

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Additional Meeting held in Damerham Village Hall on
Monday 30th November to discuss Planning Applications

Councillors present:

David Crane (Chairman), Pete Doherty, Mrs Cathy Godber, Richard Major, Glyn Perrens

Parishioners present:

Mr John Godber

Others present: Mrs Sue Sykes (Clerk)

Public participation: None

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Phil Tandy, Bob Gilbey, Mrs Suzanne Musker and Barry Vincent

2. Declaration of interest:

None were declared

3. Planning applications

3i. 15/11494 Old Corn Mill, Mill End Detached garage/office

The Chairman explained the background of the two sets of plans. The Council needed to make a clear statement in support of the decision they reached.

Councillors considered the information that was now available to them and after discussion it was agreed that there was a need for the Council to determine an overall strategy in relation to planning applications. This would enable them to deliver consistent opinions. The particular issue before them was agreed to be the conflict between sympathy for the householder's needs and desires and the possible implications for future use of the site.

Councillors were sympathetic to the needs of the householders at the Old Corn Mill, but they were mindful of the possibility of future changes of use of the proposed addition to the property. They therefore decided that their correct response was to support the decision of the Planning Officer.

Motion: 1. Approval but the Parish would accept the decision of the Planning Officer

Proposed: Richard Major **Seconded:** Glyn Perrens

Voting: 4 in favour of the motion 1 against

This vote supported the original view of the Council when the first plans were submitted.

Councillors believed that the vote on 9th November had not fully taken into account the conflicting aspects of the case.

3ii Other planning matters

It was proposed that the Council should debate clearer guidelines for itself based upon the views of all councillors so that future cases would be easier to decide no matter which councillors were present at the meeting.

Action: *Item for future Council meeting agenda*

DC would attend the Committee hearing of the application from Stocks Cottage (15/11358) on 9th December as it was believed that the Chairman of the Council would not be available to do so. PD

approved the actions of the Council with regard to this application and asked if a letter had been written in support of the council's recommendation as suggested.

Action: Clerk to check with PT

4. Other matters brought forward by the chair

Parish defibrillator

The Chairman up-dated councillors on the arrival of a defibrillator in the village. The meeting was grateful to Harvey Cracknell and all others who had taken part of the fundraising for this asset and to the Village Hall Committee for siting it on the Hall building. The Chair and Clerk with Michael Jerrard and Carolyn Andrews had met with Andy Carr who was tasked with facilitating the installation of defibrillators in local villages. He had explained the use of the machine, which was linked to 999 and gave step by step instructions for safe usage. He said that it was usual for defibrillators to be owned by the community as a whole, so that they could be used by any resident at need; and had offered to attend a public meeting to explain the use of the defib to any parishioners who were interested. It was agreed that Andy Carr should get in touch with Harvey Cracknell.

It was understood that the Village Hall would pay for the running costs of the defib. And that First Responders would make regular checks of the equipment and replace worn parts. It was also believed that, as the equipment itself could only be operated when it detected signs that this was appropriate, there was no possibility of doing harm to a patient through its use. The Council was therefore prepared to take ownership of the defibrillator, so long as this could be included in the Council's insurance premium.

Action: Clerk to check this with Insurance Company

Action: Clerk to put Andy Carr in touch with Harvey Cracknell

Action: Agenda item for next Parish Council meeting

5. Other business brought forward by councillors

i Planning Officer

Councillors remembered that it had been noted in the past that the Planning or Conservation Officer should be invited to a Parish Council meeting. It was suggested that this should be done.

Action: Item for next PC meeting agenda

ii Phone boxes

PD asked that this should be discussed again

Action: Item for future PC meeting agenda

6. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.