

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting  
Reading Room

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

None.

**In Attendance:**

PCSO Mark Wilde, PC Thomas Wragg and PCSO Callum Cunliff, and one member of the public.

**2019-02-01**

**Declaration of Interests:**

None offered.

**2019-02-02**

**Public Matters:**

PCSO Wilde gave an update on the new policing arrangements for Darrington. He also gave an update of the recent crime figures for the area which included antisocial behaviour and thefts from vehicles and property. He explained that crime figures could now be obtained by all members of the public from the police website [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). It was also inferred that there was a desire to try and reinvigorate the neighbourhood watch schemes, and if there was sufficient demand a locally held police surgery.

**2019-02-03**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

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

**2019-02-04**

**Matters arising:**

- Tithe Barn notice board is still waiting for the framework to be manufactured and this will be installed in the spring.
- Cllr Thompson has contacted Cllr Loughran re utilising the infrastructure levy for speeding measures. Cllr Loughran in turn has invited Cllr Morley, the cabinet minister for transport and highways in WMDC, to visit Darrington to see firsthand the concerns. At this meeting Cllr Thompson, and any others who wish to join him will also raise
  - The contradictory 7.5 tonne weight limit sign.
  - Ask why Darrington hasn't been invited to any meeting regarding Highways England's plans to re route the A1, despite WMDC taking a leading role in these discussions.
  - Noise and pollution from the A1.
- Cllr Thompson reported that WMDC will now maintain the section of grass that had previously not been cut on the verge in Wentbridge. It was noted that barriers had been installed along this section of the verge to prevent vehicles parking on it. Despite a freedom of information request to the highways team Cllr

Thompson is still awaiting a response to the question of who owns this section of verge.

- Cllr Tagger reported that the school was now aware that they could apply for a S137 grant towards the cost of the carol service.
- Cllr Stainer confirmed that In Bloom were aware that the council would be utilising their services again this year to provide the plants.
- The damaged planter on Estcourt Road has been repaired.
- Cllr Stainer will investigate the cost of obtaining 3 tonne of clean 20 mm limestone for the tithe barn area.
- Cllr Tagger confirmed that the final sections of the air crash video had now been recorded. This will be edited into a 30 -35 minute final draft. The council will have full editorial rights to the film, and once this has been viewed a decision will be required on how to distribute the film.

**2019-02-05**

**Correspondence:**

An email has been received from a person who regularly travels up the A1 from Doncaster asking why there can be such a bad smell on certain days in the Darrington area. Cllr Thompson has responded saying that this is due to the pig farm where certain activities are only carried out on days when the wind is blowing away from the village but towards the A1.

**2019-02-06**

**Finance:**

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. He reported that the balance brought forward from December was £21,582.95. No income was received and with the scheduled payment made to the Public Works Loan Board the balance at the end of January is standing at £20,478.78

Two payments were submitted for approval during February.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
8.2.19	31-1819	CH 771	Mr James Capon	Gardening and Maintenance	190.00	0.00
8.2.19	32-1819	CH 773	Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual support costs for defibrillator	162.00	27.00
					<b>352.00</b>	<b>27.00</b>

Cllr's Smith and Britton approved these payments.

The forecast balance at the year end now stands at £15,312.78

**2019-02-07**

**Planning matters:  
New applications**

19 Estcourt Drive	Change of windows fascia and soffits	No Comments
9 Beech Crescent	Tree Work	No Comments

Cllr Thompson stated that he had been in contact with WMDC planner regarding the arbitrary signing of new planning applications and timescales. He is still awaiting a substantive reply. He confirmed that the proposed farm development near the Kyte had been deferred.

Cllr Hoyle referred members to the WMDC Draft Local Plan 2036 details of which have been posted on the Parish Council Facebook site. He stated that there were few proposed changes in Darrington and no changes to the greenbelt area around Darrington. Major housing growth areas were in Pontefract, Knottingley and Castleford.

#### **2019-02-08**

##### **Reports:**

##### **School:**

Nothing further to report.

##### **Village Field:**

Cllr Hoyle reported that the first planning meeting had taken place for the Feast & Fayre. The meeting was well attended with several new volunteers showing an interest in getting involved.

##### **Police:**

Nothing further to report.

##### **In Bloom:**

Nothing further to report.

##### **Gardening Club:**

Nothing further to report.

##### **Newsletter:**

Cllr Stones stated that she had been in contact with Mr Wilkins who was providing her with the necessary software to produce the newsletter.

#### **2019-02-09**

##### **Minor Items:**

Cllr Stones asked if the parish council would want to run a stall/ exhibition at this year's Feast and Fayre which is being held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that it did. Content for this will need to be discussed at a later date.

Cllr Stones provided to Cllr Stainer a form that WMDC would require completing once any of the Community Levy Funding was spent.

All members were informed that in May they would have to stand down as councillors and re apply for the role. If more than 9 nominations were received an election would be held.

##### **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the reading room. Meeting closed at 8.20.