

# Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr Smith, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Jones.

**In Attendance:**

6 members of the public.

**2017-07-01**

**Declaration of Interests:**

None offered.

**2017-07-02**

**Public Matters:**

The overgrown state of the footpath between Estcourt Road and Back Lane adjacent to the A1 makes this now virtually impossible use and undergrowth needs to be cut back. Plus the bike needs to be removed from the tree! It was requested that Cllr Wilkins reports this to the Highways Authority.

**2017-07-03**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

The June meeting revised minute's version 2 were reviewed. These were accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Britton and Tagger.

**2017-07-04**

**Matters arising:**

- WMDC have inspected the contradicting weight limit signs throughout Darrington but have not yet reported back to the Parish Council on their proposed actions.
- Ponty Pets have agreed in principle to provide a number of dog poo bag dispensers that will be situated in appropriate locations throughout Darrington. Cllr Smith was asked to pursue this matter.
- Cllr Thompson reviewed a series of emails and photographs about the occasional inconsiderate parking of tractors on Estcourt Road. He also read a substantive reply received from Mr Batty at Church Farm. This explained what he had done to try and reduce the impact. Cllr Thompson stressed to all present that there is no substance whatsoever in the rumours circulating within the village that Cllr Wilkins has referred this incident to WMDC and is trying to close the shop down.
- Cllr Tagger has been in touch with Claire Smith to discuss whether there is any likelihood of the Parish Council benefitting from any infrastructure levy funding received from the TK Maxx development.
- Cllr Stainer provided documentation to Cllr Thompson to complete and take to the bank thus enabling him to be a signatory on the cheque book account.

- Cllr Tagger reported that he has had conversations with Nigel Markwold relating to the planning situation at Bank Wood Stables. WMDC are preparing a report and may take this matter to court for none compliance of the planning conditions.
- Cllr Thompson will investigate the cost and type of flag poles for a future agenda item.
- Darrington does not have a coat of arms. Therefore, one will not be used on any official Parish Council correspondence.
- Cllr Britton has asked James Capon to cut the grass in the tithe barn area.
- The new Parish Council email changes have been made and are operational.

#### 2017-07-05

##### Correspondence:

- Email from Yvonne Robinson expressing some dissatisfaction with how the Parish Council had dealt with the planning application for the development of the old barn on Philips Lane. Cllr Wilkins had already responded to this and stated *“The council’s position is that we consider all developments in line with our policy of maintaining the character of the village, in particular in one of the oldest and special areas of the village as in this case. It is not the council’s role to take sides for or against individual residents but to try to ensure what is built is in line with this policy.”*
- Email City of York Council regarding changes to the Mineral and Waste Joint Plan.
- Letter from Dalton Warner Davis providing information about the proposed new gas fired power station at Eggborough.
- Email Mr & Mrs Glover. They have recently moved into Darrington and had a number of concerns, namely,
  - Street and pavement cleaning
  - Potholes on Valley Road
  - Overgrowing vegetation in the sub station
  - Rumours about the closure of the shop

Cllr Thompson considered the best way to deal with these concerns was to discuss them in person.

#### 2017-07-06

##### Finance:

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts. He reported that the balance at the end of June stood at £17,571.46

Five further payments were submitted for approval.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
13.7.17	13-1718	CH 660	Paul Stainer	Postage	9.76	0.00
13.7.17	14-1718	CH 721	Carter and Jackson	Printing of PC magazine	95.00	0.00
13.7.17	15-1718	CH 722	Mr J Capon	Garden maintenance	180.00	0.00
13.7.17	16-1718	Direct debit	Public Works Loan	Loan Payment	1104.17	0.00

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13.7.17	17-1718	CH 723	Paul Stainer	Printer Ink	24.00	0.00
					<b>1412.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Cllr's Hoyle and Britton approve these payments.

Cllr Stainer reported that the current year end balance stood at £12,208.60. However, this will change as there is some uncertainty in how much will be spent on projects during the year.

