

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday 21st August 2023 in Damerham Village Hall

Councillors present:

Phil Tandy (Chairman), David Crane (Vice-Chairman), Richard Major, Cathy Godber, Phil Stephens, Ann Bellows, Glyn Ruth, Phil Doherty

Members of the public present: 1

Others present:

Parish Clerk: Lindsey Malcom

Public participation:

The Following matters were raised: The subject of flooding was raised but it was agreed to discuss this under item 5 of the Agenda

1. Apologies and declaration of quorum

Cllr Anderson sent her apologies. Quorum was declared.

2. Declaration of interest by any councillor on any Agenda item:

There were no declarations of interest

3. To consider planning applications:

3.1 To receive and comment on applications received:

**23/10559 Full Planning Permission SOUTH ALLENFORD FARM, NORTH END, DAMERHAM SP6 3JW
Conversion of existing barn into holiday accommodation**

The council voted all in favour of recommending PAR 3, subject to adherence to the ecological report and use of lighting in line with the Dark Skies policy. Approval was granted for the following reasons:

- The conversion was a good use of an existing building and the structural survey was satisfactory
- The design was sympathetic to the area

Action: Parish Clerk to upload comments to planning portal – as soon as possible

3.2 To review decisions by NFDC Planning Authority

21/11722 Land at COURWOOD FARM, COURT HILL, SANDLEHEATH, DAMERHAM SP6 1QD

The dismissal of the appeal was noted by the Council.

3.3 Other planning matters

The tree-works application was noted by the Council.

4. To discuss renewal of Lead Parish and Associate Parish Agreement 2023/2024 for Lengthsman Scheme

It was agreed to sign the Agreement as the contract year had already started, although the next agreement will be reconsidered nearer the time.

Action: Parish Clerk to return signed Agreement – by 1st September

5. To discuss drainage works needed down Court Hill

It was agreed that the ditches needed clearing by a mechanical digger, together with drains by the layby, the corner of West Park Lane and Lower Daggons Road. It was also agreed that the dead tree in the layby posed a potential danger, especially with high winds.

Action: Parish Clerk to contact HCC/Highways department regarding works – as soon as possible

6. To discuss repairs to play trail/meadow

A discussion was held regarding the recent RoSPA report of the play equipment. Immediate replacement of the basket swing top frame was cost-prohibitive, due to the length. It was agreed to remove the swing immediately and consider a replacement for next spring, depending on feedback received regarding its removal. Other issues reported were minor and easily repaired.

Action: Chairman P Tandy to remove swing – as soon as possible

7. Financial update from Clerk

The Clerk reported that the new bank accounts, with Unity Bank, were up and running and the remaining debts were able to be paid. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for arranging this.

Current account: £8654.64

Instant Access: £9389.28

Monies received: £400 grant received with thanks from NFDC Cllr J Richards for gravel for pathway 49.

Payments out: Travel expenses to NFDC meeting to Cllr Stephens £ 16.20

Village Hall s137 grant £150.00

HMRC Clerk taxes since February £435.00

Sandleheath Parish Council 50% of phone/paper £ 84.00

Date of next meeting:

Monday 18th September 2023 at 7.30pm

These are draft minutes until approved at the next meeting

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