

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Damerham Parish Council
held in Damerham Village Hall on
Monday 21st May 2012 after the AGM

Present

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

Cllr.. S. Allsopp
Cllr. R. Gilbey

In Attendance

Mr. B. A. Mair (Clerk) Cty. Cllr. E. Heron.
Mrs R. Jones, Mr S, Adlem. 2 electors of the Parish

Public Participation

There were no matters raised.

Apologies

Cllr. S. Langdown. Cllr P. Doherty, Cllr Mrs. S. Sykes

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

Public Participation

Mrs Bowles commented about a pothole in Damerham Lane. The Chairman said he had already reported this to HCC Highways. She also said that the hedges at Russell's Cottage and South End Farm needed cutting back, Cllr Allsopp said he would attend to his hedges Cllr. Allsopp said that he had his hedges cut

The state of footpath 14 was raised and discussed at length, Mrs Jones and the Chairman said they would talk to Mrs Mullen's about possible improvements. Mrs Jones said she and the Chairman had spoken to Mrs Mullens who said that she felt there was little more she could do to the footpath. Agreed to leave the matter in abeyance. *The state of the exit of the footpath from Court Hill to Channel Hill was raised. Mrs Jones said she would investigate and talk to Mr Bryant. Mrs Jones said that Mr Bryant was dealing with the problem.*

A request was made for additional salt grit bins – One at South End Farm and one at Eleven Cross. Cllr Gilbey to contact HCC Highways. Cllr Gilbey had reported earlier the matter was in hand

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.

Any other item that the Chairman considers to be urgent.

PlayTrail Maintenance

Cllr Tandy said that he had not yet been able to meet FunQuest but would do so before the next meeting.

The Chairman apologised and hoped to meet FunQuest shortly.

Cllr Allsopp said that Shaun Davis would probably cease his maintenance activities. Cllr Heron suggested that the NFDC direct work force might be a suitable replacement and gave Cllr Allsopp contact details.

Cllr Allsopp reported that the NFDC team had carried out maintenance work to his complete satisfaction and that he recommended them for future work.

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. Appointment of representatives

a. Village Hall Committee

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Mrs. Godber

b. Police Liaison

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Allsopp

c. Play Trail Manager

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Allsopp

d. Sportsfield Committee (Cricket Field)

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Tandy

Report of Parish Footpaths Officer

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

6. Report of Parish Watercourses Officer

Mr Adlem said that ditches between Lower Daggons and Crendell needed attention. Cllr Heron said he would arrange for Bob Brown of HCC Highways to “walk the village” with Cllr Gilbey to identify all problems. He said that adequate salt bins should be provided before a potentially freezing Winter.

8. Report from Transport Representative

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

9. 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.

13 Finance and payments

11.1 To appoint an internal auditor for 2012/13

RESOLVED to appoint Mrs White w.e.f April 1st 2012

11.2 To approve Clerk's salary for 2011/12

The Clerk pre-empted discussion by saying that in the current economic climate he did not see any necessity to alter his salary. Members thanked him for his decision

11.3 To approve accounts for 2011/12 and complete the Annual Return

RESOLVED to approve the accounts (copy attached to these minutes) and members completed the Annual Return including the governance statement

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11.4 *To consider Applications for Grants*

Four formal requests for a Grant had been received were reviewed and approved

FunQuest	£500
Fluffy Chicks	£150
Damerham PCC	£500
Victim Support	££50

11.5 *To approve payments for March & April 2012*

RESOLVED to make the following payments:

Brian Mair (Clerk's Jubilee expenses et al)	£673.88
HALC (Subscription)	£195.00

12. **Planning Applications**

The Clerk reported the following decision:

			Decision
98585	Old Channel Hill Farm House	Replace fenestration	Granted
98349	South Allenford Farmhouse	Single-Storey Extension	Granted

13. **Reports on Parish Projects**

Diamond Jubilee

The Chairman reported that all planned events are well in hand, and the organisers were confident of success.

15. **Reports from Councillors attending other meetings**

There were no reports.

16. **Any other item that the Chairman considers to be urgent.**

The Chairman had no items for consideration..

