

Sydenham Damerel Parish Council

Minute No 104

Thursday 20th January 2022 held at St Marys Church, Sydenham Damerel

These minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next Parish Council meeting.

Meeting opened 7.02pm

Present: Cllrs H. Payne (Chair), N. Pratten, Cllr N. Furze, P van Delft (clerk)

1. The Chair welcomed those present.
2. Apologies for absence – Cllr Windemer, Cllr Jory (WDBC)
3. Members of the Public Open Forum – no members present.
4. Correspondence – Messages/emails of complaint were received regarding the draft wording of the minute No 103, the clerk reworded the draft.
5. Declarations of Interest - none
6. Minutes of previous meeting 103 were signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Pratten, seconded Cllr Furze, all in favour.
7. Clerk contract – A review of the draft contract for the clerk was considered, Cllr Payne proposed and Cllr Pratten seconded the draft, all in favour. Signing of the contract at the next meeting.
8. Finance – R.F.O. reported on:
 - 8.1 R.F.O. report – Unfortunately no bank statement had been received since October thus a reconciliation was not possible.
 - 8.2 Bank account – Cllrs to submit the updated mandate to include new signatories, and e banking at their earliest opportunity.
 - 8.3. Council email hosting account – It was resolved that the council would save money by ending the existing email hosting contract when it is due for renewal for the year 2022-23. Cllrs and the clerk to set up new ‘free to serve’ email accounts at the earliest opportunity.
 - 8.4 Draft budget and precept request for 2022-23 - A draft budget was considered by Cllrs, after much debate and scrutiny it was resolved to adopt the budget, the precept request was therefore set for £2673 for the year 2022-23 in relation to the budget, motion proposed by Cllr Furze, seconded Cllr Payne, all in favour.
9. New councillors – No applicants were in attendance.
10. Councillor’s reports – Cllr Pratten reported that Mr Thacker has kindly spent time maintaining and varnishing the noticeboard in Sydenham Damerel, all council members wished to convey their thanks for undertaking this work on behalf of the parish. Council members also wished to thank Mr Forster who helped with removing the noticeboard and then putting it back up.
Cllr Payne reported that the council should step up with its planning of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was suggested that local and interested organisations including the church, businesses, The Royal Inn and of course individuals may also wish to be involved with the arrangements. Ideas for the celebrations included, joining in with the nations Beacon lighting evening and then followed by a BBQ for Thursday 2nd June, Sunday 5th June would also see the parish join in with the nations lunch/street party celebrations. Friday and Saturday would see an opportunity to hold other events. A commemorative gift was also proposed for each household, more detail to be obtained. A working party is to be set up to make arrangements.
11. WDBC Cllr Jory did not provide a report at this meeting.

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12. Council action plan:

- 12.1 Defibrillators – Cllr Payne reported that patrons of the Royal Inn had raised £706.50 towards the cost of another defibrillator, Cllr Payne on behalf of all the council thanked the landlord for all the work to make the fundraising such a great success, a certificate was presented to the landlord, Cllr Payne would now obtain quotes and the clerk would see what grants are available to purchase a suitable defibrillator. It was resolved that the clerk would draft a letter to the current homeowners requesting authority to place the existing defibrillator on their property. Cllrs thought that a Defibrillator training session would be beneficial to parishioners.
- 12.2 Highways and byways – Cllr Windemer reported via email that he had been in touch with Devon Highways and that it was agreed that he and DH would meet to discuss the flooding problem from Derriton Cross to Lane End. Cllr Windemer had distributed the highways winter grit bags to the known vulnerable blackspots in the village. Cllrs wished to convey their thanks for undertaking this work for the parish. Cllr Pratten confirmed that there was no intention to increase signage, alter the layout of roads, use rumble strips or speed bumps to slow traffic in areas of concern in the parish. The intention is for a representative from D.H. make a site visit in order seek possible options to reduce the speed limit in these areas. If this is reduced to 20mph, further discussion will take place in order to set up a Community Speedwatch team to monitor vehicles speed. Several parishioners have already expressed an interest in becoming part of a team but nothing can be done until a 20mph limit is achieved. Unfortunately, D.H. have so far refused a site visit, Cllr Pratten will continue to persevere with this action plan. Cllr Payne suggested that some considered signage enhanced with possible seasonal planting may also help to encourage road users to reduce their speed, further consultation was thought appropriate.
- 12.3 Community development- Cllrs considered how many newsletter editions would be produced for the year, it was resolved that 3 or 4 editions would be sufficient. Cllr Payne reported that a Facebook presence would also provide parishioners with valuable parish information, Cllr Payne to work on creating a Facebook page.
- 12.4. Environment and sustainability –Cllr Furze reported that she was planning a significant tree planting programme on land owned by her. It was motioned that 25 young native trees could be planted by the parish young folk, also a motion to plant a tree by a parish councillor was supported, both planting events to coincide with the Queens Jubilee celebrations.

Items for inclusion for the next meeting – Review of standing orders

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Date of next scheduled meeting: Thursday 21st April 2022 this will follow after the Annual Parish meeting.

Signed Chair

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