

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SYDENHAM DAMEREL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT CHURCHTOWN COURT
ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER 2014

Present: The Chairman Tracy Windemer, Barry Isaacs, Stephen Reddicliffe, Margaret Hurdwell, Denise Head, Cllrs. Debo Sellis and David Whitcombe.

Apologies: Jane Franklin

1. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.
2. Matters Arising: Parish Lengthsman - It was noted that this position no longer exists and DCC Highways Dept. will deal with any problems occurring on roads/verges in the parish.
3. Next Precept: Cllr. Sellis confirmed that WDBC would be financially cutting down in areas such as extra salt/grit for roads and advised that the parish council should consider these matters for the coming year.

In this connection it was reported that the remaining available bags of salt, now stored at Wooda, Townlake were deteriorating and it was recommended that the parish council acquired a tarpaulin to protect these.

3. Planning:

3.1 Chriss Cottage, Townlake: Application for building Granny Annexe on demolition of existing garages. - Cllr. Whitcombe reported that he had recently visited Mr. Britten and had advised him that as there still appeared to be a few technicalities involved in this proposal, it might be better to re-apply in the near future when new rules were being introduced regarding the development boundary in rural areas.

3.2 Royal Inn, Horsebridge: Listed Building Consent for Replacement Windows in modern side extension : After some discussion it was agreed that the parish council would support this proposal as it would be a great asset environmentally, giving customers extra heat at reduced costs.

3.4 Hartwell: Installation of Outdoor Swimming Pool. Permission has been granted.

3.5 Notice Board to be placed outside the Royal Inn. This has been granted and a notice board supplied by a large commercial firm appears to be fit all requirements as approved by WDBC. However, it was suggested that it might be more fitting if the work was done locally and details of the project are being passed to a local joiner to get an indication of costs involved.

3.6 Gated access at Lamerhooe Cross: Email received from Planning Enforcement as follows:

“A complaint was received by WDBC raising concern over the creation of an access at Lamerhooe Cross and subsequent landscaping. Having visited the site and having researched historic records, I am satisfied that the double gated access already existed and therefore does not require consent. The removal of a small section of hedge, replaced with stone banking also does not require consent.

It is the Officer’s view that the access is in fact an improvement on what was previously in situ by reason of visibility has improved for farm vehicles entering and exiting the site.”

4. Southwest Resilience Campaign: This document deals with road and rail links regarding the South West Peninsula transport network in this year’s Autumn Statement. The campaign is calling for

1. Improvements to the A303/A30/A358 to create a reliable second strategic road link from London to the South West Peninsula.
2. A resilient and reliable railway for the South West Peninsula
3. Faster rail journey times and better connections
4. Sufficient capacity and quality of our trains to meet demand.

The Parish Council will shortly send some input to support this campaign.

5. “Our Plan - Town & Parish Council Training: Future Development in Your Community”:

This event deals with concerns about future development which might take place and what this could mean for individual communities. It was postponed on 15th October and the parish council has expressed an interest to attend at a future planned date.

6. Dog Fouling: It was unanimously agreed that this is becoming a serious problem in Sydenham Damerel. It was suggested that a notice about this should be urgently placed on the notice board and if possible a few more posters strategically placed within the parish.

7. Gates on footpath: It was reported that the two kissing-gates on the public footpath from Townlake to Horsebridge are badly in need of attention. They are quite old and considered to be an important feature. DCC (Footpaths) are to be contacted.

A.O.B: The next Parish Council meeting will be in January 2015.