

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Thursday 6th December 2018

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Smith, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Stainer. WMDC Cllr's Jones and Loughran.

In Attendance:

One member of the public.

2018-12-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2018-12-02

Public Matters:

The Council was thanked for the provision of the Christmas trees in the reading room and by the Darrington Hotel. It was noted that the lights had not been erected in time for the carol service in the Tithe barn area. This partly being due to the lack of volunteers on the day, but primarily due to the difficulties of working at height. It was suggested that next time these were erected they were left up on the tree for the following year.

2018-12-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The revised minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and it was noted that in the In Bloom report the brotherhood had been mistakenly called the brethren. With this exception the minutes were accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Thompson and Stones.

2018-12-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Thompson has recently attended the Badsworth Parish Council meeting and reported that they were writing to thank WMDC for their prompt response to their speeding concerns. With this in mind he has contacted Cllr Loughran and will try to develop a better working relationship with the WMDC Highways team. It was noted that some traffic monitoring had recently been taking part on Carleton Road and Spital Gap Lane.
- No election will be required to fill Cllr Wilkins position, as the whole council is due for re-election in May 2019. The vacancy is being advertised and in the short term the council could co-opt anyone wishing to take on the role.
- The grass was cut near Stonehaven in Wentbridge. The exact location of the areas still being cut by WMDC needs to be identified.
- Tithe Barn Notice board is still waiting for the framework to be manufactured.

2018-12-05

Correspondence:

Email received from WMDC stating that the "Smiley Sid" initiative was being re-launched in 2019. Cllr Thompson confirmed that Darrington would still be interested in taking part.

A copy of the electoral role has been requested from WMDC.

General advertising for street furniture.

Telephone call from Pontefract Coop Funeral services asking for contact details for the cemetery. Cllr Thompson informed them that this was run by a private company called Darrington Cemeteries Ltd.

Cllr Britton confirmed that he still receives a copy of the newsletter from the National Association of Local Councils despite Darrington no longer being a member. Cllr Thompson will review this newsletter to see if it is still useful. He also stated that he has joined the Society of Local Council Clerks.

2018-12-06-01

Finance:

Cllr Britton presented the accounts for November on behalf of Cllr Stainer. He reported that the balance brought forward from October was £29,188.00. No income was received and with the 4 payments made the balance at the end of November is standing at £27,020.99

Three payments were submitted for approval during December.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
6.12.18	27-1819	CH 768	X2Connect Ltd	Telephone Kiosk for defibrillator	5340.00	890.00
6.12.18	28-1819	CH 769	Paul Stainer	Postage stamps	8.04	0.00
6.12.18	29-1819	CH 770	Mr James Robert Capon	Gardening & maintenance	90.00	0.00
					5438.04	890.00

Cllr's Thompson and Hoyle approved these payments.

The forecast balance at the year end now stands at £16,962.78 this sum takes into account that less money would be received from the community Infrastructure levy. It was also noted that the forecast expenditure for the year will exceed the annual income.

2018-12-06-02

2019/2020 Budget.

Cllr Britton presented the proposed budget for the coming year. Three scenarios were presented based on a 0% 3% and 5% rise in the precept, the VAT returns, and other potential income. This would generate either £18,366.65, £18,735.51, or £18,981.41.

There are two large items of expenditure in the coming year on top of the normal expenditure namely £3,250 towards the cost of play equipment and a budget of £2,000 towards the cost of an election.

Taking these into account the proposed expenditure for the coming year will still exceed the income and the reserves will be reduced by £1,302.09, £933.23, or £687.33 depending on the rise in the precept.

Cllr Thompson proposed that the precept is increased by 3% and this was seconded by Cllr Johnson. All members voted in favour of a 3% rise in the precept.

2018-12-07

Planning matters:

New applications

Millhouse Carleton Road	Erection of a summerhouse	No Comments
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Existing planning applications

Cllr Smith has posted details of the farm development next to the Kyte on Facebook. Cllr Hoyle confirmed that there were no new comments from the public on the WMDC planning portal regarding this development. WMDC have raised concerns with the developer about drainage, archaeology and the size of the dwelling.

Mr Markwell, of WMDC planning, has confirmed that WMDC are still progressing with their case against the development at Bankwood Stables.

2018-12-08

Reports:

School:

The carol service took part on 4th December but there has been no feedback received.

Rev Judd has scheduled this event in future years to be held on the first Tuesday of December.

Village Field:

An order has been placed to provide a 4m activity net , which will be erected in the spring.

Plans are in place to cut the laurel hedge at the end of February.

Police:

No further reports have been received. There has been some recent police activity in the area associated with off road biking and an arrest for a burglary in Badsworth.

In Bloom:

Nothing to report.

Gardening Club:

The next meeting is scheduled for next week.

Newsletter:

Nothing to report.

Drone:

Nothing to report.

2018-12-09

Minor Items:

Cllr stones mentioned that she had been told that streetlights were going to be erected from Bankwood road towards Dovecote Park. No one was aware of this issue . However, the area is within the Selby District council area.

Following the recent incident where the defibrillator was taken for use on a child, enquiries have been made as to whether smaller pads would be available. These are available but the recommendation from the suppliers are that whilst these are

available they are more specialist items and they do not recommend their use on a public defibrillator.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 10th January 2019 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.00