

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 26th September 2022 in Damerham Village Hall

Councillors present: David Crane (Chairman), Glyn Ruth, Cathy Godber, Ann Bellows, Richard Major and P Doherty (arrived 19.48pm)
Also, in attendance: M Wilkinson (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Public Participation: A resident commented on how good the village beacon looked after its repaint and wished to thank the person involved

1.22/23.46: Apologies and Declaration of Quorum

Apologies received: Apologies received from Cllr Anderson, Cllr Tandy and Cllr Stephens.
The chairman declared a quorum

2.22/23.47: Declaration of Interests – Cllr Bellows declared an interest on planning applications

3.22/23.48: To approve and sign the minutes of Parish Council Meeting 18th July 2022: It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th July 2022 to be signed and dated by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. Approved unanimously.

4.22/23.49: Guest Speaker – Mr Steve Tonkin from Cranborne AONB joined the meeting to give us an interesting and informative discussion on the Dark Skies. The Parish Council will be following up on some of the information given and we hope to host an evening with Mr Tonkin in the near future. Further details will follow in due course.

5.22/23.50: To receive Officer reports

5.1 – Parish Footpaths Officer – Cllr Bellows advised that there have been several trees/branches cleared on Bridleway 46 by a resident at various times in recent months. An improvement was made to the surface of the Damerham end of Bridleway 46 with a combined effort of two residents and a manager from HCC. Cllr Bellows has had a meeting with HCC with regards to footpaths 21 and 22, she will update in the November meeting.

6. 22/23.51: To Consider Planning Applications

6.1 To receive and comment on applications received:

NFDC 22/10968 - Manor Farm Cottage, Cornpits Lane, Damerham, SP6 3HT

Description: Stand-alone solar array in curtilage for microgeneration.

Following discussion, by the members of the Parish Council meeting, a motion to recommend a PAR1 was proposed and seconded, and resolved (5) for the reasons listed below:

**Revised layout to comply with the route of the public footpaths across the land in question
Contribution to the environment with renewable energy generation.**

6.2 To review decisions received from the NFDC Planning Authority:

NFDC 20/11269 – Methodist Chapel, High Street, Damerham, SP6 3EU (NB: subject to unilateral undertaking)

Description: Change of use of existing building to dwelling, external alterations, provision of parking and foul drainage arrangements.

Decision: Granted subject to conditions

6.3 Other Planning Matters:

NFDC 22/10720 – Land at Woodpecker Wood, Court Hill, Damerham, SP6 3HL

Description: Conversion of the existing building to form a single residential dwelling, associated access, parking and landscaping.

Decision: Still pending.

7.22/23.52: Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items:

7.1 Telephone Box: Cllr Crane read out notes from Cllr Tandy to update the parish council on the issues concerning telephone box, Cllr Tandy has been in contact with SSE with regards to the power supply, SSE have confirmed that the parish council will need to adopt the supply and pay for the supply, Cllr Tandy will report back on the costs involved at the November meeting. The parish council are still pursuing grant applications for the phone box renovations, Cllr Bellows and Cllr Doherty will report back at the November meeting with any updates.

8.22/23.53: Parish Council Matters:

8.1 Audit – The clerk explained that saaa (smaller authorities Audit Appointments) have forwarded correspondence to the Parish Council advising them of the procurement exercise will be amended for the next 5-year appointing period. The parish council have been given the right to opt in or opt out this was discussed and it was proposed, seconded and resolved (6) that Damerham Parish Council will be opting in

8.2 Financial regulations – The clerk circulated the financial regulations to the councillors with the agenda pack before the meeting, the financial regulations were discussed and reviewed by the councillors and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the financial regulations were all in order and needed no adjustments. Clerk and Chairman to sign and date.

9.22/23.54 Finance - To review current balances and financial position:

9.1 Current account £11,385.02 - Deposit account £8950.69

9.2 Expenditure – Bank transfers approved (6)

10.22/23.55: Community Matters:

10.1 West Park Meadow: Cllr Crane reported that the play park repairs have all been completed as per the ROSPA play park inspection, the bucket swing has been fully repaired and now back in action.

10.2 Swift Boxes: Cllr Bellows discussed the erection of swift boxes in the village, possible sites would village hall or possibly the school, Cllr Bellows will speak to the school headteacher. Cllr Bellows has arranged a meeting with Hampshire Swifts, so will have more information to report back with at the November meeting.

10.3 Brideway 46: As noted in point 5.1 – A payment of £250 has been paid by the Parish Council to a resident for material and labour for the repairs.

11. 22/23.56: Environmental Matters:

11.1 Lengthsman: The Lengthsman's next visit to the village will be the 14th November 2022 Villagers are reminded that suggestions of tasks can be forwarded to clerk at clerk@damerham.net

12.22/23.57: Correspondence: All correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors prior to meeting by the Clerk.

13.22/23.58: To receive Reports from members who have attended meeting from outside bodies: No attended meetings.

14.22/23.59 Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Budget and precept

May 2023 Council Elections

Standing orders

15.22/23.60: Date of next meeting:

Monday 21st November 2022 at 7.30pm at Damerham Village Hall.

Monday 17th October 2022 (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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