Cllr Stainer reported that he had applied for a VAT refund of £725.82.

Cllr Hoyle proposed and Cllr Britton seconded a motion that if any cheques urgently required approval in August, when no meeting will be held, then these could be paid without the approval of the full council.

Cllr Britton proposed and Cllr Tagger seconded a motion that Cllr Wilkins will contact WMDC and try to obtain an estimate from them as to what the additional costs would be if they were asked to cut the grass in the orchard. As this is land owned by the church. Mrs Morrell agreed to discuss this matter with Rev Judd.

Cllr Thompson asked Cllr Stainer to supply him with a copy of the latest internal audit report.

#### **2017-07-07**

#### **Planning matters: Existing Applications**

TK Maxx	Change of internal cladding	Approved
TK Maxx	Various access signs	Approved
Philips Lane	Single bedroom property	Withdrawn

It was noted that the planning application for the development on Philips Lane has been withdrawn on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Councillors were concerned as to how the site and old building will be left.

#### **Retrospective Applications**

T K Maxx	Erection of plant associated with distribution development	No Comment
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#### **New applications**

4 Ash Grove	Tree work	No comment
1 Garden Lane Wentbridge	Discharge of previously approved planning conditions	No comment

It was noted that the development in Wentbridge was classed as being one in a conservation area. Cllr Tagger will investigate the extent of this area.

**2017-07-08**

**Air Crash project**

Cllr Tagger reported that he had been in contact with WMDC councillors, RAFA and the Royal British legion and all were very supportive of this project. It is planned to formally launch the project in September to try and build up some publicity prior to the anniversary next year.

It was suggested that the best memorial at the church would be to repair the grave. It was also suggested that provision of a memorial seat in the orchard could be considered.

**2017-07-09**

**Feast and Fayre Stall**

The Parish council stall attracted a good deal of interest on the day, with the air crash being of particular interest. Standing in front of the displays instead of behind it enabled councillors to discuss numerous issues with residents.

**2017-07-10**

**Defibrillator**

Cllr Thompson has applied to WMDC planning for a certificate of lawfulness for the replacement telephone box. This has cost £90 for the application £21 for an approved location plan. Cllr Stainer agreed to help provide the other plans that need to be submitted.

**2017-07-1**

**Reports:**

**Town and Parish Council Liaison Group.**

Cllr Johnson reported that at the meeting last night the following main issues were discussed.

- Public rights of way are now the responsibility of the highways department.
- Cemeteries
- Enforcement of retrospective planning applications.
- Viability of the meeting continuing as only 6 out of the potential 24 councils were represented

The next meeting is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**School:**

Nothing to report.

**Village Field:**

The shelter roof has been damaged. Photographs from CCTV shows a number of boys standing on the roof. Anti climb paint will be reapplied to the container prior to the school holidays. The waste bin by the gate has been removed by WMDC as it was badly corroded; as yet this hasn't been replaced.

The Feast and Fayre committee have not yet had their wrap up meeting so the exact sum raised is not known, nor is the value of their contribution towards the cost of the defibrillator.

**Police:**

There is no police crime information available this month. Cllr Stones agreed to take on this role from Cllr Thompson.

**In Bloom:**

Nothing to report.

**Gardening Club:**

The open garden week was more successful than last year with lots of people visiting the gardens throughout the week. It is proposed to run a similar event next year again to start on the Sunday following the feast and Fayre.

**Newsletter.**

Nothing to report.

**DRONE. A1 noise.**

Nothing to report.

**PCC magazine**

Although it is not known when the next scheduled newsletter will be produced an article about the defibrillator will be prepared.

**2017-07-12**

**Minor Items:**

**2017-07-13**

Cllr Tagger confirmed that the sign in the Tithe barn area was still ongoing and artwork would be available soon for inspection.

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the reading room. If there are any matters that require dealing with prior to this then members will be contacted via email over the summer.

Meeting closed at 9.10

Cllr Tagger offered his apologies for the meeting in September and Cllr Hoyle suspected that he may not be available that day.