

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held in Damerham Village Hall on
Monday 16th October 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

After discussion and consideration, it was proposed by Cllr Godber to **recommend permission to NFDC under option 3 with the following comments:-**

- **The Parish Council strongly support this application to bring the vacant, disused building back into a positive use to assist a young family to move into the village.**
- **We understand there have been several discussions with the planning authority in order to come to a proposal both applicant and planning officer are happy with.**
- **The immediate neighbour has pledged their support of the application.**

Seconded by Cllr Ruth, all in favour (3).

Other applications noted

17/10/32

NFNPA CONS/17/0861 Parkfield House, High Street – Fell 1x Pear tree; fell 1x Pine tree

NFDC 17/11052 Bethany Cottage, The Common, South End – roof alterations; single storey rear extension; extend garage – *granted stc*

5. Consultations:

17/10/33

New Forest District Council's Draft Housing Strategy 2018-2023 (circ.10 Oct). Cllr Crane had reviewed the consultation and summarised the following:- there are 5000 properties in the NFDC district and currently 3000 people awaiting housing on the Homesearch housing register; average property price in NFDC district is £370,000; average price of entry level property is £225,000 which would require an annual salary of £42,000; average salary for a rental property would be £27,000; affordable housing schemes are listed as more than 10 dwellings.

Cllr Doherty arrived at 8.12pm.

Continued: Intentions to buyback ex-council houses at 15 per year.

It was agreed for the clerk to respond with the following comments:-

- **The proposal to buyback ex-council properties at a rate of 15 per year was considered an unrealistic and expensive solution;**
- **The Housing Strategy needs to support new housing in rural exception sites by considering change of use of an agreed acreage of agricultural land as a solution to housing shortages in rural villages.**

6. Any other matter considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion or information

17/10/34 - Cllr Crane reiterated the need for a new councillor; the notice is on the notice board and in the Parish Pump for November.

17/10/35 - Cllr Doherty had forwarded a suggestion for a Downloads Parish Liaison meeting lead by Sandleheath along with Damerham, Martin, Rockbourne and Whitsbury to share local information on a quarterly basis (starting Q1 2018). It was agreed a good idea to participate; **clerk to respond to Sandleheath.**

17/10/36 - Cllr Crane has forwarded three quotes to HCC Rights of Way office: awaiting Natalie Hands' response.

17/10/37 - The meeting of the Playtrail Management Group was successful in agreeing the questionnaire for the November Parish Pump.

17/10/38 - Mr Godber asked for an update on the Community SpeedWatch initiative; Cllr Crane replied he is awaiting training session dates from PCSO Stephen May.

7. Dates of forthcoming meetings:

17/10/39

Monday 27th November 2017

Monday 18th December 2017 (if required for planning applications)

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.