

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday 15th January 2024 in Damerham Village Hall

Councillors present:

Phil Tandy (Chairman), David Crane (Vice-Chairman), Cathy Godber, Ann Bellows, Phil Stephens, Pete Doherty, Kirsty Anderson, Glyn Ruth

Members of the public present: 1

Others present:

Parish Clerk: Lindsey Malcom

Public participation: A request for an update regarding the flooding around the school was requested. Cllr Tandy advised that works on the road will be completed by March. The drainage problem has been assessed and is awaiting update.

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 were no declarations of interest
3. **To approve minutes of previous Parish Council Meeting:** All voted in favour and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of 20th November and 18th December 2023 as being true records of the meetings. The Chair signed both sets of Minutes.
4. **To receive Officer Reports:**
 - Footpath Officer:** Cllr Bellows reported there had been no complaints received
 - Dark Skies officer:** The Star Gazing evening had been cancelled due to cloud. The next one is 3rd April.
5. **To consider planning applications:**
 - 5.1 **Rose Cottage, High Street, Damerham SP6 3EZ**
 - Application 23/11279 Listed Building Application to construct new porch**

The Council voted all in favour of recommending PAR3 approval as there are similar porches already in the High Street and the new structure will not affect the building.
 - Application 23/23/11294 Erection of single storey garden building**

The Council voted all in favour of recommending PAR1 approval as it will be placed on existing concrete base and cannot be converted into something else in the future. However, the ridge height is higher than the permitted 2.4 metres.
 - 5.2 **To review decisions by NFDC Planning Authority:**
 - Application 23/11132 The Brambles, West Park Lane, Damerham SP6 3HB**

The Council noted the decision to grant permission, Subject to Conditions
6. **Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items:** None
7. **Parish Council Matters:**
 - 7.1 **To discuss and vote on increase in 2023 s137 payments:** Cllrs Crane, Stephens and Godber abstained from voting due to connections with the Village Hall, Sports Hall and Church. The remaining councillors voted all in favour of not increasing this year's payments.
 - 7.2 **To discuss creation of Community Resilience Plan:** It was agreed that building community resilience in times of emergency was a good idea. This would involve local contacts and skills. Cllr Doherty kindly offered to develop it and report back at a later meeting.
8. **Finance: Financial Position:**
 - 8.1 **To review current balances and financial position**
 - Current account: £1219.32
 - Instant Access account: £19801.97

8.2 Expenditure

1.9.23	DCC Damerham	s137 St Georges's	250.00
1.9.23	Time2Display	Parish Pump - Aug	36.00
1.9.23	L Malcom	Clerk wages Aug + WFH	320.00
8.9.23	L Malcom	expenses	82.80
30.9.23	Unity Bank	bank charges	8.80
4.10.23	L Malcom	Clerk wages September	290.00
4.10.23	HMRC	Clerk taxes Aug-Sep	140.00
26.10.23	NFDC	Election fee	75.00
1.11.23	L Malcom	Clerk wages October	280.00
1.11.23	Time2Display	Pump Oct & Nov	72.00
23.11.23	ICO	GDPR fee	35.00
30.11.23	Avon Tree Care	cut fallen tree fp49	100.00
30.11.23	L Malcom	Clerk wages November	280.00
30.11.23	L Malcom	Clerk expenses	38.38
30.11.23	Sandleheath Parish Cou	50% phone & paper	24.94
28.12.23	L Malcom	Email expenses	7.20
28.12.23	L Malcom	Email expenses	61.20
28.12.23	Time2Display	Pump Jan	36.00
28.12.23	L Malcom	Clerk wages December	280.00
31.12.23	Unity Bank	Bank charges	18.00

9. Community matters:

9.1. To receive an update and discuss next steps regarding phone box: Cllr Docherty advised that Men's Shed had provided a quote of £759 + VAT to shot blast phone box to remove old paint. All voted in favour of accepting quote.

9.2. To receive an update on works reported to Highways, if any: Work by the layby on Court Hill had been completed but the road signs had not been removed. Two potholes had been passed to contractors for works. The overhanging tree on Mill Lane had been dealt with but there were complaints that the pieces had been placed in the ditch, thereby exacerbating drainage problems.

9.3. To discuss storm damage to the Meadow: The fallen tree has been removed by the Lengthsman with help, and the parish Council had booked the unallocated day of 26th January to pay for the additional help. The storm damage to the bandstand will be claimed under insurance. Cllr Tandy advised he had not yet received updated quotes for the swing replacement.

Action: Cllrs Crane and Tandy will arrange quotes for repair of bandstand – as soon as possible

10. Environmental matters:

10.1 Parish Lengthsman: The last visit was spent clearing the fallen tree. Cllr Crane advised he will order scalplings for footpath 49 and the path at back of the nursery by 1st March. Scalplings will be paid for by £400 grant previously received from NFDC Cllr Richards.

11. Correspondence: Hampshire County Council have revealed they need to make cuts of £132 million and there is the possibility of Somerley tip being closed. It is believed that there will be an increase in fly tipping and the closest available tip will be Eastleigh. There is also the potential closing of Fordingbridge Library. Residents are encouraged to submit comments on the consultation by 31st March via the website:

www.hants.gov.uk

Action: Cllr Tandy to submit comment on behalf of the parish council – as soon as possible

12. To receive reports from members who have attended meetings of outside bodies: None

Date of next meeting: Monday 19th February 2024 at 7.30pm – to discuss planning applications only
Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm

These are draft minutes until approved at the next meeting

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