

**DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Damerham Village Hall**  
**on Monday 18<sup>TH</sup> March 2019**

**Councillors present:**

David Crane (Chairman)	Cathy Godber	Pete Doherty (arrived 8.05pm)
Richard Major	Mark Matthews	Glyn Ruth
Suzy Simmons	Phil Stephens	

**Members of the public present:**

**Others present:**

Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

**Public participation:** (? in attendance)

A resident enquired if a grit bin could be installed on the Cranborne-Tidpit Road on the hill up to Kite's Nest. Clerk to investigate.

Thanks were expressed for the new signs at Lower Daggons. The white lines and SLOW on the road will be after the roads have been surface-dressed.

**Clerk to investigate.**

It was noted the dragon's teeth at Mill End are scheduled to be installed from April 2019.

**1. Apologies and declaration of quorum**

19/03/25

Apologies were received from Ros Jones (Footpaths Officer), and Cllr Heron.

**2. Declaration of business and pecuniary interests:**

19/03/26

Cllr Godber declared a non-pecuniary interest in NFDC 19/10238 St Georges Church, Church Lane, Damerham - Re-roof belfry and tower.

**3. To approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th November 2018**

19/03/27

It was agreed the minutes of this meeting could be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record: all in favour (7). **Action: clerk to update the website.**

**4. To receive Officer Reports:**

19/03/28

- i. Parish Footpaths Officer: there was nothing to report from Ros Jones.  
It was noted that FP49 has muddy patches between the new boarding, and it was agreed to dig out the mud in these sections and put in scalplings, potentially with wood to keep them in place.
- ii. Parish Watercourses Officer: Spinney had nothing to report.
- iii. Parish Transport Representative: Cllr Crane advised he is happy to act as the representative.
- iv. Any other reports from meetings attended: no one was able to attend the Action for Alderholt

**5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

19/03/29

The Fireproof boxes and digitising the village archives will be discussed at the next Village Hall committee meeting.

The local footpath leaflets project was progressing: Cllr Matthews suggested a link with the Cranborne Chase AONB.

Cllr Crane reported the Parish Lengthsman has recently dug out sediment from the culverts and cleared the ditches in the centre of the village.

**6. Finance**

19/03/30

- i. Approval of payments for February/March. The clerk had circulated all payment details to all members. All in favour (7).

Chairman

20 May 2019

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791	Damerham Village Hall-hall hire	139.00
792	Time2Display Ltd-Feb & Mar Parish Pump printing	48.00
793	N Mackenzie-website fee refund Mar-Jun19	35.96
794	N Mackenzie-Feb salary & expenses	252.90
795	N Mackenzie-Mar salary & expenses	308.53
796	Blissford Signs Ltd-beacon sign refurbishment	80.00
797	HCC-Community Funded Infrastructure scheme (part pymt)	3,027.88

It was noted the second part of the Beacon payment and Community Funded Infrastructure Initiative scheme will be in the new financial year.

**Clerk was tasked to check whether the Parish Council needs to reclaim tax digitally.**

19/03/31

- ii. Approval of bank reconciliation – 15/01/19 to 08/03/19. Cllr Stephens confirmed he is happy with the bank reconciliation.

19/03/32

- ii. Consider supporting St George's Church replacement of stolen lead from roof appeal.  
Cllr Godber advised the Justgiving.com target of £10,000 had been reached in addition of other donation raised by activities.  
The repairs are approx. £20,000, as there was damage to the roof as well, and other work is going to be actioned at the same time. Cllr Godber will advise timescales in due course.

**7. To consider planning applications:**

19/03/33

NFDC 19/10238 St Georges Church, Church Lane, Damerham - Re-roof belfry and tower. This was discussed and proposed to **recommend option 1 to the NFDC with delegated powers**. Seconded, all in favour (6). Cllr Godber did not vote.

