

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Damerham Parish Council: Damerham Village Hall. Monday 4th April 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Public participation: None.

Councillors present:

David Crane (Chairman), Peter Doherty, Bob Gilbey, Mrs Cathy Godber, Richard Major, Mrs Suzanne Musker, Barry Vincent

Others present

Mr John Godber, Mrs Sue Sykes (Clerk)

1. Apologies were received from Glyn Perrens, Phil Tandy

2. Declaration of Interests: None

3. Planning Applications:

i) 16/102264 Ohio, North End. SP6 3HA

Two-storey and single-storey rear extension

It was noted that the Planning Officer had had some objection to the original plan and also that the extension still looked rather large. However there were no objections from the neighbour and it seemed to councillors that, although the street scene would be changed, it would not be either better or worse than previously.

Motion: 1. The Council had no objection and would accept the decision of the Planning Officer.

Proposed: Richard Major Seconded: Pete Doherty

Voting: Unanimous

ii) 16/10081 October House, Lower Daggons. SP6 3HW.

Carport with workshop and store

This was believed to be the second proposal for this site (the first having been turned down). The Chairman commented that the two out-buildings to be demolished were unsightly and that the new development would most probably be better. The proposed development would not alter the original footprint.

Motion: 1. The Council had no objection and would accept the decision of the Planning Officer.

Proposed: Richard Major Seconded: Pete Doherty

Voting: unanimous

iii) 16/10302 Millbrook Cottage, Mill End. SP6 3HU

Two-storey rear extension; Juliet balcony; fenestration alterations

It was understood that the proposed extension would be additional to the 1974 extension and councillors felt that this might actually improve the cottage and

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benefit the village by becoming a property which could be used as a permanent residence in the future.

Motion: 3. the council approved the application and understood that, should the Planning Officer disagree, the application would go to Committee.

Proposed: Barry Vincent Seconded: Richard Major

Voting: Unanimous

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

The Bridge in Church Lane

The lane was now closed again as the bridge had been destroyed within 24 hours of the road being opened following the previous repair. BG had spoken to the Bridge Officer on site at the time of the current demolition. There was considerable discussion around the problem of the repeated damage to the bridge and it was hoped that Highways would now change their view on additional signage and/or bollards to narrow the bridge. The clerk had mentioned the present state of the bridge in her letter to Sean Woodward.

5. Any other business (of a minor nature)

5.1 Vodafone issue

The clerk reported that she had received a reply to her letter to Desmond Swayne MP (attached on file). She would reply answering the questions as far as this was possible.

5.2 Clerk's training

SUS mentioned new training sessions now available through the CC which looked much more useful than the ones she originally attended. Councillors unanimously sanctioned the spending of 2 x £75.00 on these sessions and unanimously agreed that payments could be made before the next PC meeting should this be necessary.

Proposed: Richard Major Seconded: Mrs Suzanne Musker.

5.3 Essential work to maintain the Playtrail

It was believed that the ceiling on spending without specific sanction by the Council in session was £50 (and not £100 as previously minuted). RM said that he doubted that even £100 would be of much use should work need to be urgently carried out. For any change to be made to this amount the Standing Orders would need to be changed.

Action: Clerk to obtain Standing Orders from PT and bring as agenda item to next PC meeting.

5.4 Grass cutting

BG reported that Mr Penny, who had been cutting the grass at the end of the Playtrail voluntarily for some years, had indicated that he wished to give this up. There was discussion of the actual ownership of this area and the following was decided:

Action: Clerk to write thanking Mr Penny for his years of service to the community

Action: Clerk to find out (from PT?) who owned the land in question and if, as supposed, this was the Council; then add this to the current grass cutting contract with HCC.

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5.5 The Beacon

It was reported that the time for the country-wide lighting of the beacons for the Queen's Birthday on Thursday 21st April had been put back to 8.30pm. Mr John Godber had kindly agreed to oversee the filling and lighting of the Beacon and it was agreed that a long taper should be used. The Rector would be asked to say a prayer for the Queen and PD would be responsible for recording the event on film. The clerk would produce posters to inform residents of the event.

5.6 Footpath by the Trout Lakes

BV pointed out that nothing had been done about the state of this and asked if this was a task that the Lengthsman could take on.

Action: Clerk to add investigation of the work to be done to Lengthsman's list with a view to employing him to carry this out if appropriate.

5.7 The public phone boxes

BV again raised the question of the unsightly condition of the phone box opposite Crossways Farm and asked why this could not be adopted by the village. When previously discussed, nobody had been prepared to take on the responsibility for maintenance should the boxes become the property of the Council. It was believed that it was the duty of BT to maintain these boxes as long as they remained their property.

Action: Clerk to e-mail Cllr Heron to ask if he had made any progress on his promise to chase up BT to repair these.

Action: Agenda item for May PC meeting.

5.8 Lengthsman tasks

BV requested that cleaning the railings on both sides of the bridge be added to the list for the Lengthsman's next visit.

5.9 FunQuest

PD informed councillors that he had resigned as Chairman of Fun Quest.

6. Date of next meeting: Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.30 pm following the APM

The meeting ended at 8.30pm