

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Damerham Parish Council held in Damerham Village Hall on Monday 22nd April 2013 @ 7.30 pm.

Present

Cllr. P. Tandy (Chairman)
Cllr. P. Doherty
Cllr. B. Vincent
Cllr. G. Perrens

Cllr. D. Crane
Cllr. Mrs. C. Godber
Cllr. R. Gilbey

In attendance

1 elector of the Parish

Public Participation

a) Mr. J. Godber asked why the form S137 was not on the Parish web site. Cllr. Tandy responded saying that it will be available in the next few days – but also confirmed that the S137 requests will not be discussed until the July meeting.

b) Mr. J. Godber asked if there was any news on the drains being cleared. Cllr. Gilbey confirmed that he and Cllr. Tandy had met with Mr. R. Brown (Manager of Hampshire Highways Department) and they had confirmed where there were problem areas with drains, gullies and serious potholes. A list of the identified areas will be made available to all councillors shortly.

c) Mr. J. Godber asked when the “Spring Cut” of the verges would take place. Cllr. Tandy pointed out that this is normally scheduled for the end of April and it remains to be seen as to whether it takes place.

1. **Apologies:** received from Cllr. S. Langdown.

2. **Declaration of Interests:** No interests were declared.

3. Planning Applications

3.1 13/10264 Application for Listed Building consent on Willow Cottage. Miscellaneous minor alterations.

The meeting discussed the application covering various holes and outlets to enable changes within Willow Cottage due to the re-siting of the kitchen. Also on the application was the making of additional doors on the upper floor to give access to a shower room. Other changes included the replacement of the five-bar gate.

Cllr. Tandy pointed out that the replacement of the gate will require a separate planning application as the new gate will be over 1 metre high, within 1.5 metres of the road.

The Conservation Officer’s report has not yet been received.

The meeting resolved unanimously that the Parish Council should approve the application. (3)

4. Discussion on the Ex-MOD land on the boundary between Sandleheath & Damerham.

Cllr. Tandy informed the meeting that he had been asked by a member of Sandleheath Parish Council as to whether Damerham Parish Council would agree to let Sandleheath put “Affordable Housing” on the land that is due to be sold by Quenetic.

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Cllr. Vincent asked as to how much of the land was suitable for building. Cllr. Tandy said that the part being considered was the area where the concrete hard standings were currently and that the further land was deemed too steep for building.

Cllr. Crane said that although he was in favour of affordable housing, he felt that this rural area was too far from the local communities of Sandleheath and Damerham to be considered. He added that as there was no public transport on this road, this could prove difficult to those who may live there.

Cllr. Doherty felt that if there were to be building on the Quenetic site, then this would lead to further requests for building by other landowners along this stretch of road resulting in a “ribbon” development that would spoil the natural environment.

Cllr. Tandy agreed with this point and added that the development at Yafflewood was only allowed as there had been a small cottage on that site that was demolished to make way for a much larger residence that had caused concern (and enforcement notices) at the time of building.

Cllr. Tandy said that there had been no formal approach by Sandleheath Parish Council, but he would inform them that the members of Damerham Parish Council felt that this was the wrong position for housing of this nature.

5. Any other items that the Chairman considers to be urgent:

Nothing put forward.

6. Any other business (of a minor nature) -

a) Footbridge - Cllr. Vincent provided information on a company that has a system for making non-slip surfaces that may be suitable for the footbridge. Cllr. Tandy pointed out that some of the boards making up the surface of the bridge will need replacing before any other work can be carried out... This matter will be pursued by Cllr. Tandy.

b) Jubilee Bench – Cllr. Gilbey asked if there was any progress on the siting of the proposed Jubilee Bench. Cllr. Tandy said that this was in abeyance until the final accounts for 2012/3 had been reviewed.

c) War Memorial – Cllr. Gilbey asked if there was any progress on the repairs to the war Memorial. Cllr. Tandy confirmed that Lockley Stone had been paid the sum of £250.00 to do a preliminary cleaning of the memorial to assess the best route to the repair and restoration.

Once this phase had been completed then it will be necessary to get multiple quotes before an application for grants can be made to the War Memorial Trust.

Cllr. Vincent pointed out that any grants would be subject to “matched funding”.

c) Lengthsman –Cllr. Gilbey asked the members of the council to put forward works that can be done by the Lengthsman in advance of the next meeting to enable another full day to be scheduled.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting incorporates the Village Parish Meeting, the AGM and the regular Parish Council meeting and is set for Monday, 13th May 2013 at 7.00 p.m. in Damerham Village Hall.