

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 10th May 2018

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chair), Cllr Smith (part time), Cllr Thompson, Cllr Stainer, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Stones, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Johnson. Wakefield MDC Councillor Jones (part time)

Apologies:

Cllr Hoyle

In Attendance:

4 members of the public.

2018-05-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2018-05-02

Public Matters:

A resident reported that In delivering a container onto the playing field part of the boundary hedge was “hacked out”. Two weeks later it has not been replaced. Cllr. Stones will investigate.

The ongoing work on Marlpit Lane which has rendered the junction with Estcourt Road a single lane temporarily is causing some concern. Another recent disruption to Estcourt Road by water or gas pipe work was also potentially dangerous although thankfully, that work is now complete and as far as is known, without incident.

2018-05-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Thompson and Tagger.

2018-05-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Wilkins was not made aware of last month's action to contact Wakefield MDC regarding the state of the Estcourt Road footpath adjacent to the Darrington Hotel. However, Cllr. Thompson reported that he felt that currently the pavement is clean and tidy and so no action is to be taken.
- With regard to the bin situation outside the Reading Room Reverend Judd has written to the chairman of Wakefield MDC, Cllr Box, confirming that the church is a registered charity and asking for confirmation that no charges should be incurred for bin removal. No reply has yet been received.
- Cllr Thompson has not asked for references from the company selling the “radar speeding equipment” and will endeavour to do so before the next meeting.
- As yet Cllrs Hoyle and Stainer have not contacted Wakefield MDC regarding their co-operation with a future litter picking session.

2018-05-05

Correspondence:

Mrs Edith Holmes has written to the council on behalf of Darrington Ladies Group to thank the council for the Section 137 grant of £200. She has said that the donation will help fund the cost of hire of their venue and the fee for their coach to the Harrogate Flower show.

A letter has been received from the Knottingley Power Station company stating that they will not be proceeding with building a gas powered power station in Knottingley as it is not commercially viable.

2018-05-06

Finance:

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts up to the 30th April 2018.

He reported that the balance at the start of the new financial year stood at £18,581.48.

April's income is summarised below

Date	Income Source	Income Stream	Amount (£)
11.4.18	Wakefield MDC	Precept – Payment 1 *	6,147.62
16.4.18	Raffle	Air-crash Memorial Fund	140.00
26.4.18	Wakefield MDC	Community Levy - Payment 1	3,750.00
		Total	10,037.62

* The second community levy will not be paid until March 2019, and the value will be dependent upon the amount paid to Wakefield MDC by the company developing the Hilltop Farm development.

The expenditure in April is shown below

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount (£)	VAT (£)
12.4.18	01-1819	Cheque 743	First Impressions	"In Bloom"	3119.40	519.90
12.4.18	02-1819	Cheque 744	Paul Stainer	Printer Ink	30.00	0.00
12.4.18	03-1819	Cheque 745	PCC of Darrington with Wentbridge	Hire of meeting venue	176.00	0.00
12.4.18	04-1819	Cheque 746	PCC of Darrington with Wentbridge	Parish Council page in church magazine	30.00	0.00
12.4.18	05-1819	Cheque 747	PCC of Darrington with Wentbridge	S137 grant: Maintenance of clock	104.00	0.00
12.4.18	06-1819	Cheque 748	Darrington Ladies Group	S137 grant to support Ladies Group	200.00	0.00
12.4.18	07-1819	Cheque 749	Paul Stainer	Files and dividers	3.50	0.00
				Totals	3,662.90	519.90

Payments Scheduled For May 2018 For Approval

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount (£)	VAT (£)
10.5.18	08-1819	Cheque 750	Thomas West	DPC Domain & Webspaces	73.00	0.00
10.5.18	09-1819	Cheque 751	The Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator Annual Support Contract	162.00	27.00
10.5.18	10-1819	Cheque 752	Came & Company	Local Council Insurance Policy	285.60	0.00
10.5.18	11-1819	Cheque 753	Mick Britton	Orchard Project	56.89	0.00
				Totals	577.49	27.00

Cllr Stainer proposed accepting these payments, Cllr Stones seconded the proposal and the councillors unanimously confirmed approval.

2018-05-07

Planning matters:

New applications

11 Beech Crescent	Tree Works	No Comment
Garth View, Valley Road	Extension.	No Comment – (Application has been approved)
22 Beech Crescent	2 storey extension to rear and side	No Comment
Hillcroft Farm development	Demolition of Outbuildings	No Comment – anticipated from original application.

Existing Applications

20 Beech Crescent	Tree Works	Approved
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Cllr Thompson reported that he had noticed the builder of the Hillcroft Farm developments had made two breaks in the wall adjacent to the pavement of Estcourt Road, clearly intending to put front gates for two of the new properties facing this road. Councillors at the meeting unanimously confirmed that their understanding was that no such breaks in the walls had been included in the planning application. Indeed, discussion had taken place at an earlier parish council meeting at the time when the application was first made, emphasising that such gates should not be present as it would encourage highly undesirable parking on Estcourt Road by both the occupants and visitors to these new properties. Cllr Tagger agreed to review the application in detail and take the matter up with the planning committee at Wakefield MDC if the council's understanding was confirmed by his investigation.

