

DAMERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday 17th August 2026 in Damerham Village Hall

Councillors present: Chair P Tandy, Vice Chair D Crane, Cllrs A Bellows, P Doherty, and G Ruth

Members of the public present: None

Others present: Parish Clerk: Mark Baulch

Public participation: There were no members of the public present

26.5.1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Councillors K Anderson, R Major, A Pardoe and P Stephens sent their apologies. The Chairman declared quorum.

26.5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR ON ANY AGENDA ITEM: None.

26.5.3 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

3.1 To receive and comment on applications received:

26/10666 NORTHOVERS, HIGH STREET, DAMERHAM SP6 3EU

Single-storey rear extension

Cllr Ruth felt that there was a lack of detailed information in the application. Cllr Bellows said that it seemed to be quite small. Cllr Ruth said that this extension was 16m² but that there was no history from before. Cllr Tandy added that was in the officers report from previous applications. It has not reached the 30% overall size increase. Cllr Bellows asked how old the property was and Cllr Tandy replied mid 1910's. So, not listed. Cllr Bellows was concerned about the bio-diversity checklist. Needs checking for bats? Cllr Tandy agreed that a condition for a bat report would be expected, but we can add this. Cllr Crane said that there was no mention of light pollution. There are bi-fold doors and lanterns in the roof with no statement about how to mitigate. Cllr Bellows did not want to support the application until the bio-diversity report had been received. Cllr Tandy pointed out that with the recent application in West Park Lane, updated plans went up quite quickly once requested. Cllr Crane added that the rooflights were an issue, three currently, extra in extension plan. Size wise seems OK. Worried about ecology and dark skies. Cllr Doherty felt that the bat issue would be resolved and that nobody was saying anything hideous or that it should not be built. I think that we should support it. Cllr Tandy added that side issues could be sorted out before the application if the pre-application process was followed. Cllr Doherty **PROPOSED** PAR3, We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed. Not seconded. Cllr Crane **PROPOSED** PAR1, We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed, but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers, adding our comments. Not seconded. Cllr Bellows **PROPOSED** PAR5, We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers. Cllr Doherty defended PAR3, Cllr Ruth then **SECONDED** PAR1. The vote saw four Councillors in favour of this, one abstained. **ACTION:** Clerk to respond PAR1, We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed, but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers. Reasons: Like to see ecology survey completed, Materials for lantern lights should be stipulated for dark skies along with bi-fold doors.

3.2 To review decisions received from the NFDC Planning Authority:

26/10461 42 WEST PARK LANE, DAMERHAM SP6 3HB

Granted Subject to Conditions

Cllr Tandy noted that they had to change glass and a few other conditions.

3.3 Other planning matters: None.

26.5.4 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS:

To approve payment: Cllrs Tandy and Crane signed the expense for the repair of the park bench.

26.5.5 AOB

5.1 To discuss jobs for the lengthsman on 4th September

Parish Clerk confirmed that a number of proposed jobs had been noted from the WhatsApp group. Cllr Crane in favour of asking him to chop down overhanging branches above bus shelter, notice board and telephone box. Cllr Bellows also suggested clearing detritus from river bed. Stocks Cottage tree is the priority one.

5.2 To discuss Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Cllr Crane explained that the current co-ordinator wanted to retire. There is meant to be an informal committee of representatives. Do we want or need a Neighbourhood Watch scheme? Cllr Bellows suggested a call for volunteers in The Pump, but Cllr Crane did that in the last edition. Cllr Doherty felt that things work differently now with Facebook and WhatsApp. Cllr Crane wondered whether we could use the Western Downland Noticeboard [on Facebook]. Cllr Tandy agreed that there is quite a

lot of useful information on there. Cllr Doherty also agreed that is the way forward as did Cllr Ruth. Cllr Crane asked whether we needed to coordinate with the local Police Officer but Cllr Bellows also agreed that all messaging was by Social Media now. Cllr Crane highlighted the monthly newsletter and regular updates from Hampshire Alert. It was **AGREED**: to add details of where to get information on The Pump and the website. alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk

The Clerk brought forward an e-mail from the Royal British Legion asking for the Council to take responsibility for the proposed memorial event on 11th November. Cllr Tandy noted that attendees do sometimes spill on to the road. All Councillors were in favour of **ACTION**: Clerk to prepare Risk Assessment and Councillors to be available to help with event. Clerk to respond to Legion accordingly. The Clerk had received a survey request with regards to SpeedWatch. **ACTION**: Forward to Chair. Cllr Bellows raised a concern on the repair of the park bench as the ends of the seat stick out. There seems to be too much overhang. All agreed to monitor.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday 21st September 2026 at 7.30pm – Village Hall
Monday 19th October 2026 (if needed for planning applications)

Meeting closed at 20:15

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