

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in Damerham Village Hall

**Councillors present:** David Crane, Glyn Ruth, Cathy Godber, Ann Bellows, Pete Doherty and Phil Stephens.

**Public Participation:** The bridleway sign by Knowle Farm has collapsed and needs replacing. The School sign on Manor Farm Hedge is hidden by growth of hedge. Cllr Crane to email KA to see if gardener can clear it, if not put on Lengthsman list.

**1.22/23.73: Apologies and Declaration of Quorum**

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

**2.22/23.74: Declaration of Interests** – Cllr Bellows declared an interest on planning applications

**3.22/23.75: To approve and sign the minutes of Parish Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022:** It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to be signed and dated by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. Approved unanimously.

**4.22/23.76: To receive Officer reports**

**4.1 – Parish Footpaths Officer – Nothing to report**

**5. 22/23.77: To Consider Planning Applications**

**5.1 To receive and comment on applications received:**

NFDC – 22/11409 – Courtvale Farm, Court Hill, Damerham, SP6 3HL

Lawful Development Certificate existing.

Description: Civil engineering yard (Lawful use certificate for retaining an existing use or operation)

**The Parish Council were asked by NFDC if they had any information which would counter the submissions under this application. An email had been received by the chairman at 15.48pm on the 16th January 2023 from the residents from the residents at Yafflewood, as councillors had not seen the email in time for the meeting, it was proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously that the Parish Council respond to NFDC stating that we do not have any additional information regarding the site.**

**5.2 To review decisions received from the NFDC Planning Authority**

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

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

**Decision: Granted subject to conditions**

**6.22/23.78: Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items:**

**6.1 Telephone Box:** Cllr Doherty has been in contact with an artist to further develop the idea of “Aurora Damerham”. Cllr Tandy is still dealing with the refurbishment of the box. Cllr Crane email the artist to give Parish Council approval for him to progress the grant application in conjunction with Cllr Doherty

**6.2 Swift Boxes:** Boxes are due to be fitted at the school and the sports field pavilion.

**7.22/23.79: Parish Council Matters:**

**7.1 – Budget:** Due to the absence of the clerk the final proposed figures were unavailable. Clerk to circulate the agreed figures to councillors before end of January 2023.

**7.2 – Clerks Salary:** In line with NALC the clerk’s salary is to be corrected from April 2022.

**7.3 – Community right to bid** – Cllr Tandy is progressing with NFDC on this issue

**7.4 – Parish Clerk** – The new Parish Clerk Lindsey Malcolm introduced herself to the council. She is also clerk for Sandleheath Parish Council.

**7.5 - Royal Book of Condolence:** These are with Cllr Doherty for digitising

**8.22/23.80 Finance - To review current balances and financial position:**

8.1 Total bank balance £17,532.05

**9. 22/23.81: Community Matters:**

**9.1 West Park Meadow:** The hopscotch area is now clear

**9.2 Speed Watch:** Martin Parish Council have requested use of the speed watch equipment and now have a quarter share in the equipment. This quarter share will be released from the holding account organised by Cllr Tandy. The equipment is currently being recalibrated by the manufacturers.

**9.3 War Memorial Cleaning:** It will cost circa £600 to clean the war memorial. The village fair committee have agreed to pay for this.

**9.4 Dark Skies:** An audit of businesses may need to be carried out, Cllr Crane to contact Steve Tomkin to clarify which business need contacting. A star gazing night is being organised for the 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm, Phil Stephens to contact Sports field committee to allow use of field and possible provide hot drinks etc (post meeting note: The sports field is available and will provide a hot drinks bar for the purchase of tea, coffee, hot chocolate etc).

**10. 22/23.82: Environmental Matters:**

**10.1 Lengthsman:** The Lengthsman has done a good job at cutting back the Laurel hedge in West Park Lane.

**10.2 Gravel and mineral Extraction Consultation:** Cllr Crane to respond on the consultation regarding the gravel and mineral extraction in Harbridge citing concerns 's on traffic and environment.

**11.22/23.83: Correspondence:** All correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors prior to meeting by the Clerk.

**12.22/23.84: To receive Reports from members who have attended meeting from outside bodies:**

No attended meetings.

**13.22/23.85: Date of next meeting:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm at Damerham Village Hall.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (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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