

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMONS & AGENDA

To All Members of The Council:

Councillor I Armitt
Councillor K Holmes
Councillor S Holmes (Vice Chairman)
Councillor I Gutteridge
Councillor T Hicks
Councillor T Prentice
Councillor D Risely
Councillor N Weavis (Chairman)
Councillor K Webb

You are summoned to attend the
Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on:

Wednesday 17 July 2024, 7:30pm
Jubilee Hall, Waller Park Pavilion,
Wood Lane, Darenth DA2 7LR

Ellen Mote

Ellen Mote
Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Dated: 10 July 2024



***Should Members have any requests regarding the content of the agenda
or draft minutes please inform the clerk 24 hours in advance of the meeting***

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A G E N D A

MEETING OF DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 17 July 2024, 7:30pm

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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.

36/07/24: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

37/07/24: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

38/07/24: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes be approved as a true record.

39/07/24: 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.

40/07/24: TO RECEIVE EXTERNAL REPORTS

(a) **Borough Councillor Report**

(b) **Kent Police Report**

41/07/24: FINANCE

(a) **To consider expenditure of Community Infrastructure Levy income of £2,248.80**

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in the sum of £2,248.80 was received on 2 May 2023. Members are asked to note the CIL position, together with the spend criteria, and identify expenditure by 1 May 2028.

Councillors are asked to consider using CIL funds for bridleway infrastructure costs of £3,550.00 to the south of Greenlands Primary School.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members consider applying Community Infrastructure Levy income of £2,248.80 for bridleway infrastructure repairs.

(b) **Grant Applications**

To consider the **exclusion** of the **press and public** for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2).

(c) **To agree Monthly Bank Analysis as at 30 June 2024**

(d) **To note Monthly Budget Analysis as at 30 June 2024**

RECOMMENDATION: To agree and note financial records as presented.

42/07/24: TO RECEIVE UPDATE IN RESPECT OF COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

At the June 2024 meeting, the Parish Council resolved to extend an invitation to members of the public to express their interest in participating in a Community Speed Watch Programme. The invitation was publicised with a request for response by Friday 5th July, with any volunteer proposals or scheme conclusions being reported to Members for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Clerk notes any appropriate action or conclusion for the Community Speed Watch Programme.

43/07/24: TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR SUBMISSION TO KENT COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOLLOWING PUBLIC PRE-CONSULTATION

Darenth Parish Council submits an annual Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) to the Kent County Council (KCC) Community & Engagement Team (WEST), following public pre-consultation. This year's pre-consultation period, inviting public concerns and proposals for the 2024 HIP, has now taken place and the Plan is due for submission on 1 August 2024.

One request was received concerning the junction of Green Street Green Road and Sandbanks Hill (near to Manor Farm Cottages) Previous traffic collisions have, on occasion, required assistance from Kent Fire & Rescue Service, South East Coast Ambulance Service and Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey & Sussex. Longfield Academy has a bus pick-up/drop-off point opposite Manor Farm Cottages and one parent has grave concerns regarding children crossing the main carriageway.

With no other requests being raised, Members are asked to examine this request and provide potential solutions which will form the basis of Darenth's 2024 Highways Improvement Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members consider public proposals and approve submission of the Highways Improvement Plan 2024.

44/07/24: TO NOTE CESSATION OF TREE-WATERING PLAN – 2021 TO 2024

Following grant funding from Kent County Council in 2020, the Parish Council arranged the planting of eight sapling trees on greens at the junction of Green Street Green Road and Shellbank Lane. A three-year watering plan was assigned for: Year one planting and water thirteen times during the growing season, with years two and three being watered seven times each year with approximately 75 litres of water. However, with some Covid restrictions still in place, combined with an unusually hot, dry summer and a change of contractor towards the end of the watering plan, the saplings sadly had a difficult start in life.

With the Council currently maintaining another 312 trees throughout the Parish, Members are asked to note cessation of the watering-plan in September 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members note cessation of the Tree-Watering Plan 2021-2024 for trees located on greens at the junction of Green Street Green Road and Shellbank Lane.

45/07/24: POLICY CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

(a) **To consider adoption of Fire Evacuation Policy**

(b) **To consider adoption of Flagpole Flying Policy**

RECOMMENDATION: That Members consider and adopt new Council Policies as presented.

46/07/24: PLANNING

(a) **To consider new applications**

Planning Reference	Location	Proposals
DA/24/00776/TPO	42 Darenth Park Avenue Darenth Kent DA2 6LX	Application to crown reduce by 30% (4.2m from height to leave at approx 10.8m in height and reduce spread by 1.5m all round-see annotated photo), prune back from property giving 2.5m clearance, crown lift to 5m above ground level and remove significant dead branches of T1 No. Lime tree to side of house subject to Tree Preservation Order No.1 1995.

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

Planning Reference	Location	Proposals	Decision
DA/24/00439/FUL	25 Watchgate Darenth Kent DA2 7JZ	Provision of a vehicle access onto B260 and excavation of front garden to create a driveway	PERMISSION GRANTED
DA/23/01096/FUL Appeal Ref: APP/T2215/W/24/3342474	1 Lunedale Road Dartford Kent DA2 6LR	Erection of side extension and garage conversion to convert single dwelling house into 2 No. dwellinghouses	AWAITING DECISION

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

47/07/24: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Following Summer recess, the proposed date for the next Meeting of the Council is Wednesday 18 September 2024.