**8. Tree works applications, planning decisions received and appeals:**

19/03/34

The following applications and decisions were noted:-

NFDC 18/11481 Manor Farm House, Lower Daggons – granted stc

**Tree applications**

NFNPA CONS/19/0134 The Red House, High Street – Prune 2x Conifer trees

NFNPA CONS/19/0151 Parsons Meadow, High Street, Damerham – Prune 1 x Oak tree; Prune 1 x Beech tree; Prune 1 x Acacia tree; Prune 1 x Handkerchief tree; Prune 1 x Acer tree

NFNPA TPO/19/0178 Garbeam Wood, Lower Court Wood, Damerham – Fell 1x group of Willow trees; prune 2x group of mixed tree species Reason: Woodland mgmt

*Cllr Doherty arrived at 8.05pm.*

**9. Parish Council matters:**

19/03/35

- i. Update on Parish Projects.  
Footpath leaflets: a sponsor had been found (The Compasses) and it was suggested to consider approaching the B&Bs, holiday cottages, Jubilee Camping.  
Access to the Stream at West Park Meadow: improving this access was thought to potentially encourage more visitors and glass litter.  
Village Recycling Centre: Cllr Simmons showed photos of the Woodgreen initiative, and she will research how it was set up and organised, any costs involved for the next meeting.

19/03/36

- ii. Update on Community Funded Initiative project. Cllr Crane reported the signs are now in the right place! The white lining, SLOW lining, and other works will be put in place after the surface dressing of the roads has been carried out.

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- iii. Elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019: the clerk clarified nominations open on Friday 22 March until 4pm Wednesday 3 April. She will check and take all forms received to NFDC Lyndhurst.

**10. Environmental matters:**

19/03/38

- i. Suggested tasks for next Parish Lengthsman visit – Monday 6th May. Proposed tasks were: cutting and clearing vegetation around signs throughout the village; cutting and clearing vegetation on corners/access points. Cllr Crane will consider if any works are required on West Park Meadow.  
**Clerk to check date with FTC as it is a bank holiday.**

19/03/39

- ii. Great British Spring Clean 22/23 March 2019. Equipment is being loaned by NFDC. The road up to Court Hill was noted as particularly bad for litter. All were encouraged to participate. The next one was suggested at the end of the school summer holidays.

19/03/40

- iii. Hampshire Highways – surface dressing treatments. These will be carried out at the end of March throughout the parish. **Clerk to feature on website and Parish Pump.**

**11. Community matters:**

19/03/41

- i. Community SpeedWatch meeting update. It was agreed to consider other sites to be put forward for suitability: High Street, Court Wood Industrial Estate, North End (coming from Martin), Browns Lane (down into village over the bridge).  
**Clerk to circulate a list to all.**

19/03/42

- ii. West Park Meadow Working Group.
  - Receive report (circ.23Feb): some issues requiring repair were noted with the pirate boat (no wheel), a hole on matting under basket swing, fence repairs. The activities planned for 2019 were mentioned, and a separate leaflet will be produced for the May Parish Pump. Cllr Crane is exploring grant funding opportunities: Calor Gas Rural Fund declined, and he will be approaching Big Lottery Fund, Co-op, Waitrose and Tesco Bags of Help.
  - Receipt of regular inspections of the Playtrail equipment. Cllr Godber passed the clerk her recent inspections.

**12. Consultation Papers or Events (to approve responses or agree attendees as appropriate): none**

**13. Correspondence**

19/03/43 – from 1 April NFDC will be managing tree applications within their boundary (this was previously managed by NFNPA).

**14. Other matters considered urgent by the Chairman or raised with him by councillors in advance**

19/03/44 – our Hampshire County Councillor will be invited to speak at our Annual Parish Assembly on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May; all were encouraged to spread the word to friends and neighbours to come along.

19/03/45 – the clerk was asked to circulate the calendar dates for the next 12 months.

*The meeting closed at 9.00pm.*

**Date and time of next meetings:**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019: Damerham Village Hall @ 7.30pm (if required for planning applications)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019: Annual Parish Assembly @7pm followed immediately by the Annual Meeting in Damerham Village Hall @ 7.30pm