

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SYDENHAM  
DAMEREL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT "DRAGONFLY COTTAGE" ON WEDNESDAY,  
13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

Present: Tracy Windemer, Barry Isaacs, Jane Franklin,  
James Pattison, Denise Head.

Apologies: Stephen Reddicliffe, Claire Brittan, Cllrs.  
Debo Sellis and Bob Baldwin.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were  
agreed but subject to the following Amendment:  
Michael Cassidy and Ellie Medd attended this meeting  
to explain details of their proposed planning  
application at Churchtown Farm.

Planning:

1. Churchtown Farm - The Parish Council has raised a  
question about the siting of a log cabin/shed on this  
property. This was taken up with Planning Dept. some  
time ago and acknowledgment has only just been  
received, worded as "Allocated to an Officer who will  
be in touch".

2. Hartwell Barn: Despite several comments of non-  
support from the Parish Council, this application was  
given a Conditional Consent, confirmation of which

was not passed to the Parish Council. Details of the decision were luckily found on-line.

With regard to the above applications, the Parish Council was not satisfied with the inadequate communication from Planning Dept. and will take the matter further.

Transparency Code Funding: Confirmation received that the Parish Council's application for funding has been approved and will be available at the end of the month. The PC has looked into competitive quotes and Western Web will be given the contract to run the website for the parish. This will be at an initial fee of £400 with an annual fee of £47 and £11 every two years.

Precept: It was agreed that this should be £

"Our Plan" The Parish Council has acknowledged WDBC's concerns about settlement boundaries with regard to new developments. They are considering the reintroduction of settlement boundaries but do not propose that outside of these boundaries development will be refused; but in those areas it must be demonstrated to be in a sustainable location (close to schools, shops, bus routes, footpaths, cycleways etc.). All this will be in compliance with the government's

instruction that WDBC should consider positively “sustainable development”, whilst giving local communities very clear guidance about what, in WDBC’s terms, can be considered to be “sustainable”.

Notice Board – Horsebridge: There is some concern that this new notice board may have safety issues in respect of the operation of the glass door.

Parking at Culverhill: After some discussion it was agreed that a member of the Parish Council would have a word with all residents at Culverhill, advising more considerate parking.

A.O.B:

Faster Broadband - This is a matter of constant interest and following extensive enquiries it was learned that the support of five business interests within the parish and its close borders, would lend greater strength for residential customers to receive faster broadband speeds of 30-100mbs. After some discussion all members of the Parish Council were certain that at least five businesses could be approached and it was agreed that following further investigation, flyers giving details of this project would be distributed to each property in Sydenham Damerel.

Matters for Devon Highways:

1. Pot-hole: Lane End
2. Missing arm from signpost: Hartwell Cross
3. Repairs to two kissing-gates: Townlake .

Litter: This still seems to be a problem, especially following days of rubbish collection. WDBC will be contacted.