

## DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Damerham Parish Council  
held in Damerham Village Hall on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 @7.30 pm.

### **Present**

Cllr. P. Tandy (Chairman)  
Cllr. R. Gilbey  
Cllr Mrs. S. Sykes

Cllr. D. Crane  
Cllr Mrs. C. Godber

### **In Attendance**

Mr. B. A. Mair (Clerk).  
Cllr. E. Heron, Mrs R. Jones & 6 electors of the  
Parish

### **Public Participation**

Mr Godber asked about the Methodist Chapel and whether it would appear on the NFDC Register of Community Assets. Cllr Heron that the Register was yet to be published but would be in place soon and a decision could then be made.

Mars Cummins complained about some inconsiderate overnight parking in West Park Lane. The Chairman said he was aware of the issue and would talk to the offending lorry driver.

### **Apologies**

Received from Cllr. S. Langdown, Cllr P. Doherty

### **1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

All outstanding matters had been dealt with

### **4. To note the resignation of the Parish Clerk and RFO**

The Chairman reported with regret that he had received and accepted the resignation of Brian Mair as Clerk and RFO with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. He paid tribute to the contribution that Brian Mair had made to the smooth running of the Parish Council. Members concurred with a short round of applause.

Brian Mair said that his age, lack of mobility, poor eyesight and propensity for mistakes had led him to his decision, and that he felt privileged to have served the Parish Council over the past decade.

### **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)

### **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.

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### 9. Finance and payments

#### 9.1 To review draft Budget for 2013/14

Held over to the January Meeting

#### 9.2 To consider the Precept for 2013/14

Held over to the January Meeting

#### 9.3 To approve payments for July & August 2012

RESOLVED to make the following payments:

Audit Commission (Audit Fee)	£144.00
N.F.Quinnell (Playtrail Inspection)	£75.00
J. Byrne (Parish Pump)	£60.00

### 10. Planning Applications

#### 10.1 The Clerk reported recent decisions

The Chairman said he was investigating the application for Old Chalk Pit.

#### 10.2 To consider the following applications:

Members reviewed the following applications

				Recommendation
99340	Goesmere Gardens	Single-storey side extension	Mr & Mrs M Gurr	Permission
99388	ST GEORGES CHURCH	Infill extension to provide outside toilet	The Parochial Church Council of St George's Damerham	Permission
99352	Marsh Gate Cottage	Two-storey infill extension; raise & thatch roof; rear dormer	Ms Felicity Robinson	Permission
99356	Ivydene, The Common	Conservatory	Drs Wild and Miller	Permission

### 11. Reports from Councillors attending other meetings

There were no reports

### 12. Any other item that the Chairman considers to be urgent.

The Chairman reported that he had met Southern Electric representative, and they were preparing to prune certain trees on the Playtrail.

### 13. Any other business (of a minor nature)

Cllr Crane agreed to contact The War Memorial Trust for help with maintenance of the War Memorial.

Cllr. Mrs Sykes asked about progress with the Jubilee Bench. **The Chairman agreed to contact David Bryant** about siting it on their land close to the Allen River.

Members discussed the slippery nature of the surface on the wooden bridge but without any recommendations. The Chairman agreed to try and find a solution to the problem.

### 14. Date of next meeting

**The next meeting was fixed for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 @ 7. 30 pm.**

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **1. LOCAL ROADS**

The planned closure of Sandleheath Road between Alderholt Mill and the old railway bridge at Alderholt for a period of 27 weeks for water mains replacement will cause great inconvenience to those who use this as a short cut to Alderholt, Verwood, Ringwood, Cranborne and beyond.

The diversionary route will be via Fordingbridge and will add considerably to journey time between the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013!

Church Lane from the small bridge to the junction with Steel's Lane across the "causeway" has now been completely re-surfaced much to the delight of local residents and parents taking children to the school. All we need now is for the local farmers to keep their hedges under control!

There is a problem on Court Hill with the 30/de-restriction sign way out of alignment and being a hazard to road users. This has reported a number of times, but as of today is still awaiting action.

Surface water is a problem at this time of year, particularly with leaves blocking some of the outlets. So far there has been flooding on Littlemill Lane and to a lesser extent on Lower Daggons Lane – if this gets worse, I intend to ask the Lengthsman to spend time on clearing gullies in the affected areas.

## **2. TRAFFIC MATTERS**

SpeedWatch is now up and running in Damerham, Sandleheath and Martin!

The initial results show that a high percentage of road users are ignoring the 30 limits and a very disappointing number of people are travelling over the 35 mph figure that triggers a letter from the police advising the owner of the vehicle of their indiscretion.

It never ceases to surprise those involved in SpeedWatch as to how many motorists totally ignore the presence of those in Hi-Vis jackets as they continue to drive through our village at speeds of up to 46 mph – the highest recorded so far!

289 SpeedWatch volunteers have been recruited in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight so far and this reflects the feeling (mainly in villages) that there is a need to make motorists more aware that they are driving inappropriately on country lanes that were never designed either for the size of vehicle or for the speeds that those vehicles are being driven.

We will continue to publish the results in The Pump on a regular basis.

## **3. TRANSPORT**

There is nothing to report that has any relevance to Damerham and the surroundings.

Robert Gilbey  
Traffic & Transport Representative

12<sup>th</sup> November 2012

9<sup>th</sup> July 2012

## Footpath Report - November 2012

Mud and water are affecting most footpaths at present, although the seasonal growth has mostly been beaten into submission. Spindleberries are spectacular this year, as are wyflowers.

I have heard on the grapevine that the stiles and bridges over the marshy ground near Damerham Fisheries (F'p 49) have been inspected by HCC, and there are rumours that they will be replaced/repared.