2018-05-08

Defibrillator:

An ultimatum to the suppliers of the "red" telephone box had the desired effect and the box was delivered and installed on the day of the meeting. However, whilst the box was physically in place the electrical work to support the installation of the defibrillator had

not taken place. BT insist that a certificate confirming the safe installation of the defibrillator is required for them to take up their generous offer of paying for the electrical supply for five years. The supplier of the box had agreed to arrange for such an installation and Cllr Smith would take up pursuing them to honour their commitment. Cllr Britton asked Cllr Thompson to examine the defibrillator, currently stored at Cllr Thompson's house so that he could understand what is required to physically install the unit. Cllr Stainer offered to assist Cllr Britton in performing the physical installation.

2018-05-09

Community Infrastructure Levy CIL

The first payment has been received this month. Cllr Stones reported that the second payment would not be made until March 2019 and the amount would be dependent upon the Hilltop Farm developers payment to Wakefield MDC up to that time.

2018-05-10

Scarecrow trail.

As a result of nobody coming forward to offer to run the event it will not happen this year.

2018-05-11

Air crash:

Cllr Tagger reported that members of the Dean family would be visiting in the very near future and they had reported to him that they would visit a local stone-mason to discuss the memorial. The air-crash tribute planning committee were trying to find a suitable photographer in whom they could have confidence to deliver a high standard professional quality filming of the ceremony and the fly-past. Additionally there is a requirement to rapidly display the video at the post ceremony assembly at the golf club and also quickly add it to the website. The project is moving apace. Any potential road closure will be discussed at the next meeting of the tribute committee.

2018-05-12

Reports:

School:

Nothing to report.

Village Field:

The Field Committee have come to the decision not to hold a fireworks display in November this year. This is primarily because of the success in previous years! So good have been the displays in recently that annual numbers of visitors have been growing to the extent that it is felt that the event cannot be safely supported any longer. There aren't enough volunteers, the police cannot guarantee to supply enough officers and the same is true of first aid personnel. As a result the field committee has come to the conclusion that it would be unsafe to hold the event this year.

Police:

Cllr Stones continues to be frustrated in her attempts to have police reports sent to her for the Parish Council meetings. This is because of changes to local police personnel. She hopes to resolve this issue soon. Cllr Britton reported that he had heard about CCTV footage of a suspicious character trying car doors. No arrests have been made appropriate to this report.

In Bloom:

Cllr. Smith has spoken to “First Impressions” regarding “topping up” the planters with fresh compost when removing the old plants at the end of the season. “First Impressions” have quoted £12 per planter for doing this but went on to state that they would prefer not to do this when emptying as fresh compost is always put in when planting and that process is included on their price. The councillors, after some discussion, agreed to review the subject in the autumn.

Gardening Club:

Mr. Richard Brown will give a presentation on orchards and ancient apple trees at the next meeting of the gardening club on June 13th. This has been brought about primarily because of the work on the “Old Orchard” in the village.

Cllr Tagger reported that not one entry to the “Open Garden” event has been received despite his advertising the event extensively throughout the village. Cllr. Smith will put an entry on the community “Face Book” page. There will be a photo montage at the July meeting. Cllr. Tagger expressed his gratitude to Hazel Crabtree for her extensive support to this club.

Newsletter:

Cllr Wilkins asked for contributions as below for the imminent newsletter. Ideally contributions will include the following subjects and authors

Feast & Fayre – Cllr Wilkins himself

Bonfire Night update – Cllr. Stainer

Air Crash project – Cllr Tagger

Defibrillator project – Cllr Smith

Garden Club – Cllr Tagger

PCC magazine:

Cllr Briton asked Carole Morrell, who was attending the meeting, to ask the Reverend Judd to give more notice when requesting the Parish Council item for the Parochial Church Council magazine – or ideally let him know the dates of forthcoming publications well in advance..

Drone:

Nothing to report.

2018-05-13

Minor Items:

Cllr. Britton reported that Julie Graham has volunteered to produce some artwork for the planned Tithe Barn information board. Simon Smith has also volunteered to make an oak notice board for this display charging only for materials – estimated at circa £400. Mrs. Morrell reminded the meeting that the Reverend Judd would have to agree the proposed display. The meeting was also reminded that the school had worked on some sample displays and Cllr. Smith suggested incorporating a “QR” code on the display. Cllr. Smith explained to the less well informed that the letters “QR” stand for quick response and as such is a barcode which when scanned by say a mobile phone can automatically direct the user to a website. This website could contain the school’s work and other related information.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 14th June 2018 in the reading room.

The meeting closed at 8:25 PM.

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