

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Damerham Parish Council
held in Damerham Village Hall on
Monday 9th July 2012 after the AGM

Present

Cllr. P. Tandy (Chairman)
Cllr. D. Crane
Cllr Mrs. C. Godber
Cllr Mrs. S. Sykes

Cllr. S. Allsopp
Cllr. R. Gilbey
Cllr. S. Langdown

In Attendance

Mr. B. A. Mair (Clerk) Cty. Cllr. E. Heron.
Mrs R. Jones, Mr R. Heron & 3 electors of the Parish

Public Participation

Mr K. Cameron said he was attending to support his planning application at Stapleton Farm. He felt that the planning rules were unfair and were likely to lead to a refusal of the application.

Mr J. Godber reported a visibility hazard on the triangle at the east end of Pound Lane and asked whether the 30mph signs on Court Hill could be moved further up the hill. Cllr Gilbey said he would deal with the first issue and would write to Cty. Cllr Heron on the second at his suggestion.

Apologies Cllr P. Doherty,

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members pointed out errors on the draft minutes for which the Clerk apologised and made amendments on the formal copy. RESOLVED that the amended Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

Planning

Members discussed the difficulties in the planning process at NFDC particularly where the Conservation Officers are involved. The Chairman agreed to talk to Chris Elliot with a view to him attending a Parish Council meeting for discussion of the topic.

The Chairman regretted that he had as yet been unable to arrange this but hoped it might be done for the September meeting. Cllr Heron agreed to help with making arrangements

4. To select and co-opt a new Member to the Parish Council

The Chairman asked that this item be deferred until later in the year. In the meantime he would talk to Mr. Arnett.

5. Report of Parish Footpaths Officer

Mrs. Jones presented her report (copy attached to these minutes).

6. Report of Parish Watercourses Officer

There was no report.

7. Report from Transport Representative

Cllr. Gilbey had circulated his report prior to the meeting (copy attached to these minutes)

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Following a discussion about progress of the Speedwatch Scheme, Cllr Heron said that HCC would be making grant towards the purchase of the SID and the Chairman said one of his companies would sponsor the remaining cost of the purchase price. He expected the scheme to be operational by mid-August.

Mr Robert Heron introduced himself as the local **Lengthsman** employed under the scheme by Fordingbridge Town Council (the scheme leaders). RESOLVED that Cllr Gilbey be the Parish Council's contact with Mr Heron for agreement of tasks to be undertaken in Damerham.

8. Correspondence

As well as numerous emails circulated by the Clerk, There were other items reported by the Clerk which Councillors received with interest but none of which required action by the Council.

Finance and payments

9.1 To approve payments for May & June 2012

RESOLVED to make the following payments:

James Byrne (Parish Pump)	£20.00
Play Safety Ltd (Playtrail Annual Inspection)	£82.80
Jilly Chance (Jubilee Expenses)	£32.04
Stavefene Designs (Jubilees Costs)	£380.89
Victim Support (Grant)	£50.00
FunQuest (Grant)	£300.00
Fluffy Chicks (grant)	£150.00

9.2 Review of Diamond Jubilee Finances

The Clerk had previously circulated a resume (copy attached to these minutes). The figures for Mug sales were yet to be included as well as figures for the photo Books and DVD.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to purchase and install a Jubilee Commemorative Bench to the design circulated earlier. The Chairman agreed to contact David Bryant to ask for permission to site the bench alongside the Allen River where there is already a rudimentary plank bench. He would also ask Malcolm Parker to carry out the installation.

10. Planning Applications

10.1 The Clerk reported the following decision:

98551	Pound Cottage	Conservatory and new access	Decision Referred to Committee
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10.2 To consider the following applications:

Members reviewed the following applications

			Decision
98880	Lopshill farm, Lopshill	Retention of alterations	Recommend Permission but accept Planning Officer's decision
98586	Stapleton Farm	Variation / Removal of Condition	Deferred to an extraordinary meeting

11. To consider and approve new Code of Conduct

RESOLVED to formally adopt the new code of conduct which the Clerk had previously circulated. (Copy attached to these minutes)

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12. To note requirement for new Register of Interests

The Clerk had previously circulated both new forms and guidance thereto. He asked Members to complete the forms and return them to him electronically as soon as possible.

13. Reports from Councillors attending other meetings

There were no reports.

14. Any other item that the Chairman considers to be urgent.

The Chairman raised the issue of the sale of the Methodist Chapel in the High Street. Following discussion as to the merits of a Community Shop it was agreed to solicit resident's opinion through the Parish Pump....

15. Any other business (of a minor nature)

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was fixed for Monday 10th September 2012 @ 7.30 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____