

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 9th July 2015

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Stainer, Cllr Farrell, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Stones, Cllr Smith. Cllr Johnson.

In Attendance:

Cllr David Jones and 6 members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Wilkins.

2015-07-01

Declaration of Interests

None offered.

2015-07-02

Public Matters

Concern was expressed from a resident living in Applewood Gardens about the regular farm smell. Cllr Tagger explained that he was keeping a log of complaints and reporting these to the farmer, and that the farmer was making modifications to the farm that would minimise problems.

2015-07-03

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. These were approved as a true and correct record by Cllr Smith and Cllr Farrell.

2015-07-04

Matters arising:

Re treatment of the notice boards is still outstanding. Cllr Farrell will discuss this with the handy man.

Cllr Smith confirmed that the wall repairs at the Darrington Hotel had not yet commenced.

Problems associated with overhanging trees and bushes will be included in the next church magazine.

Cllr Tagger has completed a questionnaire produced for the WMDC strategic housing marketing assessment.

Vegetation on Back Lane and around the traffic lights has now been cut back.

On behalf of the council Cllr Britton objected to the planning application at 5 Hillcroft Close.

When Cllr Farrell contacted Ripon Farm Services they did not appear to want a site meeting and were mainly concerned about the council's comments on a revised planning application for vehicle storage and parking. This and the offloading of vehicles in the area is still a major problem to the local residents. It was agreed that Cllr Britton would write to the WMDC highways and send them copies of recent photographs of the problem to see if they can offer any resolution to the problems.

Cllr Hoyle confirmed that there was no cable ducting in the village field container that could be used when power is installed for the Christmas lights but there was plenty of the heavy duty warning tape available.

Old Orchard. No progress has yet been made with the church. Cllr Hoyle stated that some of the residents closest to the orchard were concerned about the proposals and

asked that all the near neighbours were consulted prior to work commencing. Cllr Britton confirmed that that would be the case and an article relating to the proposals would be in a future edition of the church magazine.
The damaged planter on Estcourt Road has been repaired.

2015-07-05

Correspondence:

- Email. P Brooks asking if the council would support some parking restrictions outside his house as his drive is regularly blocked by customers stopping at the shop. Several councillors did not think that these would be effective but would not object if he was to discuss the matter with the highways department.
- Email. Cllr Wilkins confirming that solar powered Christmas tree lights would not be effective.
- Email Cllr Wilkins confirming that he had spoken to the planning department about the refusal of the Ripon Farm Services planning application. This had been due to the change of use of greenbelt land to industrial use.
- Letter from WMDC regarding the Local development framework. Cllr Tagger would review and take any action if required, and ask in the future if he could be included on the circulation list.
- Conversation with Mr Spencer in Wentbridge concerned that this area did not have the same recycling facilities as the rest of Darrington and a concern about the speed of traffic coming down the old A1 into Wentbridge. Cllr D Jones confirmed that he was already talking to WMDC re the traffic and poor road surfacing in the area but could see little likelihood of any changes being made.

2015-07-06

Finance:

Cllr Strainer presented the monthly financial summary.
Four payments were presented for payment in July.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
9.7.15	11-1516	CH 602	R Farrell	Mortar for planter repairs	5.73	1.15
9.7.15	12-1516	Direct Debit	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment	1,104.17	0.00
9.7.15	13-1516	CH 603	G Jenkins	S137 grant Scarecrow competition	99.00	0.00
9.7.15	14-1516	CH 604	V Stones	Parish Council stall expenses	5.50	0.00
					1,214.40	1.15

Cllr Tagger proposed and Cllr Hoyle seconded these payments.
Cllr Stones confirmed that there would be some income to come from the sale of the scarecrow maps.

The forecast balance at the 2015-2016 year end stands at £6,047.25 which includes the allowance of £2500 for election expenses, and a reduction in the gardening expenses.

2015-07-06-01

Cllr Stainer asked that if any payments were due in August prior to the next scheduled meeting in September that he and Cllr Britton could make these payments prior to them being reported to the council. All members agreed to this proposal.

2015-07-07

Planning matters:

Approvals.

- Trinity Farm Grove Hall. Large scale distribution warehouse
- Kyte Hotel. Tree trimming Split decision.

New applications.

- 27 Beech crescent. Tree pruning No comment
- Rectory Farm Moor Lane Wentbridge Outdoor horse exercise area

The council's only concerns about this would be if it incorporated large mirror walls or floodlighting which would have a more detrimental impact on the adjacent residents. Cllr Stones will contact the residents and review the application.

- Darrington Hall. Tree pruning No comments
- 1 Ash grove Single storey garage to the rear of the property

It was proposed that the council comment on this application stating that the construction material used should be in keeping with the surrounding properties.

2015-07-08

Christmas tree and Christmas lighting.

As mainspowered lighting is the only viable solution a trench would be required from the WMDC box to the tree. Cable ducting would only cost about £20, but mains powered lights would be required to replace the battery operated ones used last year. WMDC need to be contacted to confirm the terms the council would have to comply with to use this power supply.

Cllr Stones will contact the Darrington Hotel to see if they would be prepared to sponsor the tree.

In the tithe barn area it was suggested that the adjacent resident may be prepared to provide a power supply to the tree.

2015-07-09

Clean up Campaign

Cllr Hoyle will contact the neighbourhood action team of WMDC to see if they would support a litter pickup day in the autumn.

2015-07-10

Reports:

PC stall at the Feast & Fayre.

The display at this years Feast and Fayre was well received by all those who took time to view it.

Cllr Hoyle was please to announce that the winner of the Parish Council quiz was one of the most frequent attendees at the council meeting Mrs Cook, and she was presented with her prize. It is proposed to put the quiz and the answers on the website.

One other suggestion received that day was to publish on the website the votes cast for each member of the council in the recent election.
Other major issues raised on the day were noise from the A1 and the construction of the golf driving range.

Scarecrow competition.

There were a number of late entries to this year's competition but the standard was as high as ever. There was a good spread of competitors across the whole of the village and many people seem to be keen to carry on with the idea next year.

School:

The school will be doing a project about local history and this will provide some information that can be used in the tithe barn information board. The board should be ready for erecting prior to Christmas.

Village Field:

Most of the recent damage has now been repaired but there is still some damage to the shelter roof following recent incidents of children climbing on the container.
The Feast and Fayre was held on a warm sunny day and was well attended which helped raise one of the largest totals in recent years of £4600. The five mile run had the largest ever numbers of runners on the day and the profits from this run meant that £900 could be sent to both the "ear trust" and the "Laila Milly foundation"

Police.

Tithe barn ropes have been broken again. Plants have been taken from the planter near the Darrington sign on Valley Road.

In Bloom:

All the planters could do with being jet washed again. Cllr Stainer will talk with Stuart Oakes about doing this.
The planter nearest the Darrington sign on Marl Pit Lane has not been replanted. Cllr Stainer will ask Cllr Wilkins to report this to in bloom.

Gardening Club:

On judging day there were 7 gardens entered for this year's competition. One other entry had withdrawn at the last minute. In all 30 people attended the annual awards and the overall winner was Mr & Mrs Spencer in Wentbridge. Ideally an entry of 10 -12 gardens would be desirable. The club is considering extending this next year to an open garden weekend to take place the same time as the scarecrow competition.
The minutes of the meeting will be put onto the PC website.

PCC Magazine:

This will include the article on overhanging trees and bushes

2015-07-11

Minor Items:

None.

2015-07-12

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7.00 in the reading room.
Meeting closed at 8.50.