

05-19/20

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

For the monthly meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2019 at Darenth hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

Items raised by members of the Public

Points raised by the Public/Cllrs

- 1) The request for the Air Quality measurement test by the Viaduct –*This is still being followed up by the Council*
- 2) When the bunding is cut a lot of grass cuttings are left behind and concern raised that the drains may get blocked- *The people strimming the area have been asked to use a blower –unfortunately with the continual traffic movement grass does get blown about.*
- 3) Would it be possible to re-instate the speed reminder equipment that used to be by Stanley Cottages –*This has been missing for a long time and it was felt that most drivers do not take notice of this type of speed indicator.*
- 4) It was asked that a survey of the manhole covers along Green St Green Rd be requested- *The Clerk will contact Highways to ask this question.*
- 5) Mabledon work that has begun has blocked access for emergency vehicles- *This is dignity land for them to do as they wish work that has started is necessary before building can start with this planned to begin in Feb/March of next year.*
- 6) The Website feed back is good.
- 7) Wood Lane Planning app – It looks like work has begun- As well as the question regarding yellow lines by the new Fox & Hounds development –*The plan is an item of Agenda- no condition regarding yellow lines was in place.*
- 8) Concern was raised with regards to the safe transfer of Asbestos through the village and it was asked if any check for asbestos dust in the air along Green St Rd could be carried out- *it was pointed out that stringent checks are made on site for any vehicle transporting such goods are made – there would be follow ups made regarding air testing possibilities. A request for a meeting with Pindens for an update on operations will be made.*
- 9) Ridgeway garden area and alley to Watchgate need attention- *Cllr Arnitt to follow this up..*

7.55 pm

Agenda Items

Councillors present

I.Gutteridge, I.Armitt, M.Mahoney, S.Mahoney, N.Weavis ,D.Riseley, T.Hicks, Y.Seymour and T.W.Cook

Apologies for absence

Non-attendance

Declarations of Interest

None declared

Chairman's Comments

The Chairman Cllr I.Gutteridge welcomed the councillors adding the item of Ladywood under Business

Minutes - True Record

Acceptance Proposed by Councillor I.Armitt -Seconded by Councillor M.mahoney after the following adjustment had been made.

Subject to adjustment –

The comment point 1 on Public matters should state that the final decision regarding the change of Wards in the Parish was from DBC under the suggestion from the Governance Review by the Boundaries Commission.

Matters raised from previous minutes

Bin Collections

As soon as a new schedule of collections is available it will be put on the Parish website

Finance

Proposed by Councillor Y.Seymour - Seconded by Councillor M.Mahoney

Updates /meetings

Business –

It was requested that in future explanations for Agenda items be listed to enable Cllrs to know what is to be discussed – this will be done in the future.

Ladywood

After receiving ongoing complaints about the nuisance motor bikes using this entrance to the woods at the top of Ladywood for access a site meeting was held
It was suggested that Palisade fencing be put in place to once and for all alleviate this problem, Access for pedestrians still needs to be in place – concern was raised as to the security of this type of fencing and that maybe other options should be explored. –Although this is actually DBC land it is the Parish residents that are suffering ,the cost of this would be in the region of 12k-15k no funding will come from DBC and it will be a Capital expenditure from the Parish– It will be an item to be put on the next Agenda for a decision.

Bridleways

The council sub-committee having carried out a survey of the Bridleways agreed that work needs to be done to bring these up to an acceptable long lasting standard- minor repairs that have been carried out in the past have not been successful.-This will mean major works but it was felt it needs to be a permanent solution -Several options were suggested with costs to be sought this again will be a Capital Expenditure item.

Bunding

A request from a non resident had been made that the bunding be left long for nature reasons- This had been done in the past and not accepted by residents of the village – Sight lines must be kept short and for the appearance of the tidiness of the village need to be kept cut back- The Council does have areas of grassland left in a natural state on all Greens as agreed with English Nature.

Darenth Hall

The re-location of the Clerk to Darenth hall had raised some concerns with Pre-School if the lounge area was to be reduced in size – The Council have decided not to use this area but possibly that at the back of the stage, - Work to get this ready planned for the summer Holiday break from School if this is the agreed location.
At the same time new chairs stacked on trolleys for ease of movement to be purchased.
If agreed Work to be carried out being replacement of doors movement of exterior railing /pathway re-instatement of Toilet as well as decorating and carpet to be laid.

Greens Contract Tenders for the Greens cutting need to be sought as the existing contract finishes next April
A sub committee of Cllrs T.Hicks, N.Weavis and M.mahoney will Liaise with the Clerk on this.

Parish Clerk The current Clerk will be retiring on 30th Sep 2019 – the vacancy has been advertised – closing date 12th july
The interviewing committee will be Cllrs I.Gutteridge, T.W.Cook and N.Weavis

Chairmans Allowance This will in future be known as Subscription donations and allocated accordingly

Bank Mandate The Bank mandate has been made available for changes and arrangements will be made for this to be put in place. Cllrs I.Gutteridge , I.Armitt and N.Weavis to be the signatories.

Lead Members This is setting up lead members to oversee items of Council business in general – full Council still to be consulted on matters of decision.

Finance Lead Member – I.Armitt

Personnel Lead member- S.Mahoney

Plans

DA/19/0078/FUL	29 Moore Close	Dormer window in roof space to provide additional rooms in roof space	Noted.
DA/19/11704/TPO	39 Darenth Park Ave	Reduce height of 1 Lime Tree TPO	Noted
DA/19/00733/FUL	Chalkcroft Yard	Erection of Workshop extension	Noted
DA/19/00723/LDC	Chalkcroft Yard	LDC for existing use	Noted
DA/19/00738/FUL	20 Wood Lane	Erection of Three x 3 Bedroom Houses Objected – over intensification and concerns re parking	
DA/19/00728/FUL	113 Ladywood	Side/rear extension and external staircase	Noted

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Dated _____

