

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 17th JANUARY [DEFERRED FROM 10th JANUARY]

There was no public forum.

1.1 - Welcome and apologies – the Chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Chris Poupard, John Butler, Michael Simons, Jean Loveridge, Ernie Hare and Simon Manning. Michael Gower [Suffolk County Councillor] was also present.

Apologies were received from Jasmine Backhouse, Keith Rolfe, Caroline Cardwell [clerk] and Raymond Catchpole [SD Councillor].

1.2 - Declarations of Interest and dispensations allowed – none

1.3 - Minutes of previous meeting [8th November 2016] were signed as a true record.

1.4 - Matters arising not on agenda – none

1.5 - Finances – balances at 30-12-16

➤ C/acct -	£5,313.27
➤ Sav/acct -	£4,601.60
➤ Total -	£9,914.87

No cheques were presented. S137 donations – decisions deferred to next meeting.

1.6 – Budget & Precept for year April 2017 to March 2018

After discussion the budgetary allocations for the financial year 2017/18 were agreed and It was agreed to increase the precept to **£5,250**; however this is represented as a **0% increase** in actual cost to Darsham residents.

1.7 - Planning.

- DC/16/5404 LBC – Darsham House Coach House – Councillors supported this application
- DC/16/4941/TCA – Shingle Cottage – Councillors noted SCDC decision to permit and had no objection
- DC/16/4003/PN3 – Priory Farm - Councillors had no objection in principle, but wondered if the building in question was suitable for conversion.

1.8 – Sizewell C – proposed nuclear reactor

Much work had been undertaken by Councillors Poupard and Simons with regard to the PC response to the consultation about the Sizewell C proposal.

The PC recorded their thanks for this work and this was supported by Suffolk County Councillor Michael Gower.

There were several key points within a verbal report, the major issues highlighted the problems facing the village with the proposed Northern Park & Ride, located opposite the Londis shop and garage. Other points were :

- ❖ The response time was short and it was **very important** for responses to be received in time [cut off date February 3rd] as the next consultation will in fact be the EDF submission to the Inspector
- ❖ That local areas and Parish Councils need to work together when formulating responses, to this end Councillors Poupard and Simons have forged links with Theberton and Yoxford
- ❖ That several key reports had not yet been released by EDF making informed decisions very difficult

After this initial discussion a statement prepared by Councillor Poupard was discussed, in parts amended then agreed as the Darsham PC response.

A shortened version of this statement will be made available to all residents in the next issue of the Fisherman.

1.9 – Orchard & Allotments – Councillor Poupard reported that the number of allotments being used had dropped by 6 or 7 due to a series of circumstances. In light of this a revised plan for reducing the impact of rabbits on the allotments would be prepared.

There was no orchard report.

1.10 – Reports from County, District and Parish Councillors –

Councillor Hare – no report as Sizewell C had been previously discussed

There was no formal report regarding the Village Hall as Councillor Rolfe was unwell, however; the Chairman was able to inform the Council that the new development, including the provision of the new Village Hall was now in a favourable position and it was hoped a decision would be reached soon.

Suffolk County councillor Gower reported that the issues surrounding the Devolution agenda were currently being superseded by discussion about Sizewell C.

Highways were becoming more responsive to issues raised by Councils

1.11- Any Other Business and correspondence -

There were no correspondence matters

There were no AOB issues

1.12 – Meeting date –

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th February 2017, starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.