

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 11th June 2015

Present:

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

In Attendance:

7 members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Johnson.

2015-06-01

Declaration of Interests

None offered.

2015-06-02

Public Matters

Concern was expressed about the look, size, safety, drainage and noise of the earthworks at the Golf Club. Cllr Wilkins explained that he had recently visited the site to discuss the development with the project manager and had been assured that the works were in line with the original planning proposals. The project manager had confirmed that the finished works once completed would be radically different from what was currently visible. The area would also be extensively landscaped. He also invited the concerned residents to visit the site and he would explain in detail what was being constructed. Cllr Wilkins handed over a copy of one of the planning documents which outlined the original proposals.

2015-06-03

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. These were approved as a true and correct record by Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Stainer.

2015-06-04

Matters arising:

Cllr Wilkins confirmed that the election expenses forms had all been submitted and 8 out of 9 declarations of interest forms were displayed on the website.

Cllr Farrell will discuss with the handy man the re treatment of the notice boards and arrange to complete the works.

Cllr Stones confirmed that she had not received any further malicious phone calls.

Cllr Smith confirmed that she had made contact with the new owners of the Darrington Hotel and they would be looking to repair the wall in the very near future.

Problems associated with overhanging trees and bushes had not been included in the church magazine due to space restrictions but would be in the next month's edition.

The website had now been updated with details of the present councillors.

Cllr Britton and Cllr Wilkins had felt that at the annual parish meeting in May, where the topic of Bankswold stables was raised Ms Milner may have left the meeting with the

wrong impression of what the council could or could not do. Subsequently Cllr Wilkins has had a separate one to one meeting with her at the Darrington Hotel to clarify the situation. He understands that her intention is to refer the decision to the ombudsman.

2015-06-05

Correspondence:

- Letter. WMDC strategic housing marketing assessment. Cllr Tagger would review and take any action if required.
- Email. Civic Mayor of Doncaster, asking the Chairman if he would like to attend Yorkshire Day celebrations on the 1st August. Cllr Smith may consider this invite.
- Email. From the Highways Agency giving details of the proposed road closures due to A1 repairs between 13/7/2015 and 24/7/2015
- Email. Jane Cockcroft regarding the overgrown state of the vegetation on back lane. Cllr Wilkins will speak to the WMDC footpath team.
- Email. Jane Cockcroft, suggesting that the old orchard could be tidied and transformed into a community orchard, as has been done in some other communities. She will provide further information in due course.
- Conversation. Resident on North Lodge Lane regarding traffic problems on Estcourt Road.

2015-06-06

Finance:

Cllr Strainers presented the monthly financial summary.
Two payments were presented for payment in June.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
11.6.15	09-1516	CH 600	P M Stainer	Postage	4.73	0.00
11.6.15	10-1516	CH 601	M Britton	Printer ink and paper	24.97	4.16
					29.70	4.16

Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Hoyle seconded these payments.

The forecast balance at the 2015-2016 year end stands at £5,847.25 which includes the allowance of £2500 for election expenses, and a reduction in the income of £100 from adverts in the newsletter.

2015-06-07

Planning matters:

- **Approvals.**
Beck foot Moor Lane Wentbridge. Rendering of property.
- **New applications.**
5 Hillcroft Close Darrington 2 storey house in garden.

Cllr Britton read out a letter from the neighbour Mr Bentley who was objecting to the proposal. After reviewing photographs and plans the council decided it would object to the proposal on the grounds of

1. Inappropriate 2 storey development in an area of bungalows.
2. Infill development.

Ripon Farm Services

Mr Knowles at Ripon Farm services has invited the council to attend a site meeting to discuss an amended planning application for a hard standing area. Cllr Farrell and Cllr Tagger will arrange a meeting.

2015-06-08

Christmas tree and Christmas lighting.

The battery powered lights used on the tree last year were not as good as anticipated. If mains powered lights were to be used a duct and cable would have to be laid from the WMDC box to the tree. Cllr Hoyle thought there may be suitable ducting and power cable warning tape in the village field container and this would be checked out at the Feast and Fayre after which a working party will carry out the work.

Cllr Wilkins agreed to investigate solar powered lighting.

It was agreed that the parish council would provide a tree for the reading room. It was suggested that using the reading room for Christmas parties could be advertised later in the year.

It was agreed that the Christmas tree provided in the Tithe barn area would not be replaced. However, the existing trees would be decorated.

2015-06-09

Old Orchard

It is one of the council's aspirations to see this area of the village being better used by the community. Over time there have been some suggestions such as, Community orchard, gardens, Bowling Green, car parking for church and reading room. It is now proposed to set up a working group comprising of 3 councillors, members of the PCC and the vicar to work up and develop a long term plan and funding arrangements. Councillors Britton, Stones and Smith all volunteered to take this forward.

Cllr Hoyle wanted surety that before any money from the parish council was spent on improving the area the church would guarantee its long term use by the community and not see the area as a potential building plot.

In the near future a working party would be formed to start and clear up the area.

2015-06-10

Reports:

PC stall at the Feast & Fayre.

Cllr Smith presented the proposals for the Parish Council stall at the feast and fayre, together with a list of actions. As well as an exhibition there will be a free to enter Parish Council quiz, information about local groups and organisations, and entry forms for the scarecrow competition.

Scarecrow competition.

So far there have only been a few entries. It is proposed to print up and erect further posters advertising the competition. An engraved cup for the annual winner is also being proposed.

School:

Cllr Tagger has now held a meeting with the school council and members of staff. The tithe barn information board will form part of a year 5/6 project that will be completed in autumn.

Village Field:

Further damage to the small swings and the tractor has been reported and repairs are ongoing. The Feast and Fayre planning is now reaching its final stages.

Cllr Hoyle informed the council that he had written to the vicar expressing his disappointment that the church were proposing to lock the gate on the tithe barn on the day of the F&F and he and others could see no logical reason for doing so, particularly as part of the work had been funded by the Parish Council. This action meant that the area could no longer be used as the designated disabled car parking area. He suggested that on the day "common sense" should prevail and the car park would remain open.

Police:

The PCSO would be able to attend the Feast and Fayre; however, there will be no space available for them to have a stall.

In Bloom:

One further planter on Estcourt road has been damaged. Cllr Farrell will instigate repairs.

The planters are now being cleared and restocked. Due to the cold weather the hanging baskets are slightly behind schedule but these will be erected week commencing 14th June.

Gardening Club:

The gardening club has been in discussion with the Kyte about improving their front garden. The garden competition will be judged on 5th July but so far there have only been a few entries. Cllr Tagger is preparing more posters.

PCC Magazine:

This will include the article on overhanging trees and bushes

2015-06-11**Minor Items:****Litter Picking Day.**

Cllr Hoyle suggested that a future project for the village could be a litter picking day of all the streets in the parish. Working in conjunction with WMDC, the school and other willing volunteers. One member of the public stated that this had worked successfully where she had lived previously.

Playing in the church Yard

Cllr Britton confirmed that it had been reported to the police that local children were playing/messing about in the church yard.

Overhanging Vegetation.

Cllr Wilkins will report to WMDC that the traffic lights are difficult to see due to overhanging vegetation.

2015-06-12**Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 9.10