

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 16 February 2022
Waller Park Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth, Kent DA2 7LR

Councillor's Present: D Carey (Vice Chairman), W Cook, I Gutteridge, T Hicks, S Holmes, T Prentice, D Risely and N Weavis (Chairman).

In Attendance: E Mote, Parish Clerk

Visitors: Six members of the public.

Ahead of formally commencing the meeting, the Chairman wished to acknowledge the passing of former Stone Parish Councillor, District & Borough Leader and twice Worshipful Mayor of Dartford, Ivor Jones. Councillor Bill Cook paid a personal tribute and reflected on the sad passing of a former colleague.

The Chairman then took questions from the public for Member consideration:

One member of the public requested an update regarding perimeter fencing at Waller Park. It was confirmed that the matter was in hand and would be rectified as soon as practically possible.

110/02/22: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Y Seymour.

111/02/22: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

No declarations received.

112/02/22: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2022

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19 January 2022 as a true record as proposed by Councillor D Carey and seconded by Councillor S Holmes.

113/02/22: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

One member believed he had not been included as part of the working party set up at the Special Meeting of the council held on 9 February.

The Chairman reminded Members that this item, previously discussed in camera, had been resolved at the Special Meeting and that matters had been taken forward by the Clerk and an agreement was being drawn up for distribution to the sub-committee and Council Members.

114/02/22: URGENT MATTERS ARISING

There were no urgent matters arising.

115/02/22: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

Members had been provided with the January 2022 report from PCSO Lewis. The details had been uploaded to the Parish website for public information.

RESOLVED: To note the report from PCSO Lewis, Kent Police.

116/02/22: FINANCE

(a) **To agree Financial Statement as at 31 January 2022**

RESOLVED: To agree Financial Statement as presented, proposed by Councillor Gutteridge and seconded by Councillors' Holmes and Hicks

(b) **To note interest rate change to Cambridge & Counties account**

A councillor asked if the Clerk could confirm that there were no other higher interest accounts available to transfer Parish funds into. The Clerk confirmed this is regularly reviewed and currently there were no better options.

RESOLVED: To note interest rate decrease to 0.75% Gross/AER (monthly 0.747%) variable from 07 February 2022

117/02/22: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Members noted the details as presented:

DA/22/00068/FUL - 112 Gore Road Darenth DA2 6LY

Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a new garden store/outbuilding

Observation: Members noted the application

DA/22/00077/FUL - 18 Moore Close Darenth DA2 6NN

Provision of a dormer window with Juliette balcony in rear roof slope and two roof lights to front roof slope in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space

Observation: Members noted the application

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

DA/22/00131/TPO - Land Fronting Clockhouse Stables Green Street Green Road Dartford

Application for T1, T2, T3, T6 & T7 (x5) Lime: Prune back to previous historically pruning points; T4 & T5 (x2) Lime; Fell subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 2001

Observation: Members noted the application

DA/22/00158/TPO - Land Adjacent 69 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth DA2 6LX

Application for T1- Lime - fell to ground level subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995

Observation: Members noted the application

118/02/22: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the proposed date for the next meeting of the Council would be Wednesday 16 March 2022.

119/02/22: TO RECOGNISE FORMER CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLOR I GUTTERIDGE'S SERVICE TO THE PARISH

The Chairman praised Cllr Gutteridge for her achievements over the years and outlined her many accomplishments in the community.

Parish Councillor Bill Cook and former Parish Clerk, Keith Holmes also paid tribute to Cllr Gutteridge's highly productive time as Parish Council Chairman.

Councillor Gutteridge shared some anecdotes from her time in office with the meeting. It was clear that her passion for her former role was borne out of her love for the rural community in which she lived. Councillor Gutteridge also remembered colleagues past and present with great fondness.

Councillor Gutteridge's family joined the meeting to hear the tributes.

The Chairman closed the meeting.