

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday 20th September 2021 in Damerham Village Hall

Councillors present:

David Crane (Chairman), Phil Stephens, Glyn Ruth, Kirsty Anderson, Ann Bellows, Richard Major, Phil Tandy, and Cathy Godber.

Members of the public present: 5

Others present:

Mandy Wilkinson (Clerk)

Public participation:

The Following matters were raised: A resident congratulated the council on the quality of the recent verge cutting around the village.

1. 21/22.44: Apologies and declaration of quorum

Cllr Doherty sent his apologies, apologies accepted (8)

2. 21/22.45: Declaration of pecuniary interests:

Cllr Major declared an interest in 21/22.48– NFDC 21/11276

Cllr Godber and Cllr Ruth declared an interest in 21/22.48– NFDC 21/11148

Cllr Bellows declared an interest in all NFDC Planning Applications.

3. 21/22.46: To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th July 2021 and the minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary meeting held on the 17th August to be signed and dated by the Chairman as a true and accurate record: all in favour (8).

4. 21/22.47: To receive Officer Reports:

4.1 Parish Footpaths Officer: Ros Jones September report as follows:

Once a month, in June, July and August, I led a short walk on our parish rights of way, finishing at The Coffee Pot for revitalising coffee and cake. Thank you to Robin Robbins and her daughter Mandy for all their help. I think the walks are continuing on the second Wednesday of the Month: contact The Coffee Pot for details. A resident asked me if he could erect a handrail and put down non-slip netting on the footbridge at the edge of Hill Farm paddocks, we have requested Hampshire Country Council to do this in November, but unfortunately due to Covid restrictions and staff shortage this has not been as yet, I have contacted the Senior County Access Ranger to ask permission if the resident could do the job himself, but she has not yet been able to inspect it or to grant permission. In August a resident asked me who had taken machinery up though the woods above Knoll Farm, cutting some of the rides in Bokerley Dyke Plantation and also FP44 our side of the parish boundary. I was unable to access the current cutting list of HCC, but with the help of Cllr Crane and the footpath secretary of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society, we decided that HCC was the most likely perpetrator. I wrote to the resident to that effect. Finally I would like to recommend to keen walkers to join the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Society, they arrange frequent guided walks and support HCC and local landowners in keeping paths open and useable.

4.2 Parish Watercourses Officer: Nothing to report

5. 21/22.48: To consider planning applications:

5.1 To receive and comment on applications received:

NFDC - 21/11148 – Cray Cottage, Mill End, Damerham,

Description - Proposed ground floor side extension

The applicants gave a presentation on the proposed planning application and answered Councillors questions. Following discussion, by the members of the Parish Council, a motion to recommend a PAR3 was proposed, seconded and Resolved (5)

PAR3: We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below.

The proposed ground floor side extension is in keeping with current design and is moderate in size.

NFDC - 21/11263 – 22 West Park Lane, Damerham, SP6 3HB

Description: New front porch; single-storey rear extension; rear dormer; car port

Following discussion, by the members of the Parish Council, a motion to recommend a PAR1 was proposed, seconded and Resolved (7)

PAR1: We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers:

The Parish Council expressed concern regarding the glass roof to the proposed garden room and its possible impact on the Dark Skies policy of the AONB

NFDC - 21/11276 – Lanes Cottage, Lopshill, Damerham, SP6 3ED

Description: Construction of an Oak Framed Garden Room/Studio and replacement of existing Summerhouse

The applicant gave a presentation on the proposed planning application and answered Councillors questions.

Following discussion, by the members of the Parish Council, a motion to recommend a PAR3 was proposed, seconded and Resolved (6)

PAR3: We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below.

The summerhouse is in keeping with design, replaces outdated structure.

5.2 To review decisions received from the NFDC Planning Authority:

NFDC: 21/11036 – Courtvale Farm, Court Hill, Damerham, SP6 3HL Description: Proposed erection of a 2m high close boarded fence; part change of use of land to civil engineering depot; landscaping

Decision: Pending

5.3 Other Planning Matters:

NFDC – 20/11241 - Greenbanks, Lower Daggons Lane, South End, Damerham, SP6 3HE .

