

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 11th January 2018

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Stainer and Cllr Hoyle.

In Attendance:

7 members of the public

2018-01-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2018-01-02

Public Matters

Mrs. Morrell asked why the lights at the back of the school were so bright as it was hard to see the floor walking into the west door of the church. She will report to Jill Fletcher.

2018-01-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

Cllr Johnson stated she had asked Cllr Hoyle to add onto the December Minutes the £200 had been donated by the Coffee Morning Group to the Defibrillator project. The amendment hadn't been made but would be added in and re-circulated. The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and otherwise accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Thompson and Stones.

2018-01-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Britton read out a letter from the PCC informing us of work completed to quieten the church bells for those living nearby. Mick in the audience said it was much improved but that his girlfriend was still losing some sleep. Cllr Britton said to keep the PC informed but hoped this was now resolved.
- Cllr Stones suggested we write to the Brotherhood to thank them for their continued help with Christmas Trees for the village – all agree and Cllr Britton will action.
- Cllr Britton suggests we pay £30 to Mick at the Dovecote for again supplying the electricity for the Christmas Lights switch on and carols in the Tythe Barn. Cllr Smith seconds the proposal. MB will action.
- Cllr Britton points out that we may need to consider installing a permanent supply of electricity to the Tythe Barn area if we intend to light up the other side rather than the tree in future. Cllr Thompson points out it would be the responsibility of the church to provide this.
- Cllr Britton raises an issue with bin collection/emptying up Phillips Lane but will raise at next meeting.

- Cllr Britton acknowledged that Andy Johnson and his father now had a week by week arrangement with Enterprise Breweries to manage the Spread Eagle pub which has now been open again for a month or so, thanks to help from lots of villagers who volunteered their time to help clean and redecorate.
- Cllr Smith updated the room on the likelihood of our PCSO Andy Devonport attending the next meeting – she would let him have the Feb date to see if he could attend.
- Cllr Britton confirmed that Mr. Wilson had done a great job pruning the orchard trees and that the remaining mess would be cleared very shortly.
- Cllr Thompson confirmed that DPC had bought a set of General Data Protection Regulation documents, and having gone through them acknowledged that a few were of concern to us as mainly focused on individuals and we deal with very few. He will over the next few months take us through other trivial recommendations made in the documents.
- Cllr Britton asked if anyone had any objection to Mr. Thornton (who had in the previous month written to us offering the services of a friend of his in providing traffic/speed monitoring eqpt for the village to use). Cllr Tagger requested that Mr. Thornton and friend ask Wakefield Council contact us directly to let us know the use of the equipment would be authorised by them, rather than have that information come via Mr. Thornton.

2018-01-05

Correspondence:

Cllr Britton read out a quote received from Knavesmire Builders for repairs needed to the loft of the Reading Rooms, and passed onto Carole Morrell for actioning.

2018-01-06

Finance:

Cllr Thompson presented the accounts for December. He reported that the balance at the end of the month stood at £21,775.65.

Two further payments were submitted for approval.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
11.01.18	34-1718	CH 740	Kelvin Wilkins	General Data Protection Pack	30.00	0.00
11.01.18	35-1718	Direct Debit	Public Works Loan Board	Loan Payment	1104.17	0.00
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2018-01-07

Planning matters:

Cllr Britton stated that again there were no new planning matters to consider but that some had been approved. There was some concern that this may be due to error on the part of WMDC. Cllr Johnson agrees to raise the need for accuracy when she attends the next Town Council Meeting.

2018-01-08

Defibrillator:

Cllr Smith confirms she'd spoken to the Phonebox installation company today who had confirmed that installation would be complete by the 31st Jan. Cllr Stones asks whether they had confirmed they could connect the Defibrillator at the same time – Cllr Smith unsure so will contact company again to confirm. Cllr Stones was instructed to order the defibrillator.

2018-01-09

Air crash:

Cllr Tagger stated he'd met with someone from Tockwith who'd gone through a similar process and seemed we'd done everything we should have.

The nephew of bomb aimer also attended and was overwhelmed by the attention it was receiving as he was passionate about it. He did a presentation and highlighted some inconsistencies which was useful.

Cllr Tagger had also had a call from Michael, nephew of the only surviving member of the Dean family who confirmed that 15 members of the family would be attending the event on the 22nd.

Cllr Tagger confirmed it would be invite only to the event on Chapel Hill in the morning, then up to MYGC for a buffet and use of the Driving Range for displays by different services etc. Public by ticket only after that.

Gayle in the village shop has run a raffle to raise funds towards the event.

Cllr Britton asked Mrs. Morrell to find out what permissions were needed to repair the grave. Cllr Tagger said the Dean Family wanted to work closely with us to decide what would be done.

Cllr Johnsons and Stones state that some villagers felt excluded from the event. Cllr Tagger reiterates all has been done to open it up as much as is safe, but that priority has to go to the families directly involved.

MYGC are also producing a commemorative programme which people will be able to purchase if they can't attend.

2018-01-010

Reports:

School:

Nothing to report

Cllr Johnson asked what works were going on at the school – Cllr Tagger confirms it's a nursery extension.

Village Field:

Nothing to report

Police:

Cllr Stones read out the crime reports she's now received from 18/12 to 8/1.

Also stated that police had caught 10 speeders through the village while checking with radar guns – the speeders would receive speed warning notices. Police plan to carry out this activity more often.

In Bloom:

Nothing to report

Gardening Club:

The next scheduled meeting will be on Valentines day with a quiz. The Kyte as always continue to be very accommodating.

Newsletter:

Nothing to report

PCC magazine:

Nothing to report

Drone:

Nothing to report

2017-12-13**Minor Items:**

Cllr Thompson is to present to the Ladies Group on Parish Councils and Darring PC in particular.

Cllr Stones stated she had seen in some villages signs on entry highlighting that the village was covered by CCTV. The idea was discussed for Darrington but decided it would suggest we had trouble in the village and could be seen as intrusive or unfriendly. Cllr Johnson reminds everyone that the next Town Council meeting is on the 7th Feb and to let her know if anything needed to be raised.

Cllr Tagger mentioned someone had complained about the muckiness of the road from Valley Rd to Estcourt Rd – Cllr Johnson agrees to raise it, along with another concern raised by a member of the audience that despite contacting the council repeatedly, leaves still blocked the way down the ginnell from Beech Crescent down to Estcourt Rd. The council were thanked by a few members of the audience for speaking clearly and directly to them as they said that wasn't always the case and they'd often felt excluded.

Date of next meeting:

7.00 PM on the 8th February in the reading room. The meeting closed at 8.45.