

Downley Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Downley Memorial Hall ,9th July 2019 at 19.45

1 Attendance

Chairman Cllr P Loadman, Cllr Burslem, Cllr Bowden, Cllr Chandarana, Cllr Egmore, Cllr Lazenby, Cllr P Loadman, Cllr Monroe-West, Cllr Sapsford, Cllr W Steneskog, Cllr Srao

District and County Councillors in attendance –Cllr Mallen, Cllr Turner

Four members of the public in attendance

2) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda (7969/07/19)

None

3) Minutes of the Previous meeting (7970/07/19)

The June minutes were agreed as correct and signed.

4) Adjournment for Public Questions (7971/07/19)

A member of the public asked what the latest update was on the proposed one-way system. Cllr Egmore advised the member of the public that the scheme was looked into and at the moment is not a viable option for Downley, however, there are many other road safety initiatives being worked on,

A member of the public said that they believed that some plot holders have not received their rent notification. The Clerk will resend it.

5) Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor (7972/07/19)

Cllr Mallen gave an update on matters relating to the Unitary Council.

Twenty charging points for electric cars will be installed in Buckinghamshire.

Cllr Turner gave an update on the now endorsed Local Plan. Cllr Turner gave thanks for a very well organized Downley Day and Festival.

6) LAF proposals for 2019 applications (7973/07/19)

Middlebrook Road and speed calming measures were discussed fully.

The Council resolved not to make an application for speed calming measures on Middlebrook Rd at this time, however, the Council will continue to fully support residents and will review this decision in 2020. The Council will support any application made by residents.

The Council resolved to apply for LAF funding for a survey to determine if there was a suitable location for a pedestrian crossing in the Village. Proposed sites would be –
The junction of Plomer Green Lane/Plomer Green Avenue and the junction of Plomer Green Lane/Downley High Street.

7) Library Project (7974/07/19)

A proposed new layout of the library had been circulated to Councillors and approved in June. The library committee have been informed and are not in agreement with the changes. The Council unanimously agreed that the Council would proceed as planned with the refurbishment,

8) Downey School Hygiene (7975/07/19)

Councillor Sapsford reported that the school had received a median marking of 3 out of 5 because of some concerns about the equipment used to test the food heating. These points had since been dealt with by the school who have also appealed against the marking

9) Community Governance Review (7976/07/19)

Downley Parish Council has been asked by Local Government Resource Centre to make comment on the Community Governance review which looks at how High Wycombe is represented and locally governed. The Clerk had responded to state that the Council was not in favor of Downey boundaries being changed.

10) Urban Tree Challenge (7977/07/19)

Councillor Egmore gave an overview of the Urban Tree Challenge scheme. Cllr Sapsford will let the school know about it. Clerk will circulate information to local groups.

11) West Wycombe Estate (WWE)

Management of Knott weed on the Common (7978/07/19)

It has been noted that West Wycombe Estate have dealt with the Knott weed problem the Clerk will thank WWE for their assistance.

12 Downley Day and Festival Feedback (7979/07/19)

The Chairman thanked the Downley Day Committee and the Festival Committee for a brilliant festival that was enjoyed by everyone in the Village.

The matter of security at the Concert on the Common was brought to the attention of the Council, residents were concerned that an event the size of the concert should have

security. The Council arranged for security to be present for this year but have requested that this is factored into costs for next year's festival.

13) Approve Annual Audit 2019 and reading of governance statement (7980/07/19)

The full governance statement was read out as per requirements and the audit documents signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer.

14) Planning applications (7981/07/19)

A) 19/06416/FUL - 119 Littleworth Road- Householder application for installation of satellite dish – No concerns from DPC

B) 19/06417/FUL- 2 The Pastures - Householder application for conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and construction of single storey front and side extension to create WC and double garage- Objection - The new buildings (specifically the newly constructed ground floor WC) will very come close to the boundary line with 4 The Pastures, and it is felt that this will be overbearing in appearance to the neighbouring plot and give rise to overdevelopment resulting in a cramped layout on the plot.

Should WDC be minded to approve, DPC ask that the hedging proposed to the west (along Plomer Hill) be added as a condition to any approval, so as to reduce the impact on the street scene.

C) 19/06358/FUL- 41 Hithercroft Rd - Householder application for two storey side extension, single storey side and rear extensions and associated internal alterations- It is not felt that the changes unduly impact or change the approval of 19/05061/FUL.