17. **Any other business (of a minor nature)**

18. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was fixed for Monday 9th July 2012 @ 7. 30 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

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Annual Accounts 2011/2012

2010/2011		2011/2012
	Receipts	
£		£
6000	Precept	7,500.00
1645	Playtrail Grant	
	Legacy	1,000.00
	Jubilee income	352.00
2	Bank interest	0.59
0	VAT refund	0.00
7647		8852.59
	Payments	
1833	Clerks Salary	1999.98
819	General Admin	883.34
1575	S137 payments	2000.00
138	District Audit	116.67
0	Internal Audit	100.00
0	Election Costs	123.25
219	Web site management	235.84
0	Running Costs	
0	Amenity land maintenance	
90	Hire of Hall	90.00
200	Parish Pump	165.76
346	HAPTC	181.00
162	Other	90.70
3492	Playtrail maintenance	1570.00
562	Playtrail inspection	297.00
57	VAT	48.78
9463		7872.43
	Balances	
5764	Total Balances brought forward	<u>3918.16</u>
7647	Add Total Receipts	<u>8852.59</u>
<u>13411</u>		<u>12770.75</u>
-9493	Less Total Payments	7872.43
<u>3918</u>	Balance Carried forward	<u>4898.32</u>
	Funds represented by:	
2	Current Account (No 1084350 Lloyds Bank)	5021.08
4149	Savings Account	0.20
-233	Cheques not presented	172.96
	Unpresented 2009/10 cheque voided	50.00
<u>3918</u>		<u>4898.32</u>

Report from the Parish Transport & Traffic Representative

1. LOCAL ROADS

The recent heavy rains haven't improved the state of local roads. The flooding in Lower Daggons Lane due to blocked ditches and gullies has been reported.

A number of locations within the Parish have had temporary patching – but the follow-up permanent fixing has been taking far too long before it is done. This again has been the subject of recent communication.

The good news is that Church Lane, between the bridge and the school is to be repaired properly. The road will be closed and the repairs will involve making good the terrible collapsed section near the junction with Mill End and Steels Lane.

The bad news is that we had tried to organise this major work to be done over the school half-term, but we are told by HCC Highways that the closure notice has now been processed and the earliest date will be on Wednesday, 11th July – for one day only!

Another piece of good news is that Mr. Bryant has cut back the overhanging dead tree on Court Hill, so everyone driving by can proceed without worrying that the branches may fall!

2. TRAFFIC MATTERS

We seem to be making progress (slowly) on the SpeedWatch approvals – out of the six nominees (four for Damerham and two for Sandleheath), three have finally been approved and two are in the final stages, with one still in the melting pot.

Once the CRB checks have been completed, training in the use of the equipment can commence and then we should be up and running.

In the interim, the Camera Van could be deployed anywhere between Fordingbridge and Damerham (and beyond) – the last exercise in Sandleheath caught a considerable number of passing motorists, including some from Damerham.

Remember that it is three points on your licence and £60.00 if you are caught speeding at present – but there is talk that this may be doubled soon and that means **Two Strikes and you are out!!**

Don't forget that if you take up the option if offered to go on the **Driver Awareness Course** instead, the cost is £85.00 plus you will have the inconvenience of going to Eastleigh, Southampton, Winchester or Basingstoke for 3½ hours – and you will only be offered it if you have been caught within certain parameters, such as 10% + 2 m.p.h. over the limit at the point where you have been clocked! (i.e. **35 m.p.h. maximum in a 30 zone**).

Anything above that speed and you are “done”, with points on your licence and usually a hefty increase on your insurance premium.

Also note that you can only go on the course once in three years – but the major advantage is no points on your licence and no need to notify your insurance company that you have been caught!

3. TRANSPORT

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

Robert Gilbey
Traffic & Transport Representative

Footpath Report : May 2012

At the last meeting Mrs Barrett asked if something could be done about the collapsing steps where Footpath 14 across Parkfield meets Rockbourne Lane. I rang Mr Winch, Footpath Secretary of the RFFS, who came out to see what needed to be done. He told me that HCC would provide the materials and he would probably do the donkey-work himself.

Mrs Barrett also asked if anything could be done to alleviate the waterlogging of Footpath 17 (a.k.a Muddy Lane!) The chairman offered to speak to Mr Woodvine, and since then the hedges have been cut back, making it easier to walk along the raised verges.

I have had complaints about dog-fouling on the footpaths and in fields crossed by footpaths: I'd like to remind dog-walkers that dogs should be kept under close control on agricultural land, and also to request owners to pick up their dogs' faeces and dispose of them responsibly.

The RFFS is currently carrying out a review of footpaths in the parish, and will notify the Parish Council of their findings.