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DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

For the monthly meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at Waller Park 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 will now be passed to the MP Gareth Johnson to follow up – there is a 30 year plan that it is felt Dartford are on target with – a brief report on this given by Cllr Armitt*
- 2) The manhole covers/drains along Green St Green Rd - *The Clerk has made contact with Highways – at this time they are not on a work schedule*
- 3) Mabledon work that has begun has improved the access for emergency vehicles-
- 4) Meeting with Pinden- *No meetings have yet been made or planned*
- 5) Hillrise rubbish dumped – *it was pointed out that this should be either reported to DBC or the Clerk when seen not wait for a meeting to raise the matter*

7.55 pm

Agenda Items

Councillors present

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

Apologies for absence

S.Mahoney (accepted)

Non-attendance

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Armitt- Matter of Clerk appointment

Chairman's Comments

The Chairman Cllr I.Gutteridge welcomed the councillors adding the item of Ladywood fencing and Climate Change under Business as well as Darenth hall along with the Clerk Agenda Item.

Minutes - True Record

Acceptance Proposed by Councillor I.Armitt -Seconded by Councillor M.mahoney

Matters raised from previous minutes

Bin Collections

The new schedule of collections is available from DBC with a link from the Parish website.
The new contractor has started and should be up to schedule clearing the backlog imminently.
It will be checked that a collection lorry can access the Mill site in Darenth Rd. and therefore allowing the bins to be left by the individual properties.

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Ridgeway/Alley The follow up to these items- Ridgeway triangle is in a state of disrepair and lack of attention , as it is Housing land and there is a lack of funding for this Cllr Armit requested permission to approach the County member for funding- This was agreed to be the right step.
The matter of the alley is a problem due to it being private properties on either side but it is still in hand to find a way forward.

20 Wood lane Due to the objections received (3 + 1 from council) this will go to the DC Board for consideration.

Bridleway The cost of installing Concrete pads at the entrance to the Bridleways is an approx. cost of £1,000 each.
Arrangements will be made for members of the Sub- committee to meet with Dave Bartram to obtain some costing for works on the Bridleways.

Greens Quotes for new contracts have been sought but no meetings yet have been arranged with the contractors – this will be again followed up and members of the sub- committee will attend with the Clerk.

Bunding A response had been sent to the non-resident complainant regarding cutting of the bunding and grass areas.
It was clearly stated that areas of natural meadow are left but also managed , certain off road areas of bunding also left to this Council`s satisfaction.

Finance Proposed by Councillor I.Armit - Seconded by Councillor N.Weavis

The bank mandate for signature changes agreed as
Keith Holmes and Iris Gutteridge to Remain
Ian Armit and Nick Weavis to Add
David Carey to be removed

Updates /meetings

Forum Meeting Cllr Gutteridge gave a report from the Forum meeting-One of the subjects raised was concern over the litter of the small silver cartridges from nitric oxide use that is on the increase.
A contact regarding reporting this will be put on the website – the Police and DBC are aware of this issue.

Business –

Ladywood It is agreed that Palisade fencing be put in place at Parish expense to alleviate the Motor bike problem,
It will be installed with an inhibitor gate for access for the Public.- the Council are aware that this could push the problem to other locations but will deal with that as and when it arises.
Proposed by Cllr M.mahoney Seconded by Cllr T.Hicks and agreed.
The Clerk to contact Dave Bennett at DBC regarding this work.

Climate Change It had been asked if The Parish has a Climate change policy in place – at this time it does not
DBC are to put one in place and the Parish will at some point set one following on from this.
Only small steps at a time can be taken

Darenth Hall The re-location of the Clerk to Darenth hall had already been agreed and work will commence
The Phone line needs to be re-instated and will be followed up by Mrs Holmes and Cllr Weavis.

Parish Clerk 2 Candidates were interviewed for the position of Parish Clerk
It was agreed to offer the position to Ellen Moat to start on 1st September subject to references being received – She has previous experience and was the best candidate for the position.

JTB Board It was agreed to nominate Cllr Yvonne Seymour as Joint Transportation Representative from the Parish'

Plans

DA/19/00513/FUL	7 Knoxfield Caravan Park	Erection of day and tack room Objections entered	
DA/19/00728/FUL	105 Ladywood	Side/rear extension and external staircase	Noted

Pop Up Café The next meeting for this is the 15th August- Cllrs Risely and Seymour will put up the banner on the 11th.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Dated _____

