

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council AGM and Annual Parish
Meeting
Village Reading Rooms

Thursday 12th May 2016

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Smith, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Stones, Cllr Johnson,.

In Attendance:

Cllr Jones together with 11 members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Stainer

2016-01

Election of Chairman and Vice Chair.

Cllr Britton and Cllr Smith resigned their roles as Chair and Vice Chair. Cllr Britton stated that whilst he was happy to continue as Chair if no other person was willing to stand, he would not be able to repeat the level of time and work he dedicated over the last 12 months, due to now having a second home in the Dales. No offers or nominations to stand for Chair were received and so Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Tagger seconded a motion that Cllr Britton should continue as Chairman of the Parish Council for the following year and all councillors agreed with this proposal, Cllr Britton accepted the role. Cllr Britton proposed and Cllr Wilkins seconded a motion that Cllr Smith should continue as Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the following year and all councillors agreed with this proposal, Cllr Smith accepted the role.

2016-02

Declaration of Interests

None.

2016-03

Minutes of the last meeting

Cllr Britton highlighted the fact that the minutes stated it was possible to pay the PWLB loan off early (which we now know is not the case), but it was still agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of our understanding and of the discussion at that time.

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted as being a true record by Cllr Wilkins and seconded by Cllr Tagger.

2016-04

Matters arising

Outstanding loan repayments for the street lighting. It was explained that whilst this would be discussed later in the meeting in more detail, it should be recorded that we now know that the repayment period for the 25 year loan taken from the Public Works Loan Board cannot (as previously thought) be reduced.

2016-05

Chairman's Report.

Cllr Britton presented his report for 2015-2016. A copy will be printed in the next newsletter and published on the website. A signed copy was given to Cllr Wilkins for the records.

2016-06

Finance Report

2016-06-01 Cllr Wilkins explained that our first task was to authorise the Angle Governance Statement which states that as a Parish Council we have complied with their various instructions for effective financial management & preparation of accounts. He read the statement out and Cllr Britton proposed that we had met all stated requirements, Cllr Tagger seconded the motion and all councillors were in agreement.

2016-06-02 Cllr Wilkins presented the 2015-2016 annual financial statement to the Council on behalf of Cllr Stainer. In summary they showed that we began the year with a balance of £7,624.09, took total receipts of £13,982.17 and made payments out of £8,753.97 leaving a balance to carry forward of £12,852.29 all of which is in the DPC current account with Yorkshire Bank. The outstanding loan payment has reduced to £25,829.77.

2016-06-03 Cllr Stones challenged the figure of £199.00 listed as payment to the Scarecrow Competition as she explained they hadn't been given a grant last year, that she had given Cllr Stainer a cheque for £99.00 profit from the competition and had received a cheque for £100 from him. Without Cllr Stainer present to provide clarification, the Financial Statement for April 2016 was checked and as the total amount for Section 187 Grants was identical and had been declared true and accurate, it was decided that the amount could again be described as such, and clarification of how the figure was arrived at provided at the next meeting.

2016-06-04 Cllr Britton proposed and Cllr Tagger seconded a proposal that these accounts were a true and accurate record.

2016-07

Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting was open for any comments from the floor.

Mr Ian Thompson paid tribute to Cllr Britton's Chairmanship but challenged what he saw as a glaring omission from the Chairman's report regarding the A1 Noise issue.

Cllr Britton explained that in his report he aims to include Parish Council achievements and failures, and had deemed the A1 issue to be neither at present.

Cllr Jones explained that there had been a letter sent by the Department of Transport to WMDC proposing the rerouting of the A1 and reassured the audience that it was on the drawing board as a potential way forward.

Cllr Wilkins expressed disappointment that despite requests for information and requests that the Parish Council be involved we had received the same letter. Cllr Jones agreed to forward a copy to him.

A member of the audience asked what the A1 issue was and agreed, on explanation that it was indeed a problem for her on Southeron Croft.

Meeting ended at 7.30pm.