

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 12th January 2017

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Smith, Cllr Stainer, Cllr Jones, Cllr Eyres.

In Attendance:

Cllr Loughran together with 11 members of the public.

2017-01-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2017-01-02

Public Matters:

Mr Capon asked the council if with his help it was interested in setting up a “community garden” growing vegetables in the old orchard. This sounded an interesting proposition but first Mr Capon would have to write to the PCC detailing his proposals as the land was in their ownership.

2017-01-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. After some discussion of the terminology used in section 2016-12-09 school reports they were accepted as being a true record by Cllr Stones and Thompson.

2017-01-04

Matters arising:

- Tree pruning in the old orchard is still outstanding. Cllr Smith will talk to the tree surgeon.
- The mud on the road and pavement near Hillcroft Farm has been removed.
- Cllr Wilkins confirmed that all the salt bins have been filled.
- Cllr Wilkins has thanked Mr Hirst for repairing the damaged notice board.
- Cllr Wilkins has discussed with WMDC the duplication in street naming, and has been told that the post office do not see this being a problem.
- A meeting was held on site to discuss the development at Hillcroft Farm. The council and several residents have made comments to the WMDC planners. The planning officer has now visited one resident to review the situation that they will face. They were surprised at the extent of work carried out already prior to detailed approval being granted. One new concern is the long term health of trees surrounding the site due to excavation work being carried out close to their roots.
- Despite being found to be in breach of the planning regulations little if anything seems to have been done at Bankswood Stables to clear and reinstate the site.
- Orders have been placed for next years hanging baskets and flowers.
- PCC magazine article written and published.

- Highways England has reported that the acoustic survey will not be completed before March. They also confirmed that whilst there is an option to put a splitter island at the top of the southbound run off this was not cost effective and the safety record at this location did not justify any works being carried out. Cllr Thompson agreed to talk to the camping site owner to see if their sign could be repositioned to try and eliminate confusion at this location.
- Christmas tree lights have been taken down. There was a suggestion that next year the top sections of the lights were left in place to make future erection and dismantling easier.
- Cllr Hoyle confirmed that arrangements were in hand with the farm to re erect the old milestone on Moor Lane. Plus the milestone on the old A1 at Wentbridge was been recorded and details of it can be found on the milestone society database.

2017-01-05

Correspondence:

- Repairs to the church bells will commence on the 4th February, well over a £1000 has been collected to date.
- The orchard preservation group will be holding a training session on Saturday 4th March, looking at pruning and grafting of trees. Mr Capon expressed interest in attending.
- Email from Kevin Westermann regarding the house conversion on Philips Lane.
- Email from WMDC providing details of where to find the "Wakefield District Residential Design Guidelines Part 2" and asking for comments before 8th Feb 2017.
- Email from David Hepworth who is researching WW2 aviation history. He was suggesting that a plaque was erected near the crash site of a Halifax bomber on Valley Road. Cllr Tagger will refer him to the memorial in the church and the detailed report on Graham Brays website.

2017-01-06

Finance:

In Cllr Stainer absence Cllr Wilkins presented the accounts. He reported that the balance at the end of December stood at £19,085.99.

Only one payment was due in January

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
12/01/17	23-1617	Direct Debit	Public Works Loan Board	PWLB lighting loan	1104.17	0.00
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The forecast balance at the end of March 2017 stands at £16,210.19

No payment has been made this year towards the maintenance of the clock and it may be possible to contribute towards the cost of the bell repairs once the shortfall in fund raising is known.

2017-01-07

Planning matters:

Existing Applications

Kensworth House	Changes to materials	Approved
9-10a Darrington Road Pontefract	1 new property	Withdrawn

New applications

St John Church Wentbridge	Tree felling	Approved
Philips Lane	Single dwelling	DPC were unaware of the exact details of this and would review to application and make appropriate comments. E.g. access issues, Sensitive restoration Size of structure

2017-01-08**Defibrillator**

Wentbridge House Hotel has not yet responded to Cllr Stones regarding positioning of a defibrillator on their premises. There is one property opposite that may be an alternative. Cllr Thompson reminded the council that there was an old style red phone box near the Bluebell Inn and this may be a suitable site. It was however within the parish boundaries of Thorpe Audlin, but it may be possible to come up with a deal to share the cost between the two parishes.

Cllr Johnson reported that she had still not received a reply from BT about supplying a red phone box to replace the one that will be removed on Manor Park Rise.

2017-01-09**Heavy Traffic in Darrington**

Despite the traffic problems around Marl Pit Lane there is no alternative route for heavy and large vehicles gaining access to the farm. However, some other large vehicles are coming through the village despite the weight restriction. Cllr Thompson will discuss with the police the cost of providing extra police resources to try and reduce the problems. He will also try and investigate if Sat Navs used in commercial vehicles have up to date information on them about weight restrictions and the suitability of the roads in Darrington to gain access the Pontefract and beyond.

2017-01-10**Reports:****School:**

Nothing to report.

Village Field:

Nothing to report.

Police:

Cllr Thompson reported that 6 incidents had taken place in Darrington since mid November namely,

- 18/11/16 Burglary Estcourt Road
- 8/12/16 Theft from insecure vehicle Mill Close
- 11/12/16 Theft from insecure vehicle Ash Tree Fold
- 14/12/16 Road traffic accident Wentworth Park Rise
- 18/12/16 Theft of motorcycle from garage Westfield lane
- 28/12/16 Theft from insecure vehicle Hillcroft Close

In addition there have been incidents at the BP petrol station along the A1.

In Bloom:

Nothing to report.

Gardening Club:

The gardening club has recently met up at the Kyte for one of their regular meetings.

PCC Magazine:

The next issue will not be published until March and securing cars may be a suitable item for inclusion.

Newsletter.

Nothing to report.

DRONE. A1 noise.

Nothing to report.

2017-01-11

Minor Items:

Cllr Johnson reported that she had attended a meeting of the Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group. They were trying to develop a 5 year plan of health priorities across the district. One of their health and social care representatives may be able to attend a future PC meeting or the Monday coffee morning.

2017-01-12

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 9th February 2017 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.53