Application granted for shed – A more substantial building appears to be in the process

The Parish Council discussed the previously granted planning application 20/11241, and it was proposed, seconded and Resolved (7) that the NFDC planning department would be informed to investigate – Cllr's Bellows and Tandy to contact NFDC

5.4 Treeworks Applications:

NFDC - CONS/21/0418 - Proposed Works: Ash x 1 Fell

Site Address: Millbrook Cottage, Mill End, Damerham, Fordingbridge, SP6 3HU

No Comments made by the Parish Council

6. 21/22.49: Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items:

6.1 Village Plan Working Group & 6.2 Affordable Housing Working Group - Cllr Crane and Cllr Tandy gave an overview of both working groups. It is hoped that the questionnaire on Affordable Housing can be distributed to the residents with the November edition of the Parish Pump. A draft of the questions on the Village Design Statement will be circulated to all councillors inviting their comments.

6.3 BT Telephone Box: Suggestions of use were discussed at the meeting, the suggestions received by the clerk are a book library, bug hotel, information and history of Damerham hub and an art / light box. Other points discussed for the telephone box were the power supply, repairs and a possible grant from NFDC. Clerk to investigate.

6.4 Ridon Composter for the village: It was agreed that the proposal for a village composter would be put on hold for the time being due to other financial priorities and the practical difficulties and questions involved.

6.5 Councillors email addresses: Cllr Tandy confirmed the email addresses have been set up for the councillors, and he will provide tuition via Zoom for anyone having any difficulties.

6.6 Defibrillator: After discussion by the councillors and residents present at the meeting, it was decided that the defibrillator needs to be updated, the defibrillator is currently not in use and needs signage to that effect – Cllr Crane will source signage. Various options were discussed to either repair the current defibrillator with replacement batteries and pads, or to buy or rent a new defibrillator. Cllr Crane has investigated costs and it was proposed, seconded and Resolved (8) that a new defibrillator would be purchased. Cllr Crane to speak to first responder, defibrillator trainer and electrician.

7.21/22.50: Community matters:

7.1 West Park Meadow Working Group - Receipt of regular inspections of the playgroup equipment Cllr Godber confirmed the Pirate boat jetty and anaconda & amphitheatre in play area are splitting, damaged and need replacing, “not in use” signage is needed - Cllr Crane to source signage. It was discussed that this should be repaired or removed due to rotten wood structure. Clerk to check status of repairs with insurance company, if repairs need to be completed by an authorised play company. Cllr Godber presented clerk with play equipment inspection sheets.

7.2 Remembrance Day: Following discussion by the members of the Parish Council, it was confirmed that the new Poppy Wreath would be used for this year’s Remembrance Day

7.3 TENS licence: Application for 25th September 2021 at The Compasses Inn, Damerham – This was noted by the councillors and residents present at the meeting

8. 21/22.51: Environmental matters:

8.1 Lengthsman: Update on last Parish Lengthsman visit of the 6th September 2021 and suggestions for the next visit of the 8th November 2021. Villagers are reminded that suggestions of tasks can be forwarded to clerk at clerk@damerham.net

9. 21/22.52: Finance:

To review current balances and financial position:

Current Account	Deposit Account
£4,697.23	£8,949.26

Expenditure - To approve cheque and bank transfer payments:

Cheque no:	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	Time 2 Display	Parish Pump Printing (3 x months)	£108.00
BACS	M. Wilkinson	Salary & Expenses	£294.48

10.21/22.53: Correspondence: To receive correspondence:

10.1 Licensing Act 2003 – LA 2003 Consultation – consultation runs from 12th Sept to 6th Nov 2021 – Cllr Crane and Clerk to respond to consultation regarding commenting on TENS licences.

10.2 Hampshire ALC Awards 2021 - Submissions need to be received by Friday, 15th October 2021 – Clerk to confirm criteria for parish publications to confirm if The Parish Pump could be entered

11.21/22.54: Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Meeting closed at 21.20pm

12.21/22.55: Date of next meeting:

Monday 15th November 2021 at 7.30pm at Damerham Village Hall.

Monday 18th October 2021 (if needed for planning applications)

These are draft minutes until approved at the next meeting

Mandy Wilkinson – Damerham Parish Council Clerk

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