

**03-19/20**

**DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

For the monthly meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Waller Park commencing at 7.30 pm.

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**Items raised by members of the Public**

**Points raised by the Public/Cllrs**

- 1) It was asked if the Council could request that the wards for the Election could go back to 2 as it was felt that it was better than having to vote for 6 people at once. *This change was not a DBC decision but due to the change in boundaries and was decided by the Boundaries Commission.*
- 2) The request for the Air Quality measurement test by the Viaduct –*This is being followed up by the Council*
- 3) Pavement sweeping is still not considered adequate –*A new contractor has been taken on by DBC and will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> July .hopefully showing improvement in standard.*
- 4) Problems with bin collections after Bank Holidays are an issue – *As stated a new contract will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> July with a planned 4 day turn round of collections so this may change. This also covers the matter of small bins not cleared or collected. Cllr Armitt to look at any schedule for this if available.*
- 5) The matter of public items being at the beginning of the meeting- It was asked that the public also be allowed to comment at the end of the meeting as sometimes they may hold information that is relevant to the topics discussed. *This is a matter for full Council decision and will be put discussed as on the Agenda The Chair can consent for a member of the Public to speak if it felt appropriate. but not as a debate point.*

**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 to the first meeting of the new Council- Paperwork for Cllrs without e.mail addresses  
Cllr S.Mahoney – Agreed to receive Via Cllr M.Mahoney  
Cllr D.Riseley - Agreed to receive via Cllr N.Weavis

Condolences to be given to Danny from the disabled Club as his wife has sadly passed away.

**Minutes - True Record**

Acceptance Proposed by Councillor I.Armitt -Seconded by Councillor N.Weavis.

Matters raised from previous minutes

War Memorial

There are 2 broken posts by the war memorial at the Church – this is not on the Agenda or from the minutes so would not have any decision made.  
They will be taken away and further work would need to be an Agenda item for the future.

Councillors

It was asked that a letter be sent to past longstanding Councillors to thank them for their past work and long service to the community.

Finance

Proposed by Councillor I.Armitt - Seconded by Councillor M.Mahoney  
A new bank mandate needs to be put in place.

Updates /meetings

Bridle Path

The inspection by the sub- committee will take place with a report for the next meeting.

Clerk Office

Future allocation of the Clerk office is still to be considered – Costs obtained suggest approx. £2,000 – The Council to consider if 3 quotes are required or the materials obtained and labour costs sought. There is also some exterior work needed.  
The next meeting to be held at Darenth Hall to look at size and requirements and a decision be made.  
It was requested that a formal letter of resignation from the Clerk with the leaving date of the end of September be put in place so that procedures for replacement can commence.

Pop Up Café

The information Café that has been at Darenth Hall is to change location – It not being suitable with the playschool in attendance and the lack of interest at that site – it is planned to move to the Hillrise park site ( permission from DBC to be sought )  
Volunteers to transport any elderly residents to this information point were requested with Cllrs N.Weavis and Y Seymour offering to help.

DBC

The Annual meeting at DBC will be attended by Cllr Gutteridge as the representative from Darenth Parish Council.

Business –

Public participation

Cllr Armitt read out the NALC guide lines regarding public matters being raised –  
In conclusion Public matters would remain at the start of the meeting as they are currently set out. As previously stated if the Chair wishes to take a comment or point from a member of the Public they may at their discretion.  
A copy of these rules and regulations can be sent out by e.mail to anyone requesting them.

Website

Plans to start up a Parish Website are to be put in place – there would be a fee of £9.99 per year for the domain registration – with plans for the new Clerk to take on the running of the site.

Plans

DA/19/0057/FUL	105 Ladywood	Single side/rear extension	Noted.
DA/19/00643/TPO	19 Moore Close	TPO	Noted
DA/19/11616/TPO	opp 19 D.Park Ave	TPO	Noted

Public Meeting closed at 8.25pm

05-19/20

Copies of accounts given to Cllrs and Audit signed Minute Ref: 05-19/20

Cllrs Declaration of interest Paperwork – Those that have not handed this in must bring it completed along by the next meeting.

Horse Care Invoice – An invoice has been received for horse care / removal from the Green dating back to 2016/17 – before any action is taken it will be investigated further

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_