

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting  
Reading Room

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

None.

**In Attendance:**

Five members of the public and Cllr Jones.

**2019-04-01**

**Declaration of Interests:**

None offered.

**2019-04-02**

**Public Matters:**

A question was asked if another village litter pick will be arranged. Cllr Hoyle explained that he had had to cancel the earlier litter pick which would have also utilised the resources of WMDC Streetscene as it had not been possible to advertise the date via the Parish Council newsletter. However, there have been a number of individuals undertaking small litter picks throughout Darrington. In future any organised events will also be advertised on the notice boards.

The damaged planter on Valley Road was raised.

Questions were asked about the fire damaged hedge on Estcourt Road. This apparently was as a result of a garden fire and not malicious damage.

**2019-04-03**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

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

**2019-04-04**

**Matters arising:**

- Cllr Thompson has still not received any response to his contact with Cllr Loughran re utilising the infrastructure levy for speeding measures. Cllr Jones suggested that WMDC were severely under sourced and the lack of letters / complaints from the public and accident evidence may be a factor. Cllr Jones and Cllr Thompson agreed to consider drafting a standard letter that could form a template for used by residents.
- Cllr Thompson has still had no response from WMDC regarding the arbitrary posting of planning notices.
- The Ackworth branch of contact the elderly will be holding a tea party in the reading room on 12<sup>th</sup> May
- Email details have been amended on the website.
- The payment to In Bloom has been made.

- The newsletter was compiled printed and delivered.

#### 2019-04-05

##### Correspondence:

- Information regarding the Merchant Navy day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- WMDC remittance advice for the first payment of the precept for a sum of £6332.05.
- Email from WMDC circulated to all councillors on 5<sup>th</sup> April ,confirming that the lampposts were suitable for the erection of hanging baskets. There has been no charge for this survey. The council will need to sign an agreement on the terms and conditions and confirm they have £2m of public liability insurance. Cllr Britton signed the form once it had been confirmed that the council had public liability insurance up to the value of £10 m.
- Email from Mr Illes regarding the state of the verge outside his house. This is not land in the ownership of the parish council and the only way to confirm ownership would be to check with the land registry office. It would be normal practise that the area of land in question would be in the ownership of the highway authority. . Cllr Thompson will check with Streetscene to confirm the areas they are responsible for maintaining.
- District council election notices to be posted on the notice boards
- WMDC election officer has confirmed that only 5 nominations were submitted for the role of Parish Councillors. Therefore no election is required and the new councillors in May can co-opt up to 4 new members if they so wish.

#### 2019-04-06-01

##### Finance:

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. He reported that the balance brought forward from February was £20,126.78. No income was received and with the scheduled payment made during the month the balance at the end of March is standing at £20,118.74

One early payment for April had already been submitted and approved at the last meeting

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
02.4.19	01-1920	CH 775	First Impressions	Hanging baskets and planters	3119.40	519.90
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Four payments were submitted for approval during April.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
11.04.19	02-1920	CH 776	Mr James Capon	Gardening and maintenance	135.00	0.00
11.04.19	03-1920	CH 777	Carter and Jackson	Printing of DPC	99.75	0.00

				newsletter		
11.04.19	04-1920	CH 778	Mr P M Stainer	Stationary	3.25	0.54
11.04.19	05-1920	CH 779	Mr P M Stainer	Printer ink and paper	35.00	0.00
					<b>3392.40</b>	<b>520.44</b>

Cllr's Smith and Stones approved these payments.

The actual yearend balance now stands at £20,118.74. This sum is £816.17 over the original budget but it still indicates a healthy balance at the year end.

#### **2019-04-06-02**

##### **External Auditing of accounts.**

The expenditure of the Parish Council during 2018-2019 has been less than £25,000. Therefore, the accounts will be exempt from there having to be subjected to a full external audit. A certificate of exemption was signed by Cllr Britton and Cllr Stainer and will be submitted to the auditors.

Details of the accounts will be posted on the website.

#### **2019-04-06-03**

##### **Annual Accounts:**

Cllr Stainer presented the annual account summary for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Total receipts have been £17,312.17 and payments of £15,774.91, leaving a year end balance of £20,118.74. Compared with the previous year the balance at year end was higher when compared with the previous year's balance of £18581.48.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the assets were now valued at £21,820.00 the decrease primarily due to the loss of a bench that was damaged in a road accident.

The outstanding loan is £22,595.60.

S137 grants totalled £334.00 but using the standard guidelines these could theoretically be in the order of £12,000.00.

Cllr Stainer also confirmed that the community levy funding is valid for up to 5 years and does not have to be spent immediately.

All councillors thanked Cllr Stainer for his work in producing this information in a timely manner.

#### **2019-04-07**

##### **Planning matters:**

##### **New applications**

9 Beech Crescent	2 storey extension to side and rear	No Comments
Hillcroft Farm	Variations to roof height for plot 5 and 6	No Comments but it was noted that this may impact one local resident.

Kensworth cottage	Tree Works	No comment
Wenthill Farm House	Tree Works	No comment

**Existing Applications.**

9 Beech crescent	Tree work in adjacent garden	Approved
1 Garden Lane Wentbridge	Green house	Retrospective approval
1 Denby Crest	Extension to side and rear	Approved

Cllr Britton brought to the attention of the councillors that a large scale quarrying planning application that had been submitted to North Yorkshire County Council .This is a 9.4 Ha extension to the side of the existing quarry alongside the brockadale nature reserve. Councillors voted 7 to 1 in favour of objecting to this development because of its impact on the greenbelt and SSSI status of the valley. Cllr Britton will comment on the North York's County Council planning website.

**2019-04-08**

**Election of Councillors.**

Councillor Thompson reminded all future councillors that they need to submit an expenses form even if they did not spend any money on election expenses.

**2019-04-09**

**Reports:**

**School:**

The school was aware of the impact on the neighbours of the bright lights they have installed and are looking at installing some form of time switch.

**Village Field:**

Cllr Hoyle reported that the installation of the climbing frame had been delayed but it was now scheduled to be installed week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Police:**

No recent incidents reported on their website

**In Bloom:**

Payment has now been made.

**Gardening Club:**

So far 8 residents are prepared to open their garden during the open garden event which will take place between 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019. New members have also turned up for the regular meetings.

**Newsletter:**

Latest edition has now been delivered. As some of the past advertisements have not been paid for the Kyte Hotel may wish to advertise in future editions.

**2019-03-10**

**Minor Items:**

Cllr Stones confirmed that WMDC have not received any additional community levy infrastructure payments.

Cllr Stones stated that on two occasions daffodils and snow drops have been dug up and taken from the verge alongside Marl Pit lane.

Overgrown conifer branches are now impeding pedestrian access into Estcourt drive. This will be reported to Street scene.

Cllr Tagger confirmed that the air crash video is being finalised. This will be a 40 minute film that should be available for the Parish Council to view in May.

It was noted that the caravan had been moved at Bankwood Stables.

Cllr Thompson reported that the defibrillator had been taken for another incident. It had been returned and was in good working order.

It was noted that the shop was up for sale and everyone was thankful for the service it had provided and hoped that it could be sold as a good doing concern.

Cllr Smith is awaiting quotes for the repair of the damaged planter on Valley Road. These will be forwarded to Tesco's, just in case the driver concerned had not reported the incident himself. It is thought that the repair costs will be in the order of £200.

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and held at 7.00 PM Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the reading room. This will be followed by the monthly meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30