

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the additional meeting of Damerham Parish Council Monday 2nd February 2015 @ 7.30 pm.

Councillors present:

David Crane, Bob Gilbey, Mrs Cathy Godber, Richard Major, Phil Tandy (Chairman), Barry Vincent

Parishioners present:

Mrs Ros Jones (Parish Footpaths Officer)

Others present:

Mrs Sue Sykes (Clerk)

Public Participation

There were no issues raised

1. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Pete Doherty and Mrs Suzanne Musker

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Richard Major declared an interest in planning application 14/11768 and the additional planning matter in Item 4 as he was the owner of the property.

3. Planning Applications

3i 14/11768 Yew Tree Farm: demolition of existing building; temporary siting of caravan/s; erection of replacement building

The plans indicated a complete demolition of buildings and replacement in kind. The Chairman invited RM to elaborate and he explained that his architect had advised erecting a new, ecologically sound dwelling house for the same price as, or less than, the cost of repairing and improving the existing dwelling. The new house would be further from the boundary than the existing one. The building in the garden on the plans was for a Jacuzzi to be housed; though this additional building might not be constructed, it had been judged prudent to include it in the application.

Councillors agreed that there was no reason to object to this application.

Proposed: Bob Gilbey Seconded: David Crane

Voting: Unanimous

Action: PT to enter 3 on the planning web site.

3ii 15/10049 Knoll Farm House: single storey extension and alterations to terrace

The Chairman commented that the conservatory which was to be removed was in a very poor state of repair and that replacement would therefore be an improvement. The proposed new footprint would be only marginally larger than the old.

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There being no reason to object to this application a vote was taken:

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4. Additional planning matters

Yew Tree Farm, Lopshill: extinguishment of footpath (in advance of application)

It was believed that the path was instated to enable residents of nearby cottages in past times to access their water supply. Mrs Ros Jones (Footpaths Officer) reported that she had been to look at this footpath and found that the well could no longer be seen.

RM was asked to give some background to the letter from his solicitor and said that the right of way had not been disclosed when he and his wife bought the property and that it was now totally overgrown. In fact, to clear it, a large tree would have to be felled or severely trimmed back. Neighbours who had lived in an adjoining property for 10 years had never seen walkers on the footpath

Councillors were agreed that there were strong reasons for extinguishment but that the CC might wish to retain it as an historic feature.

Action: Clerk to reply to letter from RM's solicitor explaining that the Council had discussed the matter and could not, at that time, see that they would have a problem with this application. But that they are unable to comment formally until the application is actually made.

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

None...

6. Any other business (of a minor nature)

RM asked what the proper course of action was when stock was on the road. The easiest solution was to contact the farmer using surrounding land. Normally farmers would recognise the markings on animals.

7. Date of next meeting: Monday 9th March 2015 @ 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.00pm