

A G E N D A

MEETING OF DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 15 November 2023, 7:30pm

Jubilee Hall, Waller Park Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth DA2 7LR

The Chairman will remind the Meeting of the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of any part of the proceedings. Anyone wishing to film events is required to declare their intention prior to commencement of the meeting.

201/11/23: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

202/11/23: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

203/11/23: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2023

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes be approved and adopted as a true record.

204/11/23: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Chairman will announce his decision as to whether any items received for consideration since agenda production are suitably urgent to be discussed at the meeting and indicate their position on the agenda.

205/11/23: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

(a) **Borough Councillor Report**

(b) **Darent River Preservation Society (DRiPS)**

RECOMMENDATION: That reports are noted, and any relevant outcomes actioned as appropriate.

206/11/23: TO FORMALLY RATIFY THE CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR K WEBB

Following the vacancy in Lane End Ward, Members were requested to fill the vacancy as requirements to hold a by-election had not been met. Councillor K Webb was selected from the three proposed candidates by a majority vote at the Parish Council meeting held on 18 October 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: To formally note the co-option of Councillor K Webb on 18 October 2023.

207/11/23: TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FURTHER DISPENSATION FOR A PERIOD OF SIX-MONTHS FROM COUNCILLOR N WEAVIS FROM ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS BY REASON OF ILLNESS

Members are asked to consider and agree that a further dispensation be granted for Councillor N Weavis from attending meetings of the Council for a six-month period by reason of illness.

PROPOSAL: Members are advised of a second request for dispensation by Councillor Weavis who is unable to attend Council meetings due to illness. Members are asked to endorse the request and confirm a proposal to grant an extension of absence for the period from 13 December 2023 to 31 May 2024.

BACKGROUND: Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that where a Councillor fails to attend any meeting of the authority for six-months, they cease to be a Member of the Authority unless a dispensation has been granted by the Authority concerned. The dispensation must be given before the expiry of the six-month period and in Councillor Weavis's case, this is 13 December 2023.

The Parish Council has the authority to grant a dispensation for attendance at Council meetings for Councillors in circumstances when it is likely that the Councillor may be absent for six consecutive months from the date of the last attendance.

A dispensation will allow Councillor Weavis to attend meetings of the Council if he is able, and for his apologies to be given if necessary. The circumstances are considered sufficient to merit the grant of a dispensation from attendance.

OBJECTIVE: The reason for this request is to comply with legislation and enable a dispensation to be given because of the medical circumstances of Councillor Weavis and to allow him time to recuperate without the prospect of ceasing to be a Member.

RECOMMENDATION: That a dispensation be granted for Councillor Nick Weavis from attending meetings of the Council for a further six-month period by reason of illness from 13 December 2023 to 31 May 2024.

208/11/23: TO AGREE REPRESENTATION TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2023-24

Following the resignation of S Oke in September, the Parish Council no longer has representation at the Borough & Parish Forum meetings. Members are asked to agree representation going forward.

RECOMMENDATION: To select and agree Parish representation at the Borough & Parish Forum meetings.

209/11/23: FINANCE

(a) **To agree the 2024-25 Draft Budget.**

RECOMMENDATION: That the 2024-25 Draft Budget be agreed and noted.

(b) **To agree monthly financial statement as at 31 October 2023.**

(c) **To note budget position as at 31 October 2023.**

RECOMMENDATION: That the finance records be agreed and noted.

210/11/23: TO NOTE AND APPROVE REPAIRS TO WALLER PARK PAVILION ROOF

Recent adverse weather has caused the roof to leak in several areas and it is recommended that essential repairs are carried out as a matter of urgency to rectify the problems and make the facility safe for public use.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members note and approve essential repairs to the Waller Park Pavilion roof and request that the Clerk to instructs necessary works.

211/11/23: PLANNING

(a) To consider new applications

Planning Reference	Location	Proposals
DA/22/01444/FUL	The Ship Green Street Green Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DP	Revision to partial redevelopment of site to include partial demolition of extensions, proposed single storey side extension, subdivision of first floor and rooms in the roof to form 2 No. 1-bed dwellings and erection of 2 No. 5-bed detached dwellings with basements (Use Class C3a), enlarged residential curtilage to rear of No.1 Ship Cottages, plus associated access, parking, amenity space, landscaping and provision of a meadow. PARISH OBSERVATIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO LPA ON 06/11/23
DA/23/01063/TPO	45 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6LX	Application for T1 - Lime Tree reduction as per annotated drawing subject to Tree Preservation Order No. 1 1995
DA/23/01220/FUL	St Fiacre Green Street Green Road Darenth Kent DA2 7HT	Alteration to existing loft and roof to create a two-storey dwelling incorporating new porch and removal of existing dormers
DA/23/01244/FUL	61 The Green Darenth Kent DA2 6JU	Garage conversion into a habitable space
APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/T2215/D/23/3328473 DA/23/00459/FUL	21 Moore Close Darenth Kent DA2 6NN	APPEAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE. Provision of a dormer window in rear elevation, roof lights in front elevations, window in gable in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space

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

(b) To note recent decisions made by the Planning Authority

None received at time of Agenda publication.

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

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

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

212/11/23: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council is Wednesday 13 December 2023.

213/11/23: 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).

214/11/23: TO CONCLUDE MATTERS IN RESPECT OF PARISH STREETLIGHTING

215/11/23: TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN STAFF SALARIES WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST APRIL 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Clerk acts in accordance with the decision made.