

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 12th April 2018

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Jones.

In Attendance:

5 members of the public.

2018-04-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2018-04-02

Public Matters:

The cleanliness of the footpath near the bus stop by the Darrington Hotel was raised. Cllr Wilkins will report this to Streetscene.

It was noted that if a pothole was reported to WMDC for repair each hole had to be reported separately and required a postcode.

2018-04-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

2018-04-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Britton reported that Cllr Jones had interceded on his behalf regarding the bin situation at the reading rooms. The outcome being that 2 smaller litter bins will be provided on the lamp posts. As the reading room is classed as a business user a bin can be provided and emptied at a cost of £136.17 per annum. Mrs Bird will inform Mrs Morrell of this situation, as it would be the PCC's responsibility to pay for the bin.
- Richard Brown who has visited the inspected the old orchard offered to give a talk on this subject. The gardening club will take him up on this offer and invite him to a meeting possibly in July.
- Cllr Jones informed the council that due to ongoing legal processes he was unable to provide further updates on the actions being taken at Bankwood Stables.
- Cllr Stones confirmed that WMDC were aware that the flashing speed sign on Carlton Road is no longer functioning.
- Cllr Stainer has registered with the Keep Britain Tidy group. Cllr Hoyle and Stainer will investigate if a future cleanup campaign can be organised with WMDC.

- No lamp post / hanging basket structural checks will be carried out this year. In future years a sample survey will be undertaken. This will cost £45/ lamp post.
- No police reports have been forthcoming. Cllr Stones has talked with Paul Dobson who will try to get this police data reporting reinstated.
- In addition to the missing bulbs in the planters the top layer of compost has been removed. It is assumed that this occurred when the planters were emptied in the autumn. In bloom will need to reinstate this soil when the planters are refilled.
- The PCC magazine will no longer be issued as a monthly magazine. It is likely that 3 editions per year will be produced. Cllr Britton will liaise with Rev Judd for the likely publication dates. Cllr Stainer confirmed that the PCC had only billed for 3 adverts not the 12 as in previous years.
- The depression and pothole on the A1 northbound carriageway have been reported to A1plus for them to investigate and repair.
- Cllr Wilkins has set up individual Parish Council email addresses for all the councillors. Cllr Tagger, Hoyle, Stainer and Johnson would prefer to use their own email addresses for receiving data but would use the parish council emails when corresponding on behalf of the council.

2018-04-05

Correspondence:

Mrs Edith Holmes wrote to the council on behalf of the Darrington Ladies Group asking if it could apply for a s137 grant for the coming year. Cllr Stainer proposed that they receive £200. Six members agreed with this proposal and 2 considered that the grant being considered was too high an amount.

Cllr Wilkins provided information on a "Smiley Sid" type of radar speed sign. Cllr Tagger stated that we needed more traffic speed information than we currently have at different locations within the village to target problem areas. Cllr Thompson agreed to try and obtain information from other areas where this type of sign had been used.

2018-04-06-01

Finance:

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts for March which were also the year end accounts. He reported that the balance at the end of the year stood at £18,581.48. This was higher than previously budgeted but was due to the delay in payment for the telephone box.

To obtain a discount one payment had been approved in March for payment prior to this meeting.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
4.4.18	01-1819	CH743	First impressions	Hanging baskets and planters	3119.40	519.90
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Six further payments were submitted for approval in April.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
12/4/18	02-1819	CH 744	Paul	Printer Ink	30.00	0.00

			Stainer			
12/4/18	03-1819	CH 745	PCC of Darrington with Wentbridge	Hire of reading room	176.00	0.00
12/4/18	04-1819	CH 746	PCC of Darrington with Wentbridge	S137 pages in church news	30.00	0.00
12/4/18	05-1819	CH 747	PCC of Darrington with Wentbridge	S137 Maintenance of clock	104.00	0.00
12/4/18	06-1819	CH 748	Darrington Ladies Group	S137 grant	200.00	0.00
12/4/18	07-1819	CH 749	Paul Stainer	Stationary	3.50	0.00
					3662.90	519.90

Cllr Hoyle and Tagger approved the payment and all other than Cllr Thompson supported this. Cllr Thompson was opposed to payment towards the cost of maintaining the church clock after all the recent issues regarding the clock chimes.

2018-04-06-02

Annual Accounts:

Cllr Stainer presented the annual account summary for year ending 31st March 2018. Compared with the previous year the balance at year end was higher at £18581.48 compared with the previous year £17454.83.

When questioned about the assets, Cllr Stainer confirmed that there was no depreciation taken into account for these. Members thought that the council also owned 3 benches at a value of £1500.

2018-04-07

Planning matters:

New applications

10 Beech Crescent	Tree Works	No Comment
20a Beech Crescent	Tree Works	No Comment
22 Beech Crescent	2 storey extension to rear and side	No Comment
Hillcroft Farm development	Variation of conditions	No Comment

Existing Applications

10 Beech Crescent	Tree Works	Approved
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2018-04-08

Defibrillator:

The defibrillator has been delivered and will be stored at Cllr Thompsons house until it is required. Cllr Stones provided details of the annual maintenance charge to Cllr Stainer.

Cllr Smith confirmed that the telephone box was ready but hasn't been erected yet due to delays with the installation contractors.

2018-04-09

Community Infrastructure Levy CIL

Cllr Stones has been in discussions with Ms Smith at WMDC who has confirmed that once this payment has been received by WMDC 25% of £104k will be paid in staged payments to the council. The first payment is scheduled to be made toward the end of April 2018. This has to be spent on infrastructure improvements over the next 5 years.

2018-04-10

Scarecrow trail.

Due to other commitments councillors will not be able to assist with the organisation of the trail this year. Cllr Smith will try to determine if there is any support within the village to help organise and run this event.

2018-04-11

Air crash:

Cllr Tagger confirmed that artefacts from the plane have been located, plus the original letter from Winston Churchill relating to this incident. There are also firsthand reports from people who visited the site at the time. The RAF is also scheduled to carry out a fly pass on the day. It is hoped that a "virtual media resource" of the incident and the day will be made available after the occasion. A professional video recording is being considered. A further £140 donation from the raffle has been received.

2018-04-12

Reports:

School:

Nothing to report.

Village Field:

A second container for the storage of equipment used on the field has been ordered. This will be situated at the side of the existing container. Feast and Fayre plans are ongoing and all help on the day is always welcome.

Police:

There have been local reports of persons walking around and trying to open car doors on a night time.

In Bloom:

Nothing to report.

Gardening Club:

The garden club again will be hosting an open garden this year. Dates are still to be confirmed but it will be either 17th or 24th June.

Newsletter:

Nothing to report.

PCC magazine:

Nothing to report.

Drone:

Cllr Thompson reported that he is still awaiting their response about an acoustic survey.

2018-03-11**Minor Items:**

Cllr Johnson informed the council that Ms Janette Miller had attended the coffee morning to give an update on the changes being made to the A&E department in Pontefract.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 10th May 2018 in the reading room. It will incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting and this will be followed by the regularly monthly meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.50

Cllr J Hoyle offered his apologies for the meeting in May.