D) 19/06406/HPDN- 60 Pheasant Drive - Notification of proposed single storey rear extension; Depth extending from the original rear wall of 3.1 metres, a maximum height of 3.375 metres and an eaves height of 2.550 metres- No concerns - Similar works have been previously permitted for 54 Pheasant Drive (9805147FUL) & 36 Pheasant Drive (1308144HPDN).Should WDC be minded to approve, DPC ask that condition of approval be added to ensure that works do not impinge upon the public right of way (DOW/35/1) that runs adjacent to the property boundary.

E) MPJ/19/06520/FUL- 20 Plomer Green Lane - Householder application for construction of 1 x dormer window to side, single storey side extension and partial conversion of existing outbuilding to utility room- **OBJECTION**

DPC believe that these works will lead to an unacceptable dominance of the built form on an already cramped plot. The degree of over-looking from the proposed first floor dormer will also reduce the amenity of neighbours.

F) 19/06265/FUL- 4 Curlew Close - Householder application for erection of single storey rear extension, new front porch & new access steps to front, conversion of garage to habitable room with creation of additional parking space- **NEUTRAL COMMENT**

DPC believes that the parking is too small to meet Countrywide Parking Guidance and also fails to provide sufficiently for the property as outlined in the same document.

Given that WDC have previously permitted plans (18/06686/FUL) that saw the reduction in parking provision on the same road, DPC do not expect WDC to give any consideration to such objections.

G) 19/06498/FUL- Shelena, Jubilee Road- Householder application for construction of single storey side extension (alternative scheme to 18/07583/FUL) - No concerns. This will not impact the street scene and are in keeping with plans approved under 18/07583/FUL

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Decision notices

H) Ref. No: 19/05873/FUL - 26 Plomer Green Avenue - Demolition of 3 x outbuildings to rear garden of 26 Plomer Green Avenue and erection of new 1 x 2 bed bungalow with integral garage - **Status: Application Refused**

I) Ref. No: 19/05861/FUL - 8 Commonsides - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension - **Status: Application Permitted**

J) Ref. No: 19/05766/FUL - Householder application for construction of part two storey front extension/first floor side extension - 18 Sunny Croft - **Status: Application Permitted**

J) Ref. No: 19/05699/FUL - 124 Southfield Road - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension and external alterations - **Status: Application Permitted**

K) Ref. No: 19/05670/FUL 31 Lyndhurst Close - Householder application for construction of single storey front and side extension including store and undercroft - **Status: Application Permitted**

L) Ref. No: 19/05023/FUL - 23 Plomer Green Lane - Erection of replacement 5 bed detached dwelling - **Status: Application Refused**

15) Correspondence (7982/07/19)

- Councillors are reminded to check the BALC website for training opportunities
- The Clerk has received numerous complaints this month regarding parking

16) Reports and minutes of Committees (7983/07/19)

Councillors gave an overview of meetings attended this month including –

DCPS –The DCPS have identified 38 posts that need repairing. This will be picked up by the Finance Committee, the Clerk is obtaining quotes.

DOSCA – Dosca have formally endorsed the proposed library layout.

17) To consider Resolutions and Items for discussion which have been notified

(7984/07/19)

None

18) Accounts (7985/07/19)

Accounts.

Items approved in July 2019

Payee	Chq number	Amount
Downley Memorial Hall - meeting venue hire	1767	15.00
Excel office supplies -Office Stationery	1768	19.94
Castle Water - Allotment water supply	1769	29.79
SSE Southern Electric -- Street light electricity	1770	46.45
PT Carpentry - Drain pipe repair	1771	67.00
TBS Hygiene - dog waste collection	1772	216.00
Castle Water - Orchard water supply	1773	290.87
Beyond Basics - Concert on the Common security	1774	358.80
Sparkx - Street light repairs	1775	540.00
C Masters - Clerks salary + expenses	1776	1,524.49
KAD Garden Service - Grass maintenance June	1777	2,105.00
		5,213.34

Bank balance 1st July 2019 - £170,485.23

**Balance includes £35,000 lighting reserve
fund**

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18) Date and Place of next Meeting (7986/07/19)

Parish Council meeting – 10th September 2019 at the Memorial Hall

19) Date and place of next meetings of Committees (7987/07/19)

Dosca, DCPS, Street Light Committee, Finance Committee

20) Closure of the Meeting (7988/07/19)

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman_____

Date_____