

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Damerham Parish Council Meeting held in Damerham Village Hall on **Monday, 9th September 2013 @ 7.30 pm.**

Present

Cllr. P. Tandy (Chairman)
Cllr. S. Allsopp
Cllr. G. Perrens
Cllr. C. Godber

Cllr. D. Crane
Cllr. S. Langdown
Cllr B. Vincent

(Minutes taken by Cllr. Langdown)

In attendance

3 electors of the Parish

Apologies: received from Cllr. P. Doherty, Cllr. Cllr B. Gilbey

1. Questions to Council

1. Damerham road signs missing from Court Hill and Southend. Cllr Crane confirmed the sign close to Brian Mairs house is missing; Browns lane. This had however been missing for a number of years
2. It was claimed that Ragwort was seen on a property in Browns lane. As a controlled weed the Parish council was asked what their response would be. The chair of the Parish Council stated that this was the responsibility of the land owner.
3. Hedges in West Park need cutting back, this will be mentioned to Tilney Estates.
4. Potholes have been noted and registered on the website. As of the date of the meeting 16 have yet to be repaired. Cllr B. Gilbey to speak to NFDC
5. Grit bin for Southend, Cllr P. Tandy to speak to Cllr E Heron for an update
6. It has been confirmed via Land registry that the tree at the entrance to the church car park does not belong to the church; The Chairman asked Mr Godber (Church Warden) to supply the appropriate details to the council so if in the future any problem with the tree could be dealt with in a speedy manner
7. It was reported that a group of individuals were seen hanging around the church car park. Their vehicle number has been recorded, but no action need be taken.

2. Declaration of interests: None

3. Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July signed and approved.

4. Matters arising: The Chairman has written to Mr Cobb about the fencing on his land and has so far received no feedback. The parish council has received no feedback from Cllr Heron with regards to the Grit Bins. The Chairman has written to Mrs Thomas with regard to the state of the hedges in West park lane.

5. Report from the footpaths office: A badger latrine and some digging has been spotted by foot path 9 the Green Close school path. On Fp1 the path crosses a concrete pipe carrying ditch water; the earth and gravel of the path have washed away round the pipe leaving the footing uneven. HCC Cutting schedule passed on by Cllr Gilbey for June & September on some of our paths. There are a few additional suggestions that should be added to the scheme.

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6. **Report from Transport representative.** To note the report circulated by Cllr Gilbey. Cllr Allsopp advised the Parish Council that having spoken to NFDC he was advised that there was a change at the council and that it had been mentioned that a team of road repairers would call on the village to repair potholes on a regular cycle. It would therefore cease to be a request service and would be a regular visit. The Chairman will speak to NFDC to confirm this.
7. **Correspondence.** All sent via email.
8. **Finance & Payments.** Chairman asked Cllr Allsopp why we hadn't received a bill for the landscape gardening of the play trail and was asked if he could contact them and instruct them to send a bill as soon as possible.

ITS WAS RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

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| Chq 470 | N F Quinel (play trail inspection) |
| Chq 471 | 1 & 1 Internet (Damerham.net website) |
| Chq 472 | J.Byrne Printers (Pump July) |
| Chq 473 | J.Byrne Printers (Pump August) |

9. **Planning applications.**

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| 13/10781 /82 | Pound Cottage – Granted with conditions |
| 13/10731 | Lopshill Farm – Granted with conditions |
| 13/10634 | Meadow Cottage, Lower Daggons – one and two story rear extension – Referred to Planning Committee. |

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| 13/10978 | Meadow Cottage, Lower Daggons – Conservatory / Porch |
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After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to support this application **PAR 3 Approve**

10. **Reports from Councillors attending other Meetings.** The chairman will attend the National Association of Local Councils NALC meeting at Lyndhurst. There is also a meeting on 31st October to discuss Council Tax grants, suggestion that one or more Cllrs attend.

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

- 11.1 **War Memorial.** Lockeley stone cleaned the memorial and provided a quote for repair. Cllr Crane obtained a second quote from Excalibur Stone dated 22nd August which gave the following options.

- a. Replace stone and re-cut lettering
- b. Clad over with new stone and lettering
- c. Make repairs with Portland pre-mix

They favour option c. as they believe they can carry out most of the repairs in 2 days
The metal plaque shouldn't be painted as this will lift and was not recommended by either company. Cllr Perren mentioned the grant from the war memorial trust which Cllr Crane confirmed he had registered us for a grant.

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It is believed the budget cost for repairing the memorial would be in the region of £1,000. If we don't have approval from the war memorial trust by the next meeting in November then it was agreed that we would proceed ourselves with the repairs

Cllr Godber suggested we write to the chairman of the British Legion John Kelly regarding this matter.

11.2 **Footbridge update:** The County Council have confirmed they own the bridge and have instructed the parish council not to do any work on the bridge. They will inspect and report back.

11.3 **West Park Meadow:** West park meadow cutting underway and is looking good; trees pruned and hedges trimmed. Wheel still missing from the boat on the play trail. Cllr Allsop has suggested we replace the wheel. The Chairman will look in to this. The strawberry raised beds are doing well, although one is crowded with weeds. One of the six trees planted by the electricity board had died. Fences are all in good condition.

12. **Any other Business:** Church lane, Cllr Crane raised the suggestion to ask the Bryants when they replace the metal fence could they move it back approx, 450mm to provide a safe area for pedestrians. Cllr Allsop added that a metre of land could be given if the parish council were to fence the length of Church lane across the water meadow. Concern was expressed that widening the path might result in vehicles using the path as an extension of the road to avoid brambles growing on the adjacent fence.

Jubilee bench: A site has been found for the bench on the sports field next to the pub although the base will have to be extended to provide sufficient anchor points for fixing the bench. Cllr Allsop proposed a different bench to the jubilee bench the Chiswick priced at £519.00 but the members voted in favour of the Jubilee Bench £400.00. Cllr Vincent proposed we proceed with the bench, Cllr Godber seconded this.

The position of vice chair to be discussed at the next Parish council meeting.

Cllr Vincent raised the following topics.

Dead branch in Court Hill, NFDC to be chased

Green Close, can the Lengthsman clear the grass over the tarmac to clearly delineate the side of the path.

Court Hill ditches need to be cleared.

Rockbourne lane hedges overgrown, the chairman will speak to the landowner, but we believe the area in question falls under the parish of Rockbourne. A letter will be written to the Rockbourne parish clerk.

On a general note with the increased problems of landowners not cutting hedges back it was expressed at the meeting that we should write three letters to any landowner not cutting their hedges back and forward this to NFDC should the landowner fail to take action.

The tree in the river by Little Mill lane is the responsibility of the land owner in consultation with the Environment Agency. We can talk to the land owner Tilney estates, but they are not required to remove the tree unless order too by the Environment Agency

The meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

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Footpath Report - September 2013

Problems: I have noticed what looks like a badger latrine and some digging by Fip 9 (the Green Close school path)

On Fip 1 at the end of a field the path crosses a concrete pipe carrying ditchwater: the earth and gravel of the path have washed away round the pipe leaving the footing uneven

HCC Cutting schedule: Cllr Gilbey kindly passed on to me the proposals for vegetation cutting in June & September on some of our paths. I have a few suggestions I should like to see added to the schedule, and a couple which I consider it unnecessary to cut. I should be glad of the Parish Council's suggestions and comments.

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/rightsofway/CountrysideAccessTeam-PriorityCuttinglistforwebsite-2013HF000004986860.pdf>

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