

A G E N D A

MEETING OF DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 15 October 2025, 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.

73/10/25: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

74/10/25: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

75/10/25: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 September 2025 be approved and adopted as a true record.

76/10/25: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Chairman will announce his decision as to whether any items received for consideration since agenda production are suitably urgent to be discussed at the meeting and indicate their position on the agenda

77/10/25: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND WORKING GROUPS

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

78/10/25: FINANCE

- (a) **To note receipt of 2nd half precept amount in the sum of £45,281.00 received on 26 September 2025**
- (b) **To consider Grant Applications**

RECOMMENDATION: To consider any Grant Applications received as presented.

- (c) **Insurance renewal**
To note renewal of Parish Council insurance on 9 November 2025 with Hiscox Insurance Company Limited, at a cost of £4,537.51 for the annual premium and tax of £544.50 resulting in a total payable of £5,082.01.

The Clerk proposes that an option for paying monthly instalments by direct debit be implemented for the 2025 insurance renewal.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Clerk renews the policy and informs the council's insurers regarding payment by monthly direct debit.

(d) **To agree Monthly Bank Analysis as at 30 September 2025**

(e) **To note Monthly Budget Analysis as at 30 September 2025**

(f) **To note interest rate change for the Cambridge & Counties 60-Day Business Notice Account**

The current rate of 3.30% Gross/AER (monthly 3.251%) variable will change to 3.00% Gross/AER (monthly 2.960%) variable, from 5 December 2025.

(g) **To note Yorkshire Gas Power's Regulated Asset Base Charge**

The electricity supplier for Darenth Hall has notified the Parish Council of a new charge, effective from the 1st of November called the Nuclear Regulated Asset Base (RAB) charge. This applies to all electricity contracts with Yorkshire Gas Power.

What is the RAB charge? - This charge is a government levy and is a way of funding large scale projects in the energy industry, in this case, the Sizewell C nuclear project. It is part of the Nuclear Energy (Financing) Act 2022, which allows small costs to be passed on to all consumers via their electricity supplier to fund projects aimed at reducing future energy costs. The scheme is regulated by Ofgem and administered by the Low Carbon Contract Company (LCCC).

How much is the charge? - It is a small charge per unit (kWh) of electricity charged on the bill. Based on a typical small business user consuming 12,000kWh of electricity per year, it is estimated to add between £3-£6 per month to each bill. The charge is variable and will be amended in line with when Ofgem and LCCC update the rates (which is anticipated to be on a quarterly basis).

RECOMMENDATION: To agree and note financial records and information as presented.

79/10/25: TO DISCUSS PARISH LITTER BINS

80/10/25: TO RECEIVE UPDATE IN RESPECT OF WALLER PARK WOODEN GARAGE DOORS

With Members noting reported deterioration of the large wooden garage doors, approval was sought to source quotes for their imminent replacement.

One Member suggested that the greens maintenance contractor could be responsible for half of the costs and recommended contacting Omega Tree Care Ltd. However, the building is owned by the Parish Council, and the current greens maintenance contract permits equipment storage provided it is insured by the contractor.

RECOMMENDATION: Members are asked to confirm their preferred options regarding the repair and payment for the Waller Park garage doors.

81/10/25: TO RECEIVE UPDATE IN RESPECT OF PARISH DOG WASTE BINS

At its September 2025 meeting, the Council agreed to audit and review potential needs for new bins and report findings at the October meeting.

Councillors Manuel and Kelly have reported potential locations for consideration as:

1. At the top of Wood Lane
2. Opposite the coop near the bus shelter
3. At the bottom of the slope (near the bridge that goes over the road near the school)
4. As close to the road on Green Street Green opposite the opening to the farmers field, opposite 28 Watchgate

The Clerk confirmed with Dartford Borough Council (DBC) Waste Management that DBC will empty additional bins free of charge but will not be responsible for any future bin replacements.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members consider and confirm any replacement dog waste bins as required.

82/10/25: TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

RECOMMENDATION: That Members consider and approve recommended activities in line with the Council's Event Management Policy and Procedures.

83/10/24: PLANNING

(a) To consider new applications

Planning Reference	Location	Proposals
25/01043/TPO	27 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6JN	Application for G1 - Pair of Himalayan Birch to be reduced by no more than 1.2m and lightly thin by 10% (as per annotated photograph), subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995
25/01123/FUL	10 Littledale Green Street Green Rd Darenth Kent DA2 7HU	Erection of a part single/part two storey rear extension & internal alterations
25/01128/FUL	Savigny Darenth Hill Darenth Kent DA2 7QR	Erection of a part single storey/part two storey rear extension
DA/25/01068/P3R PRIOR APPROVAL NOTICE	Land At Darenth Hill Darenth Kent DA2 7QY	Application under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 as to whether prior approval is required for proposed conversion of the existing barn into an office (Class E(g)(i))

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

Planning Reference	Location	Proposal	Decision
DA/25/00584/COU	Land Adjacent Ryecroft Farm Green St Green Rd Darenth Kent	Conversion of existing building into a one-bedroom dwelling (Use Class C3)	PERMISSION REFUSED
DA/25/00711/FUL	17 Powell Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6NT	Change of use of land to residential garden and provision of a hard standing for vehicle parking with dropped kerb	PERMISSION GRANTED

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

84/10/25: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council is Wednesday 19 November 2025.