

Sydenham Damerel Parish Council

Minute No 109

Thursday 1st September 2022 held at St Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

These Minutes are provisional until they are signed by the Chair at the next Parish Council Meeting

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs N. Furse (Chair), N. Pratten, R. Windemer

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Apologies for absence: Cllr. N. Jory
3. Members of the public forum: three members of the public were present.
Cllr. Pratten informed everyone that she would be taking the minutes of the meeting in a voluntary capacity and would not be paid for this service. She reminded everyone of the correct protocol for the public forum
 - A parishioner extended his thanks to Cllr. Pratten for taking the trouble to speak to Devon Association of Local Councils in respect of his concerns regarding the Annual Parish Meeting minutes and he was satisfied with the outcome but felt the Clerk should apologise to the Parish Council for giving misleading information.
 - The same parishioner, on behalf of the Churchwarden, asked about the payment to the Church for its hire. The Chair explained that there had been a problem with TSB sorting out the paperwork for the new signatories and she would "chase" this as a matter of great urgency.
 - A parishioner raised the topic of the commemorative benches as several parishioners had passed comment to them regarding purchasing recycled, plastic wood effect benches. Cllr. Pratten replied that she was disappointed that this had not been shared with her prior to the meeting. This is an agenda item and the Parish Council stated that it would consider the concerns. A parishioner believed that another parishioner in Sydenham Damerel may have a sturdy wooden bench that he may consider donating to the Parish.
 - A parishioner wanted to know if the Parish Council would be able to come up with an initiative to help encourage parishioners to help with litter-picking and perhaps the Councillors would lead by example. Cllr. Pratten stated that she herself had spent considerable time picking up litter from the lanes but she would look at some websites that may have some ideas to encourage others. The same parishioner asked if the Parish Council could do anything when litter containing personal information on it is found. Everyone present agreed that sadly, there was little that anyone could do as it wouldn't be regarded as fly-tipping.

4. Declaration of Interest: there were none
5. New bench/ seat/s: As a result of concerns brought to the meeting about using recycled, wood effect plastic, the Parish Council will look at different options including wooden seating. The Chair informed the Parish Council that she had a tree that needed to be cut down and she would be happy to donate it so it could be made into a commemorative bench. Cllr. Windemer said that he would approach the parishioner in Sydenham Damerel to ask about the availability of his bench.
6. Defibrillator Update:
 - 6.1 Training provider, costs and provisional training dates. The Churchwarden had agreed prior to the meeting that St.Mary's could be used as the venue. Cllr. Pratten reported that she had contacted four different organisations that could potentially offer CPR and defibrillator training to the Parish and different quotes were looked at and after discussion, The Community Heartbeat Trust was agreed to be by far the most cost effective at £250 and would be able to be offered to the largest audience of up to 50 attendees. Cllr. Windemer proposed that we accept The Community Heartbeat Trust as the trainers, seconded by Cllr. Furse. Cllr. Pratten said that she would make the booking as soon as she arrived home. She would distribute information out to the Parish via the SD Community distribution list and put posters on the noticeboards but due to her upcoming holiday, she would be unable to distribute fliers to those not on this list. Mr. Hearn volunteered to print out the flyers once Cllr. Pratten had designed them and help distribute them. She thanked him for this help. Booking will be essential via Cllr. Pratten's email address on a first come, first served basis, hopefully in October 2022. The Parish Council will fund the training but Cllr. Pratten said that she would have a collection box available for donations to the Church funds.
 - 6.2 Horsebridge Cabinet: Cllr. Windemer explained that the Royal Inn is a listed building and the Parish Council had to wait for planning permission. It has now received the Certificate of Lawfulness from WDBC and Cllr. Windemer will deliver this to the landlord. The defibrillator will be sited on the side wall of the pub. Three quotes were shared with the PC and the third quote from Safety Tec was the most cost effective at £405 for the cabinet. Cllr. Pratten proposed that this quote was accepted, seconded by Cllr. Furse. The electrical installation would be done for free and be PART P certified. Cllr. Pratten informed the PC that she had produced labels that gave location details for the phone box and defibrillator in Sydenham Damerel and she would do this for Horsebridge once the cabinet was installed.

Meeting closed at 7.54pm