

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Damerham Parish Council to consider planning applications Damerham Village Hall. Monday 22nd February 2016 at 7.30pm

Public participation

Seven electors of the parish were present, six of whom were residents of Mill End. The agreement amongst them was that they were there to hear more about the planning applications and that they had nothing to say at this stage.

1. **Apologies** were accepted from Phil Tandy.
2. **Declaration of interests:** None.
3. **Planning application**
 - i) 16/10010 Stocks Cottage, High Street - Use of garage as ancillary living accommodation; dormer and fenestration alterations; relocation of fence and gates.

It was noted that the work was already underway. An anonymous comment is attached and, although councillors had sympathy with this point of view, they also agreed with RM who said that the carrying out of the work was at the risk of the householder. It was also noted that this was the third time that this application had come before the council and that it had already taken up a great deal of Planning Office time. Councillors believed that the requirements of the Planning Office had been met and, as they had no further comments to make the following motion was proposed:

Motion: 5 The Parish Council would accept the decision of the Planning Officer.

Proposed: Bob Gilbey Seconded: Glyn Perrens

Voting: unanimously in favour.

- ii) 16/10064 Hill Farm, Mill End - Use of part of barn as holiday let; associated works; parking

GP handed a copy of the plans to the electors of the parish who were present and the Chairman summarised these. There was discussion of the location of the alterations and of the impact on the bridleway. The point was made that the proposed development could be used as a first step towards a more extensive holiday complex or equestrian business. Residents in Mill End were concerned about the possible increase in traffic in Mill End which already suffered from traffic to and from the school.

It was understood that the Conservation Officer was not happy with the plans. There were comments on the web site and the Chairman urged residents of Mill End to enter their concerns on the web site.

After discussion during which each councillor gave their views, the following motion was proposed on the grounds that there would be increased traffic through Mill End, where the road was not in a good state and also that the plans represented a considerable increase in accommodation on the site, which could be said to be over-development on the site:

Motion: 2 The Parish Council was against the acceptance of the application but would accept the decision of the Planning Officer

Proposed: Bob Gilbey Seconded: Glyn Perrens

Voting: four for the motion and one against.

4. Any other matter the Chairman considers to be urgent

i) The Parish Lengthsman

The Lengthsman to be asked to go around all grips in the village starting at Lopshill.

It was noted that the Clerk still did not know if the contractors employed by FunQuest would be able to take on work at the PlayTrail...

Action: clerk to e-mail RM and DC with the lengthsman's next date so that they could meet him on site.

ii) Defibrillator

The clerk confirmed that this would be fitted on 26th February

Action: Agenda item for March PC meeting

iii) Vodafone

The Chairman reported that it seemed unlikely that the television would film in the village to highlight the problem with lack of mobile phone service.

Action: agenda item for full PC meeting in March.

iv) Bus service

It was believed that the local rural bus service had now actually been cut. The Chairman had spoken to Community First and a meeting had been set up to discuss the funding for a community bus to take residents of the village to Fordingbridge. BG commented on the low usage of the taxi service into Fordingbridge.

Action: Item for full PC meeting agenda

v) Neighbourhood Watch

Residents of Mill End were keen to resume the scheme which they had muted to promote good neighbourliness in their part of the village. Glyn Perrens and Len Sharpe would further investigate possibilities in Mill End and would be the contacts for a link to a village wide neighbourhood Watch scheme if this could be set up. There was a similar intention in South End and a volunteer had already come forward in East End.

Action: Clerk to seek volunteers for other parts of the village and report to next PC meeting with a view to setting up a meeting of interested parties to discuss the matter with the police.

vi) Potholes

CG pointed out that the workmen recently in the village had missed some marked pot holes and those others which they had filled had since washed out again

Action: BV to write letter of complaint (Clerk to alert him to this)

vii) Uncut hedge on the causeway

Action: Clerk to activate the new enforcement system.

viii) Councillor to leave the village

BG gave notice that he and his wife were to move to Christchurch as soon as they had bought and sold properties. The Chairman said that he and Jan would be sorely missed for their valuable contribution to village life.

Action: Election of new councillor & need for Editor of the Pump on next PC agenda

5. Any other business of a minor nature: Nothing additional to the above.

6. Date of next PC meeting: Monday 14th March 2016

The meeting ended at 8.30pm. S.U.Sykes. Clerk to the Council