

# Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr Loughran, Cllr Jones.

**In Attendance:**

7 members of the public.

**2017-02-01**

**Declaration of Interests:**

None offered.

**2017-02-02**

**Public Matters:**

Mr Hepworth, who is researching WW2 aviation history, has suggested a plaque is erected to remember the air crash that occurred on valley road in 1943. Investigations have shown that there is no memorial in the church as had previously been suggested. Cllr Tagger will put forward a proposal for the erection of a plaque, either in the church, or on the site of the accident.

It was noted that recently parking had improved on Sotheron Croft now that one of the vehicles was being parked off the road.

**2017-02-03**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. They were accepted as being a true record by Cllr Stones and Johnson.

**2017-02-04**

**Matters arising:**

- The PCC have not yet received a proposal from Mr Capon to construct a community garden in the old orchard.
- The tree surgeons are aware that they need to come back and prune trees in the orchard.
- Cllr Thompson reported that the camping club sign has been taken down and repositioned. He also stated that a new keep left sign was provided this would cost in the order of £27,000.
- Cllr Hoyle reported that the old milestone had not yet been reinstated.
- Cllr Tagger reported that due to personal circumstances the representative from Healthwatch will not be able to attend the PC meeting or the coffee morning for the foreseeable future.

**2017-02-05**

**Correspondence:**

- Details of the removal of a telephone by BT. However, this was not within the parish.

- Invitation to attend the national flood risk forum in London. As Darrington is not at risk of flooding from tidal water, or rivers no one will be attending.
- The manager of the Darrington Hotel stating that they were keen to take an active role in the community and may be able to help on fund raising events.
- Letter from the PCC asking if the council would be prepared to bridge the funding gap by providing £500 towards the cost of the church bell repairs. These are costing £1700 in total to repair. Cllr Tagger proposed and Cllr Smith seconded a motion to make good the shortfall of £500. There were no objections to this being paid.
- Email from Mr Lawrence regarding the removal of two concrete bollards on Back Lane to allow access to a property. These have now been put back.
- Letter from the Feast and Fayre organisers enclosing an application form for a stall at this year's event.

### 2017-02-06

#### Finance:

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts. He reported that the balance at the end of January stood at £17,981.82

Two payments were presented for approval in February.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
09/02/17	24-1617	CH 646	P M Stainer	Printer Ink	26.99	0.00
09/02/17	25-1617	CH 647	PCC of Darrington	Section 137 grant for church bells	500.00	0.00
					<b>526.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The forecast balance at the end of March 2017 stands at £16,154.83

Cllr Johnson informed the council that at the last WMDC Town and Parish Council Liaison group it was implied that WMDC would be billing the council for the cost of the elections in 2015. This is currently not budgeted for and could be in the region of £4000

### 2017-02-07

#### Planning matters:

##### Existing Applications

St John Church Wentbridge	Tree felling	Approved
14 Estcourt Drive	Extension and provision of a balcony	Approved

##### New applications

Philips Lane	Single dwelling	Revised drawing submitted to WMDC
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Councillors reviewed the amended drawings and all agreed that these addressed their previous concerns about the development. Roofing material had been changed, some of the roof lights removed, and parking would be managed on site during the construction phase.

Cllr Johnson will discuss with WMDC whether any money will be forthcoming from the neighbourhood levy fund in regard to the development at Hillcroft Farm.

**2017-02-08**  
**Defibrillator**

Wentbridge House Hotel has still not yet responded to Cllr Stones regarding positioning of a defibrillator on their premises.

Cllr Johnson and Stones reported that the Community Heart Beat Trust can manage the whole project on behalf of the council at the cost of about £2000. This includes the liaison with BT, conversion of the existing power supply and training.

If a red telephone box was to be used refurbished ones were available for about £2750, but would require a new power supply and may require planning permission.

It was agreed by all that a defibrillator would be provided but, Cllr Smith and Stainer would investigate the cost and logistics of using an older style red box instead of the current box.

Cllr Johnson stated that she still had no definite date for the removal of the existing telephone by BT.

Cllr Hoyle stated that the Feast and Fayre organisers have agreed that the charity of their choice for the profits from this year's 5 mile run will be donated towards the project. This could be in the region of £1000.

**2017-02-09**  
**Heavy Traffic in Darrington**

Cllr Thompson has discussed with the police the cost of providing extra police resources to try and reduce the problems of traffic and speeding. The only thing that they could offer was to send a PCSO along to a future meeting. This already happens on a regular basis at the coffee morning.

Cllr Tagger indicated that if WY police were aware of sufficient public concerns about a situation such as speeding or heavy traffic they may put in appropriate measures to try and reduce it.

It was noted that the road surfacing had been completed at the traffic lights

**2017-02-10**  
**Reports:**  
**Town and Parish Council liaison group.**

Cllr Johnson reported that at a recent meeting they discussed

- Role of the Environmental health team
- Kirkgate station refurbishment
- Demolition of Rishworth street car park
- HS2 meeting in Normanton
- Future changes in planning legislation and the neighbourhood levy fund.
- PC election costs

**School:**  
Nothing to report.

**Village Field:**

Stall application form and run donation have already been referred to

**Police:**

Cllr Thompson reported that 4 incidents had taken place in Darrington

- 2 thefts from the BP garage.
- Theft from vehicle at the Darrington Hotel.
- The theft and removal of a newly planted hedge on Westfield Lane!

He also said that the “man with the dog” that was caught on CCTV has now been arrested.

**In Bloom:**

Nothing to report.

**Gardening Club:**

Cllr Tagger will be meeting shortly with the manager at the Golf Club to discuss this year’s open garden event.

**PCC Magazine:**

As this will no longer be produced on a monthly basis it was agreed that as and when required Cllr Britton will write a suitable article.

**Newsletter.**

The next issue will be published towards the end of April.

**DRONE. A1 noise.**

Highways England have performed an initial feasibility study to identify potential improvement options that can be taken forward for further development. The study has reached a conclusion and the findings will be considered by the government to define the next steps.

Cllr Thompson will write to Highways England and ask them at what point do the stakeholders have an input into the new route of the A1 through Darrington.”

**2017-02-11****Minor Items:**

Cllr Thompson reported that he had discussed with friarwood surgery the possibility of a surgery in Darrington and this had been dismissed as a none starter.

It was noted that as on the cost saving initiatives of WMDC the neighbourhood action team who deal with fly tipping would be disbanded. In future any fly tipping will be dealt with by the refuse gangs on their usual rounds. This is highly likely to increase the problems experienced on Marl Pit Lane and West Field Lane.

**2017-02-12****Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.52