

AGENDA

MEETING OF DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 15 March 2026, 7:00pm

Jubilee Hall, Waller Park Pavilion, Wood Lane, Darenth DA2 7LR

The Chairman will remind the Meeting of the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of any part of the proceedings. Anyone wishing to film events is asked to declare an intention prior to commencement of the meeting.

138/04/26: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

139/04/26: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

140/04/26: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18 March 2026 be approved and adopted as a true record.

141/04/26: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Chairman will confirm any items for consideration and indicate their position on the agenda.

142/04/26: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND WORKING GROUPS

- (a) **Dartford Borough Council Report**
- (b) **Kent County Council Community Warden Report**
- (c) **Greenlands School Parking - Working Group Report**

RECOMMENDATION: To note external reports as presented.

143/04/26: FINANCE

- (a) **To consider Grant Applications received**
- (b) **To note monthly Finance Statements**

RECOMMENDATION: To agree and note financial statements as presented.

144/04/26: TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING BRIDLEWAYS WITHIN THE PARISH

Having been deferred from the March meeting of the Council, Members should review pothole reports on Parish bridleways close to Greenlands School and Dene Yard, Green Street Green Road, and respond accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Clerk acts in accordance with any decision made.

145/04/26: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION CONSULTATION ('LGR CONSULTATION')

Having received support for the proposal, Members are asked to note that the agreed response to the LGR Consultation was submitted to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 25 March 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: That the submission of the response to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 25 March 2026, be noted.

146/04/26: TO NOTE UPDATE TO THE 2025 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) - ASSERTION 10

(a) The 2025 AGAR has introduced a requirement that the Internal Auditor asserts that:

- the Council has the recommended gov.uk domain
- the Council has at least one clerk/Authority owned domain
- every Member has a secure dedicated e-mail address separate from any personal account
- the Council has an up-to-date Information Technology and Privacy Policy

(b) whilst not a requirement, it is deemed 'best practice' for a Council to work toward all Members and staff having '.gov.uk' e-mail address

(c) HugoFox, the Council's website/domain provider is offering ten gov.uk email addresses at a monthly cost of £17.49 + VAT.

Members are asked to determine the requirement for dedicated gov.uk addresses for all Members.

RECOMMENDATION: To note requirements for the AGAR Assertion 10 and conclude the requirement for dedicated Member gov.uk email addresses.

147/04/26: POLICY CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

To consider adoption of Information Technology & Privacy Policy, noting that it is in accordance with the National Association of Local Council's model document.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members consider and adopt the Information Technology & Privacy Policy as part of the AGAR Assertion 10 requirement.

148/04/26: TO CONSIDER REFERRING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF THE B260/B262 JUNCTION AS PART OF THE COUNCIL'S HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO WEST KENT HIGHWAY'S IMPROVEMENT TEAM FOR DELIBERATION

RECOMMENDATION: That Members consider the proposed plans in respect of the B260/B262 Junction.

149/04/26: TO NOTE ANNUAL COUNCIL PROPERTY INSPECTION

Members are asked to note the details of the Waller Park flat annual property inspection carried out on 10 March 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report and details therein be noted.

150/04/26: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Planning Reference	Location	Proposals
25/01373/FUL	Hawkspace Ltd Hawkins Yard	Mixed-use of the land as a crane and construction equipment, hire and sales yard with storage of cranes, plant, materials,

	Green Street Green Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DP	machinery, containers, and other construction equipment and vehicles with use of existing buildings for shot blasting (shot blasting shed), workshop and office (building 1) (Use Classes B8, B2, E(gi & giii). In addition, the provision of associated construction and alteration of hardstandings, fencing, drainage infrastructure, new substation infrastructure, with amendments to access and provision of new landscaping (retrospective) (smaller site) with fencing and acoustic fencing.
25/01374/FUL	Hawkspare Ltd Hawkins Yard Green Street Green Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DP	Mixed-use of the land as a crane and construction equipment, hire and sales yard with storage of cranes, plant, materials, machinery, containers, and other construction equipment and vehicles and associated accredited construction-plant training facility with moveable welfare unit containers with use of existing buildings for shot blasting (shot blasting shed), storage for the training facility (veteran shed) workshop and office (building 1) (Use Classes B8, B2, E(gi & giii) & F1). In addition, the provision of associated construction and alteration of hardstandings, fencing, land re-grading, drainage infrastructure, new substation infrastructure, with amendments to access and provision of new landscaping (retrospective) (larger site) with fencing and acoustic fencing.
26/00294/FUL	Fairfield (Front) Green Street Green Road Darenth Kent DA2 8DP	Erection of concrete framed building with steel cladding, use of building and associated land for storage (Use Class B8), acoustic and palisade fence, impermeable hardstanding, covered vehicle maintenance area and improved visibility from existing access on to Green Street Green Road (retrospective)
26/00322/FUL	12 Moore Close Darenth Kent DA2 6NN	Erection of a single storey rear extension
26/00357/FUL	12 Moore Close Darenth Kent DA2 6NN	Loft conversion including the formation of a rear dormer and installation of roof lights to the front roof slope

(b) **To note recent decisions made by the Planning Authority**

(c) **To consider new applications/recent decisions received after agenda publication**

151/04/26: TO RECEIVE PARISH UPDATES

A verbal summary will be provided to members regarding recent Parish issues that do not require Full Council approval. The topics are shared for informational purposes; members requiring more details on specific items should contact the Clerk.

152/04/26: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 20 May 2026.