

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Thursday 10th January 2019

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chair), Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Stones, Cllr Thompson. Cllr Tagger, Cllr Stainer.

Apologies:

Cllr Smith.

In Attendance:

Cllr Loughran and one member of the public.

2019-01-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2019-01-02

Public Matters:

No concerns were raised.

2019-01-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

2019-01-04

Matters arising:

- It was agreed that next year the tree lights in the Tithe Barn area would be left insitu for following years. However, the tree does need pruning prior to the lights being erected in the first place, and a private power supply being made available. The proposed carol service will be held on December 3rd therefore a working party will be required on the 23rd or 30th November to erect and decorate the Christmas trees throughout the village.
- The exact location of the grass areas still being cut by WMDC has now been identified.
- Cllr Thompson confirmed he had received a copy of the electoral role.
- Cllr Thompson confirmed that the NALC newsletter is a free newsletter and in future will be sent to him. There is a fee for the secondary but more detailed magazine but this was felt to be unnecessary for a council as small as Darrington.
- Tithe Barn notice board is still waiting for the framework to be manufactured.
- Cllr Thompson has contacted Cllr Loughran re utilising the infrastructure levy for speeding measures. Cllr Loughran agreed to talk to Cllr Jessica Carrington of Badsworth PC and WMDC to seek advice on how she obtained speeding equipment and surveys for their parish.

2019-01-05

Correspondence:

A letter has been received from WMDC confirming that the fees for an uncontested election in May will be £110 and about £2000 if the seats are contested.

Precept application forms received and completed by Cllr Stainer.

Letter from Mr Illes in Wentbridge about traffic damage of the Old A1 verge, (the section that has recently been cut by the parish council's handyman) It was considered that the ownership of the verge would belong to the appropriate Highway Authority and not the individual householder. Cllr Thompson will try and get this section of grass included on the WMDC cutting schedule.

Letter from Mr Tennant re the short time scale for replies to planning applications. With the application he was concerned about this was not published until 17th December 2018 and asked for comments back by 26th December 2018. Cllr Thompson has spoken to the appropriate people in WMDC with several concerns relating to planning applications such as timescales, posting of notices, how many neighbours are informed of an application, weekly distribution lists, holiday and sickness cover and in this particular incident has had the timescale for comments set back until 21st January 2019.

Cllr Tagger confirmed he had been contacted by the air crash group concerned that there had been no newsletter issued in the autumn.

2019-01-06-01**Finance:**

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts up to 31st December 2018. He reported that the balance brought forward from November was £27,020.99. No income was received and with the 3 payments made the balance at the end of December is standing at £21,582.95.

One payment was submitted for approval during January.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
10.1.19	30-1819	Direct Debit	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment	1104.17	0.00
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Cllr's Thompson and Hoyle approved these payments.

The forecast balance at the yearend now stands at £17,372.78.

2019-01-06-02**2019/2020 Budget.**

In the December meeting it was agreed that the budget for the coming year would be increased by 3%. With this in mind Cllr Stainer has prepared the precept application to WMDC and the council agreed that this should now be submitted.

Even though there will be a 3% increase in the precept it was noted that money would also be coming out of the reserve to fund the coming years planned expenditure.

2019-01-07

Planning matters:**New applications**

19 Estcourt Drive	Extension to change from a bungalow to a dormer bungalow	No Comments
Trinity Farm Great north road (TKMaxx)	Base for Liquid Nitrogen tank	No Comments

Existing planning applications

3 Park Avenue	Extension to side and rear	Approved
10 Darrington Road	Garage and orangery	Approved

2019-01-08**Reports:****School:**

The school is keen to continue with the carol service as it sees this as a good opportunity to work with the community. It was suggested that this would be a suitable candidate for a s137 grant.

Village Field:

A bench has been donated to the village field in memory of one of the local residents, and this will be placed at the top of the field later in the year.

The first planning meeting for the Feast and Fayre is scheduled to take place on the 28th January in the spread. It is hoped that many new volunteers and people with fresh ideas will be attending.

Police:

Again no crime reports had been received. Cllr Loughran stated that the police would be getting more resources later this year. It was noted that the PCSO's had recently visited the monday coffee morning.

In Bloom:

Cllr Stainer will check that In bloom are aware that the council propose to utilise their services next financial year.

One of the stone planters on Estcourt Road has been hit by a vehicle and damaged. The gardener/handyman will carry out the repairs in due course.

Gardening Club:

The latest meeting was once again well attended.

It was noted that the gardener had recently carried out work in the Tithe Barn area and this was much appreciated.

Newsletter:

Cllr Stones stated that with some practical help she may be able to take on this task.

It was agreed that the next issue would be in the spring and would cover the feast and fayre.

Drone:

The A1 plans will not be released until March 2020. Therefore it was suggested that this item was removed from future agenda's until further details are available.

2019-01-09

Minor Items:

Cllr Tagger mentioned that the car parking area in the Tithe Barn was becoming worn and rutted and would benefit from more stone being acquired.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Friday 8th February 2019 in the reading room.
Meeting closed at 8.25