

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Damerham Village Hall

on Monday 20th July 2020

Councillors present:		
David Crane (Chairman)	Cathy Godber	Pete Doherty – via Zoom
Mark Matthews	Glyn Ruth	Richard Burrough
Phil Stephens	Richard Major	
Members of the public present: 46		
Others present:		
Mandy Wilkinson (clerk)		

1. 20/01/171: Apologies and declaration of quorum

Apologies assumed from CClr Heron.

2. 20/01/172: Declaration of pecuniary interests

Richard Burrough registered an interest in Manor Farm NFDC Planning Application

3. 20/01/173: To approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th March 2020

It was proposed and seconded for the minutes of this meeting to be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record: all in favour (8).

4. 20/21/174: Internal Audit: To receive and consider Internal Audit report 2019 - 2020

The Internal Audit was undertaken on the 10th June 2020 was received by parish council and concerns to be addressed throughout the financial year. The clerk is to take action on report findings.

5. 20/01/175: Annual Governance and Accountability return 2019-2020 Part 2:

I. Approve and Complete Exemption Certificate 2019-2020: Damerham Parish Council RESOLVED to complete the Certificate of Exemption on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019-2020 as it meets the criteria of a smaller authority where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31st March 2020. The section was signed by Chairman and Clerk accordingly and will now be forwarded to the external auditor

II. Consider and Approve the Annual Governance Statement: The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 The section was signed by Chairman and Clerk accordingly

III. Consider and Approve the Accounting Statements: The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statements 2019/2020 The section was signed by Chairman and Clerk accordingly

IIII. To receive dates for the smaller authority's period for the exercise of public rights: Notice of public rights and publication of annual governance and accountability return will commence on 26th August in line with regulations

6. 20/01/176: To consider planning applications:

- I. **NFDC 20/10665:** Common Farm Cottage, The Common, South End, Damerham – New double garage and log store:

After discussion, The Parish Council recommend permission under option PAR1 to NFDC. Seconded, all in favour (8)

- II. **NFDC 20/10679:** Parvins Cottage, Lower Daggons Lane, South End, Damerham – Single storey rear extension, removal of existing extension and outbuilding.

After discussion, The Parish Council recommend permission under option PAR3 to NFDC. Seconded, all in favour (8)

NFDC 20/10680: Parvins Cottage, Lower Daggons Lane, South End, Damerham – Single storey rear extension, creation of ensuite to first floor, new stairs to attic, re open fireplace in sitting room (Application for Listed Building Consent)

After discussion, The Parish Council recommend permission under option PAR3 to NFDC. Seconded, all in favour (8)

NFDC 20/10607: Manor Farm, Cornpits Lane, Damerham – Use of land for seasonal camping for up to 75 days per year, retention of toilets and showers on a permanent basis.

There were 9 separate five minute presentations from residents who were objecting to this application, in summary the objectors raised the following issues:

The increased traffic generated by the site through the village and the unsuitability of the camp site entrance and exit being on a junction and blind corner.

The disturbance to the tranquillity of the village by the noise coming from the site as clearly laid down in the submission by the AONB.

The significant number of residents (78 in total) who had signed a petition objecting to the planning application.

The illegality of the site according to planning regulations with the buildings and associated works having been permanently in place for the past two years.

The damage being done to the grounds around the Village Hall by visiting campers with dog's mess and litter being left behind.

There followed a presentation from the applicant's agent and one from the applicants who stressed that:

Every effort is being made to control the noise levels from the camp site by means of regular patrols. The economic benefits to local businesses from spending money by the visiting campers, in particular the Compasses Inn.

There would be no more special events or music festivals held at the camp site in the future.

After discussion, a motion to recommend a PAR5 rejecting the application was forwarded and seconded, a further motion recommending a PAR2 was forwarded and seconded. A vote on each motion was taken as follows:

PAR5 motion – had 4 in favour and 3 against.

PAR2 motion – had 3 in favour and 3 against with 1 abstention.

The recommendation of a PAR5 for this application reflects the fact Parish Council was deeply divided and was unable to reach a clear decision to approve or reject the application.

The Parish Council recommend PAR5 – To accept the decision reached by the District Councils Officers under their delegated powers. The Motion of the Par 5 was carried with 4 in favour and 3 against.

7. 20/01.176: Other planning matters:

Future planning applications: Consultation on if planning applications should be included in the Parish Pump publication. After discussion, The Parish Council RESOLVED, that planning applications would be included in the Parish Pump publication, although it was stated that as planning applications can be issued at any time, some applications may miss the publication deadlines.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Draft minutes until signed by Chairman at next meeting

Date and time of next meetings:

Monday 3rd August 2020: Damerham Village Hall @ 7.30pm