

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 14th April 2016

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairperson), Cllr Smith, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Stainer, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Stones, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Tagger.

Apologies:

Cllr Farrell

In Attendance:

Cllr Jones together with 8 members of the public.

2016-04-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2016-04-02

Public Matters:

Concern was raised about

- Damage to the verge on the south bound slip road to the A1 near the flyover caused by vehicles not taking due care when turning. Pedestrians were also at risk of being injured if they stood on the footpath while wagons attempt this move. Cllr Jones agreed to report this to WMDC highways.
- The telephone box is still covered with the backing paper from old posters. Cllr Johnson will ask BT to tidy up the site.

2016-04-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved as being a true and correct record by Cllr Stones and Cllr Tagger.

2016-04-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Smith signed a copy of the revised minutes for January.
- Inconsiderate parking leaflets have been placed on some residents cars in Sotheron Croft. Whilst there have been some local improvements there has still been a report of a delivery van unable to drop off goods at one location. Any bollards that have been erected in this area to protect the grass are illegal.
- Cllr Stones has received a second quote of £40 for materials per notice board to repair and tidy them up. There would be no additional charge for labour. Whilst this quote is not a like for like comparison of the one already obtained it was considered by all worth accepting. Cllr Stones will make the necessary arrangements for this work to be carried out.
- Problems with overgrown hedges will be included in the next PCC magazine.
- Cllr Johnson attended a presentation by WMDC on the Community infrastructure levy. This replaces the section 106 money and in some circumstances 25% of the levy may be available for the parish council to use for its projects. Cllr Tagger recollection of this funding was it would only be available to Parish Councils if

- they had prepared and had approved a development plan. It had previously been agreed that this was not something that Darrington PC wanted to prepare. A further meeting will be held in September.
- Orders have been placed with First Impressions for this year's hanging baskets and flower arrangements.
 - The invoice for the room hire is still outstanding and will not be paid out of the 2015-2016 budgets.
 - The stone walls in the orchard are being rebuilt, but insufficient stone is available. Residents will be asked if they have any spare stone available.
 - The gardening club will not be required to help with the garden makeover. All this work has now been carried out.
 - In due course the verge on Estcourt road will need to be cut and reseeded after the daffodils have died back.

2016-04-05

Correspondence:

- Letter. Simon Bristow asking when the school walking bus will be reintroduced. This matter is in the hands of the school PTFA and Cllr Stones will reply to the letter.
- Email. Cllr Tagger confirming that open garden would be covered by the current insurers at no additional cost.
- Email. Peter Brook. Concerned that when WMDC highways recently carried out work in Darrington there was little in the way of road signs or notices for the work, yet he had to follow strict guidelines to carry out work at his house. Cllr Jones confirmed that WMDC would be looking at the byelaws later this year to ensure that common standards were adopted.
- Email. Cllr Farrell tending his resignation from the council. Cllr Wilkins will inform WMDC that there is now a casual vacancy that needs to be filled.

2016-04-06

Finance:

Cllr Stainer reported that the balance at the end of March stood at £12,852.29

One payment was submitted for approval.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
14.4.16	02-1617	CH 626	Paul Stainer	Stationary	4.90	0.00
					4.90	0.00

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Tagger seconded this payment.

In the budget summary Cllr Stainer confirmed that the end of year balance stood at £12,852.29

Cllr Stainer is preparing documentation for the internal auditor to review.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had made enquiries with the Public Works Loan Board about paying off some of the street light loan e.g. £6000 from the year end balance and £2500 from the 2016-2017 budgets. It would be possible to pay off part of the loan but

the cost effectiveness of this is not yet fully understood by the council. PWLB also indicated that the length of the loan could not be reduced. This is contrary to Cllr Tagger understanding when the loan was originally taken out and he will review the original terms. Cllr Stainer will also enquire with the PWLB what the penalty would be if the whole of the loan was paid of in one sum.

Cllr Tagger stated that despite the increase in the years precept Darrington had still the fourth lowest precept in WMDC.

2016-04-07

Planning matters:

In recent weeks no planning notices have been received. Cllr Wilkins will check with WMDC to ensure that the parish council have not been excluded from the distribution list. Cllr Jones indicated that he had not received any applications for the whole of ward 13.

Bankswood Stables

Cllr Wilkins informed the council that the planning enforcement officer had informed him that the planning inspector would be visiting the site on 3rd May 2016 and would probably be reporting back in June.

2016-04-08

Reports:

Old Orchard

A working group is required over the coming weekend to stone pick and tidy the site prior to reseeded. A gate still has to be sourced.

School:

Cllr Tagger will be visiting next week and hopes to finalise the wording for the Tithe Barn information board. The gardening club will also be offering the school advice and possibly plants for the new wild garden.

Village Field:

The basket ball hard standing area is now complete. Orders have been placed for the adult gym equipment that will be situated adjacent to Philips Lane near the basketball area and goal posts.

Cllr Tagger has provided a quiz to Cllr Stones that may be suitable for the parish council stall at the Feast and Fayre.

Police:

Ad hoc speed checks will be carried out in the area by the PCSO's in the near future.

In Bloom:

Orders have been placed and the suppliers are aware of the dates for the Feast and Fayre. Additional bulbs will be required in the planters later this year.

Gardening Club:

Cllr Tagger reported on the death of one of the garden club founder members. The open garden festival will be held over the period of 19th -26th June. This is not a competition but

an opportunity to share ideas. It is hoped that between 12 -20 gardens will be opened to the public for them to visit.

PCC Magazine:

Cllr Tagger will be submitting an article this month.

Newsletter.

A sponsor has been found to help fund the next issue. This will include the chairman's annual report, village field, scarecrow competition, open garden trail, Feast and Fayre and the ongoing problems with dogs, hedges and parking. It is scheduled to be available for distribution at the end of May.

DRONE. A1 noise.

The A1 northbound carriageway has been resurfaced, and new trees planted on the embankment near the Darrington Hotel. It is considered by some, but not all, that the work carried out to date has improved the noise situation.

2016-04-09

Minor Items:

Cllr Hoyle reported that he had informed the WMDC highways about the damage caused to the footpath on Marl Pit Lane.

Cllr Tagger and Stainer confirmed that they will be visiting the new recycling plant at South Kirkby next week.

Stone in the tithe barn area needs to be re raked and re leveled in some areas.

2016-04-10

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting in the reading room will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 12th May 2016 and incorporates the Parish Council AGM and annual parish meeting and this will be followed by the monthly meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35

Cllr Hoyle gave his apologies that he will not be able to attend this meeting.