage to habitable room with associated alterations to front elevation

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

DA/24/00175/FUL - 2 Gore Cottages Green Street Green Road Darenth Kent

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension

Decision: REFUSED TO PERMIT

RESOLVED: To note new application and recent decisions received after agenda publication with the Clerk submitting any comments or observations to the Planning Authority.

10/04/24: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council was confirmed as Wednesday 15 May 2024 and will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Council at 7:15pm.

11/04/24: EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

To consider the **exclusion** of the **press and public** for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2).

12/04/24: TO DISCUSS BOILER UPGRADE WORKS AT WALLER PARK PAVILION CHANGING ROOMS

Members considered and confirmed the preferred contractor to conduct upgrade boiler works.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk acts in accordance with any decision made in respect of boiler upgrade works at Waller Park Pavilion Changing Rooms.

The Chairman confirmed that the following item had been moved so that Members of the public may be excluded from the meeting due to the nature of business to be discussed.

06/04/24: FINANCE

(c) **Grant Applications**

Under the Council's Grants & Donations Policy, one application was received from We Are Beams. Having discussed the request, a sum of £250.00 was awarded in respect of Cygnet Parenting Courses offered by the charity.

RESOLVED: To award grants in accordance with decision made.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:23.