

## DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

The outgoing Chairman welcomed three councillors to the meeting. No other electors of the parish were present. It was the clerk's view that the meeting should be postponed as it was not quorate and no members of the public were present. However, on the arrival of Cllr Doherty it was decided to go ahead with those items which could be covered as, had members of the public wanted to attend, they could have done so.

#### **1. Election of Chairman**

David Crane was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the Damerham Parish Council.

Proposed: Richard Major

Seconded: Mrs Suzanne Musker

#### **2. Election of Vice Chairman**

In her absence, Mrs Cathy Godber was re-elected to the position of Vice Chair of the Parish Council for a further term.

Proposed: Glyn Ruth

Seconded: Richard Major

#### **3. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Mrs Cathy Godber, Barry Vincent, Phil Stephens and Glyn Perrens. Cllr Pete Doherty had apologised that he would be unavoidably late.

#### **4. Appointment of Parish Footpaths Officer**

It was assumed that Mrs Ros Jones would be happy to continue in this post; but decided to postpone this item for the next meeting.

#### **5. Appointment of Parish Watercourses Officer**

Spinney Adlam had indicated to DC that he was happy to continue in this role and he was unanimously re-appointed

Proposed: David Crane

Seconded: Glyn Ruth

#### **6. Appointment of Parish Transport and Traffic representative**

It was assumed that Barry Vincent would be happy to be re-elected to this position; but, in his absence, it was decided to take this item at the next meeting

#### **7. Appointment of Police Liaison Officer**

Glyn Perrens had submitted his resignation as he would be moving away from the parish. The Chairman would write to thank him for his work with the Parish Council.

#### **8 Village Hall Liaison officer**

It was believed that Mrs Cathy Godber would be prepared to continue in this role; but appointment would be delayed until she was present.

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### **9. Approval of last year's minutes**

These were approved and would be signed.

### **10. Dates & times of Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council for the year**

It was agreed that these would continue on a bi-monthly basis on the fourth Monday of alternate months as follows:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The May date would fall on the Bank Holiday in 2018 so the Annual Parish Assembly and the first meeting of the Parish Council for the new financial year would be held on:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

There was discussion of the involvement of parishioners in Parish Council affairs and in village events and it was agreed that – though it might be unrealistic to expect higher attendance at ordinary Council meetings – there would be a concerted attempt to interest more people in the Annual Assembly in 2018. A subject of real interest to the village would be researched, with a view to having a speaker at that meeting, as it was hoped that this would attract more participation. Wider publicity was also discussed.

### **11. Comments from the Chair**

The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking councillors for their work for the Parish during the year. He particularly thanked Richard Major for his work with IT; Barry Vincent on transport and roads and Glyn Perrens on police matters. He thanked the Clerk, particularly for working beyond the call of duty to get financial controls and other legal matters up to date. He also thanked Mrs Ros Jones for her informative and helpful reports on footpaths and the work which she consistently put in with local land owners to keep our footpaths open for use.

Looking forward to the coming year the Chairman said that he would like to engage parishioners more in the work and activities of the Council.

*This meeting was followed immediately by a meeting of the Parish Council.*