

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 21st March 2022 in Damerham Village Hall

Councillors present: David Crane (Chairman), P Doherty, Glyn Ruth, Phil Stephens, Cathy Godber, Phil Tandy, Ann Bellows (for second half of meeting)

Public Participation:

A resident asked if a litter pick was happening, Chairman replied due to changes in NFDC, litter picks would only be supported where streets had pavements.

A resident raised the issue of risk of accidents when the road floods at the top of Court Hill by the layby. The Chairman agreed to raise with Hampshire CC

1. 21/22.92: Apologies and Declaration of Quorum

Apologies received: Cllr Major, Cllr Anderson and Mandy Wilkinson (Parish Clerk). The chairman declared a quorum

2.21/22.93: Declaration of Interests – None declared

3.21/22.94: To approve and sign the minutes of Parish Council Meeting 17th January 2022: It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th January 2022 to be signed and dated by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. Approved unanimously.

4.21/22.95: To receive Officer reports

4.1 – Parish Footpaths Officer - Gave her report indication that many footpaths are blocked by fallen trees and branches. She has been in contact with landowners. The Footpath Officer gave notice of her intention to resign following the next Parish Council Meeting. A notice to be put in the parish pump asking for volunteers to take over the role.

4.2 - Watercourses Officer: No report

5. 21/22.96 - Consider Planning Applications

5.1 To receive and comment on applications received:

NFDC 22/10121 - Willow Cottage, High Street, Damerham

Description: Replacement of existing garage with 2 bay garage with office behind.

Following discussion of the members of the Damerham Parish Council, a motion to recommend a PAR3 was proposed, seconded and resolved, for the reasons listed below:

it is an upgrade to an existing building, it enhances the look of the area, it has no impact on the listed building, it is single story, the footprint is not large in relation to the size of the plot.

NFDC 22/10266 - Court Vale House, Court Hill, Damerham, SP6 3HL

Description: Alterations to existing annexe building including increased ridge height. (Part retrospective).

Following discussion of the members of the Damerham Parish Council, a motion to recommend a PAR1 was proposed, seconded and resolved.

6. 21/22.97 - Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items:

6.1 Affordable Housing: No update

6.2 Phone Box: Cllr Doherty presented a proposal for a light art installation in the box. The costs are expected to be met from Arts Council and NFDC grants, Cllr Doherty will build a detailed specification and apply for grants. Cllr Tandy will contact BT regarding power supply to the box (Clerk to give P Tandy the contact at BT who sold the box)

6.3 Councillors email addresses: Cllr Tandy sorting, only Cllr Anderson outstanding

6.4 Defibrillator: The clerk has ordered the defibrillator cabinet and signage

6.5 Rectory Willow Tree: The lower branches have been removed.

7.21/22.98 - Parish Council Matters:

7.1 AGM: The Parish Council AGM will be on 9th May 2022 (if hall available. The Chairman will be elected at that meeting

7.2 Annual Audit: The audit is booked for 8th June 2022

7.3 Standing Orders: As nothing had changed since the last review, the Standing Orders were proposed, seconded and approved unanimously.

7.4 Financial Regulations: As nothing had changed since the last review, the Financial Regulations were proposed, seconded and approved unanimously.

7.5 Allowances: The government pay structure for 2021/22 has finally been approved. The clerk will receive 9 months back pay adjustment at her previous pay rate and 3 months at her new rate

8.21/22.99 Community Matters:

8.1 West Park Meadow: Inspection forms will be supplied to Clerk by Cllr Godber

8.2 Platinum Jubilee: A family fun day / picnic is being planned for the 4th June 2022. The beacon will be lit on the 2nd June 2022 at 9:00pm. Hants CC may be able to provide a tree, Cllr Bellows will check.

8.3 Draft Environmental policy: Proposed and seconded for approval. Voted 6 for, 1 against

8.4 Parish Pump: The new editor will be Mandy Robbins from May 2022

9. 21/22.100 Environmental Matters:

9.1 Lengthsman: D Crane to contact Fordingbridge District Council to clarify if the lengthsman is able to carry out duties on the road and report back at next meeting in May 2022.

10.21/22.101 Finance – Financial Position:

The financial position was reviewed and expenditure approved

11.21/22.102 Correspondence: All correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors prior to meeting by the Clerk.

12.21/22.103 – To receive Reports from members who have attended meeting from outside bodies:

Cllr Stephens updated the meeting on the financial position of the Sportsfield. Without additional income the Sportsfield will be bankrupt in two years. To mitigate this additional cricket teams will play at Damerham and there is the potential of a new football team playing at Damerham. Other fundraising is also being investigated especially the continuation of the village lottery to support wider village assets.

13.21/22.104 – Date of next meeting:

The Annual Parish Meeting and The Annual Council Meeting, will be held on the same evening on the 9th May at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

These are draft minutes until approved at the next meeting Mandy Wilkinson – Damerham Parish Council Clerk clerk@damerham.net