

Downley Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Downley Community Centre 12th November 2019 at 19.45

1 Attendance

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

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

2) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda (8016/11/19)

None

3) Minutes of the Previous meeting (8017/11/19)

The October minutes were agreed as correct and signed.

4) Adjournment for Public Questions (8018/11/19)

None

5) Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor (8019/11/19)

Cllr Mallen gave an update on the following –

- Landfill and waste analysis in Bucks
- Befriending service and the impact of loneliness

Cllr Turner gave an update on the following –

- Regeneration strategy in Wycombe
- Unitary position
- Blueprint of the future of Bucks

6) Street Light project (8020/11/19)

Tenders have been received and reviewed. Two contractors replied to the tender as per the Councils instructions. They are in the final stages of review. Structural testing will be carried out, a contractor will then be selected.

7) Noteworthy developments in the Village (8021/11/19)

There has been a break in at the Downley School.

Comms forum have granted £4,000 to the Scout hut for work on the car park,

8) Gosling Grove Project (8022/11/19)

A meeting will be held in the spring to discuss further works to be carried out at the pond.

9) Grant Funding (8023/11/19)

A joint meeting was held with all organisations in the Village that have grant funds available. This is to ensure that grants are dealt with fairly and efficiently.

10) Bonfire Night (8024/11/19)

Bonfire night was a success this year, thank you to the DCPS for their efforts in organising the event. There is some concern that the bonfire is growing too large and there are not enough volunteers to manage it. The Parish Council will meet with the DCPS to discuss this prior to next years event.

11) Planning applications (8025/11/19)

11. Planning Applications and Decision Notices.

A) 2 The Pastures, HP13 5LZ 19/07456/FUL | 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 application has no material changes that mitigate the reasons that the previous application (19/06417/FUL) was refused. Downley Parish Council maintain that the proposed works will be overbearing in appearance to the neighbouring plots 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

B) 10 Talbot Avenue, HP13 5HZ 19/07436/FUL | Householder application for raising of roof, construction of 2 x rear dormer windows and insertion of rooflights to both side elevations in connection with loft conversion to create additional habitable living accommodation. Demolition of existing detached garage, construction of part three storey, part two storey, part single storey front, side and rear extension with steps to front, construction of pitched roof to existing ground floor side element and alterations to existing retaining wall and steps to rear garden (alternative scheme to pp 16/07040/FUL)-

No concerns from DPC

C) 12 Hillfield Close, HP13 5NA

19/07310/FUL | Householder application for construction of single storey front extension double storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension (alternative scheme to 19/06091/FUL)- Objection - It is felt that the proposed extension will sit too close to the boundary with 11 Hillfield Close and

lead to an excessive sense of enclosure and would be against the established pattern of the Close. Whilst permission for similar work has been granted, it is felt that the

aggregate impact on the loss of gaps is excessive and would lead to a terracing effect that DPC believe is out of character for the area. There will also be too few parking spaces to comply with Countywide Parking Guidance.

D) 5 Plomer Hill – APPEAL AGAINST WDC’s DECISION TO REFUSE PERMISSION AT 5 Plomer Hill, HP135JQ ON THREE APPLICATIONS:

Decision notices

E) 5 Court Close, Ref. No: 19/07108/FUL , Status: Application Permitted

F) 5 Faulkner Way, Ref. No: 19/07096/FUL| , Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory building (Retrospective) Status: Application Permitted

G) 42 South View, Ref. No: 19/07128/TPO, Cut back a number of thin branches to 1 x Beech as there a number of thin branches overhanging into the garden

Status: Application Permitted

H) 24 Downs Park , Ref. No: 19/07011/FUL, Householder application for construction of part two storey, part first floor, part single storey front, side & rear extensions, incorporating garage conversion, alterations to fenestrations on side elevation and widening of dropped kerb (alternative scheme to 19/05274/FUL) Status: Application Permitted

I) 52 Grays Lane , Ref. No: 19/06759, Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension and associated fenestration alterations Status: Application Permitted

12) Correspondence (8026/11/19)

- Councillors are reminded that the BALC conference takes place in November.
- The Clerk has received numerous complaints this month regarding fencing on School Close, Cllr Paul Turner has kindly donated his ward budget for urgent repairs. The ownership of the fence is under question as Barratts have previously carried out repairs but are now refusing to do so.

13) Reports and minutes of Committees (8027/11/19)

Councillors gave an overview of meetings attended this month including –

- The DCPS met to discuss the final planning stages of the bonfire event
- Festival Committee held their AGM
- Finance meeting took place, minutes circulated to Cllrs, main focus being the budget for 2020/21 which is still in the draft stages.
- Allotment meeting took place with a suggestion to ask plot holders for a holding deposit.
- Sports Association met to discuss issues with adults and children’s pitches

14) To consider Resolutions and Items for discussion which have been notified (8028/11/19)

None

15) Accounts (8029/11/19)

Accounts

Items paid in November 2019

Bank balance as of 1st November 2019 £197,799.24

To whom paid	Chq number	Amount
C Masters - Clerks expenses	1808	35.75
SSE - Street light energy	1809	£92.72
BALC - Cllr training	1810	£117.21
Chiltern Society - Path clearance	1811	169.68
Castle Water - Allotment water	1812	£181.29
TBS Hygiene- Dog waste collection	1813	£216.00
SLCC- Annual subscription	1814	£220.00
WWFC - Bonfire night security	1815	£1,260.00
Dosca- Library hire	1816	£1,500.00
KAD Garden Services (£3587 to be returned to DPC via funding)	1817	£5,350.00
Total		£9,142.65

Cheques paid out this month

- Clerks salary and expenses, £1503.99, cheque number 1807
- Sparx streetlight repairs £424.32 Cheque number 1806
- Soundsorba Dosca, £1419.12, Cheque number 1805

Balance Includes festival grants and allotment rents

Balance includes £35,000 reserve funds for the lighting project.

16) Date and Place of next Meeting (8030/11/19)

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17) Date and place of next meetings of Committees (8031/11/19)

Dosca, DCPS, Street Light Committee, Finance Committee

18) Closure of the Meeting (8032/11/19)

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

Chairman _____

Date _____

A short ceremony took place prior to the meeting in which the Community Award for Best Kept Village was awarded to the Council by Richard Pushman founder of the Pushman Cup

The Chairman gave thanks to the many volunteers in the Village including the Parish Councillors, the District and County Councilor who made this award possible.