

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held
on Monday 18th December 2023 in Damerham Village Hall

Councillors present: Phil Tandy (Chairman) David Crane (Vice-Chairman), Richard Major, Cathy Godber, Ann Bellows, Glyn Ruth, Phil Doherty, Kirsty Anderson, Phil Stephens
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Members of the public present: 1

Others present: Parish Clerk: Lindsey Malcom

Public participation:

The Following matter was raised: Pipe by layby blocked again and potholes not done. Cllr Tandy reported that the potholes will be done in early January and that HCC will be back to deal with pipe. Cllr Tandy also advised that he has contacted HCC re the flooding outside the school, as the pipe is not working.

1. Apologies and declaration of quorum

NFDC Cllr Richards sent her apologies. Quorum was declared.

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

There was no declaration of interest.

3. To consider planning applications:

3.1 To receive and comment on applications received:

Application number 23/11033 WILLOW COTTAGE, HIGHT STREET, DAMERHAM SP6 3EU

Listed Building Consent: replacement of windows with wooden conservation windows

After discussion, six of the nine Parish Councillors voted to recommend PAR1 approval for the following reasons: the new windows will be aesthetically similar and will be more heat efficient.

However, the Council will abide by the final decision made by NFDC.

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

3.2 To review decisions by NFDC Planning Authority: None received

3.3 Other planning matters: None received

4. To discuss Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan

After discussion, the Council voted all in favour of approving the Plan

Action: Parish Clerk to submit approval form to Alderholt – by 19th January

5. To discuss funding for playground

A generous donation of £1000 towards the cost of repair had been received with thanks, however no others had been received after the advert in the Parish Pump. A discussion was held to look at other funding or volunteering avenues. The Parish Clerk had made them aware of the HCC Parish & Town Council Investment Fund which may be able to help. It was agreed to accept a previous quotation from Setter Ltd of £3565.71 for repair.

Action: Cllr Tandy to contact the play equipment company – early January

Action: Cllr Tandy to investigate HCC finding – as soon as possible

6. To review and agree on precept request for 2024-2025

Due to increased costs and withdrawal of services to parish councils, it was agreed to request an increase in the precept from NFDC of 7%, in line with the agreed budget.

Action: Parish Clerk to submit request to NFDC – by 12th January

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Monday 15th January at 7.30pm

These are draft minutes until approved at the next meeting

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