

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting  
Reading Room

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

None.

**In Attendance:**

Two members of the public.

**2019-03-01**

**Declaration of Interests:**

None offered.

**2019-03-02**

**Public Matters:**

None.

**2019-03-03**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

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

**2019-03-04**

**Matters arising:**

- Cllr Stones reported that the neighbourhood watch scheme was not yet operational. Cllr Thompson added that he had been in contact with the police and they may be able to call in at the coffee morning at a later date.
- Cllr Thompson has not received any response to his contact with Cllr Loughran re utilising the infrastructure levy for speeding measures.
- Cllr Stainer has still to investigate the cost of obtaining 3 tonne of clean 20 mm limestone for the tithe barn area.
- Cllr Thompson has had no response from WMDC regarding the arbitrary posting of planning notices.
- Cllr Tagger confirmed that the final sections of the air crash video had now been recorded. This will shortly be available for the Parish Councillors to view and should be available to the public this summer. He will be including more detail on this in the next newsletter.

**2019-03-05**

**Correspondence:**

Councillors have been copied into an email made to the WMDC cabinet where concerns were raised about the re designation of greenbelt land and substantial development of new housing in the Knottingley area, and its impact on the infrastructure in the surrounding neighbourhood.

The Ackworth branch of “contact the elderly” have been in touch. This is a national charity solely dedicated to tackling loneliness and isolation among older residents. They have asked if Darrington would be prepared to host one or more of the monthly afternoon tea parties in the coming year. All councillors agreed that this was a worthy cause and that the reading room would be a suitable venue. Cllr Smith proposed that up to four events could be supported and a sum of £200 will be set aside in next year’s section 137 money to cover the potential cost.

Cllr Thompson has received details about a national vintage tractor run on 21<sup>st</sup> April which will be held at the water tower in Ackworth.

Cllr Thompson has received an email from the website domain providers asking for up dated contact details.

**2019-03-06**

**Finance:**

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. He reported that the balance brought forward from January was £20,478.78. No income was received and with the scheduled payment made during the month the balance at the end of February is standing at £20,126.78

One payment were submitted for approval during March.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
14.3.19	33-1819	CH 774	Paul Stainer	Postage	8.04	0.00
					<b>8.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>

One early payment for April was submitted for approval.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
4.4.19	01-1920	CH 775	First Impressions	Hanging baskets and planters	3119.40	519.90
					<b>3119.40</b>	<b>519.90</b>

Cllr's Smith and Britton approved these payments.

The forecast balance at the year end now stands at £20,118.74. This sum is higher than in previous years, but the councillors were reminded that there was still an outstanding commitment to make contributions to the air crash memorial project and the village field trust.

Cllr Stainer stated that he will now work towards getting the yearly accounts audited and provide details for the infrastructure levy expenditure.

**2019-03-07**

**Planning matters:****New applications**

8 Beech Crescent	2 storey extension	No Comments
8 Estcourt Drive	Tree Work	No Comments but already approved

**Existing Applications.**

Plot 9-10a Darrington Road Carleton	Non material change to development	Approved
19 Estcourt Drive	Changes to windows and fascia	Approved
6 Beech Crescent	Extension to side and rear	Approved
19 Estcourt Drive	Extension and changes to roof profile	Refused

**2019-03-08****Election of Councillors**

Councillor Thompson reminded all councillors that if they wished to remain a councillor for the next term they would have to stand for re election on 2nd May 2019. He would post the official election notices across the parish.

To re stand a nomination form together with details of two proposers must be handed in by hand to the election office between 18<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April. Details of any election expenses must also be provided in due course by all candidates.

Three councillors implied that they would not be putting their names forward for re election next term.

Only If more than 9 nominations are received will an election be required.

**2019-03-09****Reports:****School:**

Nothing further to report.

**Village Field:**

Cllr Hoyle reported

- Planning meetings were now taking place for this year's Feast & Fayre.
- The hedge has been cut.
- A memorial bench has been erected.
- No firm date has been received yet from Wicksteeds for the erection of the activity net.
- Village field AGM is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**Police:**

Nothing further to report.

**In Bloom:**

The payment for next year's plants will be paid in April in order to get a discount.

**Gardening Club:**

If there are sufficient gardens nominated the open garden event will take place between 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**Newsletter:**

Cllr Stones requires further articles for the next parish Council newsletter within the next couple of days so that it can be published and distributed before the elections.

**2019-03-10**

**Minor Items:**

Cllr Britton informed members that following issues he has experienced with the Parish council email address he will resort back to using his personal email account for parish council matters.

Cllr Thompson will amend the website accordingly.

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.05