

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 9th June 2016

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr D Jones.

In Attendance:

Mr P Batty and 4 members of the public.

2016-06-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2016-06-02

Public Matters:

None raised.

2016-06-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

2016-06-04

Matters arising:

- The notice boards have been repaired. However, one of the door handles needs to be replaced.
- Grass cutting has been carried out on the verges near the traffic lights.
- Cllr Tagger reported that there was no progress with the school walking bus.
- Cllr Stones has visited Mr Bristow and informed him that nothing more can be done by the council regarding the speeding traffic on Philips Lane or the reintroduction of the walking bus.
- Cllr Wilkins on behalf of Mr Lawrence has talked to the A1 contractors about the removal of the debris and sign boards. Signs are still in place on Marl Pit Lane.
- It was noted that although Marl Pit lane had been resurfaced some of the worst affected parts near the traffic lights had not been totally repaired.
- Mr Cook has agreed to cut the grass in the tithe barn area and will do so again before the Feast and Fayre.

2016-06-05

Correspondence:

- Letter. Ian Clark regarding the ongoing issue with farm smells. Mr Clark referred to a statement made in the Parish Council annual report published in the recent newsletter, and he did not feel that the situation had improved since the introduction of an odour log. Cllr Tagger reported that there had been a reduction in the numbers of reports received and noted big improvements in the situation

since 2014. He confirmed that whenever a report is submitted Mr Batty promptly responded and these comments were usually passed back to the originator. Mr Batty stated that he had been in regular liaison with a resident near the Spreddeagle and they had verified that there were no major incidents in that area. Cllr Wilkins suggested that education via some form of “open day” may be helpful. Mr Batty did not want to resort to this due to workload, animal hygiene and health and safety concerns. He suggested that the Environment Agency as the regulators were the best experts to liaise between the farm and manage the public expectations. Cllr Tagger agreed to continue utilising the odour log and would contact Mr Clark. Cllr Stones stated that not all incidents arose from the one farm, as on some occasions, tractors running through the village from other areas had been reported as being very smelly.

- Letter. Mr Bentley. Concerned that despite the original application for a development in the garden at 5 Hillcroft Close being refused, a second application for the same development has been approved, now that it is being classed as an annex to the original property. Cllr Smith will contact Cllr Jones to ask why despite the Parish councils objections to the original proposal WMDC saw fit to approve the second application.

2016-06-06

Finance:

Cllr Stainer reported that the balance at the end of May stood at £14,897.86

One payment was submitted for approval.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
09.06.16	10-1617	CH 634	Carter & Jackson	Spring newsletter	95.00	0.00
					95.00	0.00

Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Smith seconded this payment.

In the budget summary Cllr Stainer confirmed that the end of year balance stood at £11,168.60. The budget has been reduced for gardening maintenance. The additional loan repayment allowance has been reduced to zero as agreed at the last meeting. There has been a £4000 allowance made for election expenses.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had applied for a VAT refund.

The internal audit assessment has now been completed and documentation is now ready to be sent out to the external auditor.

Cllr Stainer has considered investment options for the money that had been allocated to pay off the PWLB loan but was not aware of any investments opportunities that would provide a decent return for the council.

2016-06-07

Planning matters:

Existing applications

Grove hall Lane Knottingley	Erection of 19 CCTV cameras for the TKMax distribution site	Approved
5 Hillcroft Close	Infill development	Approved
8a Ash Grove	Tree works	Split Decision

New applications.

8 North Lodge Lane	Garage conversion including raising of the roof and canopy	Approved
8 Park Close	Extension to side over garage	No comments
Trinity Farm	Fence to pumping station compound for TKMax	No comments

Ripon Farm Services.

Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Stones reported back on a meeting they had attended at Ripon Farm services. They confirmed that RFS were going to re apply for a storage, manoeuvring and off loading area in the field at the rear of the property. They considered that relocation to a new site was not an option. Whilst this proposal solved many of the current on site problems and had the backing of the landowner, they would still have to prove to WMDC that this development in the greenbelt area was permissible.

2016-06-08

Parish Council Vacancy.

This was being advertised throughout the village and nominees had to be submitted by 10th June. If more than one is received and election is required. This will be held on 7th July and the reading room would be used as the polling booth.

2016-06-09

Reports:

Old Orchard

All the building work is complete. A working group is required over the weekend of 25/26th June to stone pick and tidy the site prior to reseeding.

Cllr Smith will contact Mr Oakes about power washing the graffiti.

School:

Nothing to report.

Village Field:

Minor damage has been reported on the roof of the shelter.

Police:

There has been an attempted break in on Valley road. This was reported to the police by a witness who saw the incident.

A power washer and bike were stolen from a property in Park Avenue.

The PCSO's have talked to some motorists who parked illegally close to the school. The following day traffic was parked in the same areas again.

In Bloom:

All planters and hanging baskets have now been planted up. If any beds have been missed out these need to be reported to Cllr Wilkins.

Gardening Club:

Leaflets have been delivered to try and encourage more people to open their garden to the public during the open garden week 19th – 26th June. To date 12 entries have been received.

PCC Magazine:

Cllr Smith has already submitting an article for this next edition.

Newsletter.

This has been distributed throughout the village.

DRONE. A1 noise.

Nothing to report.

2016-06-10**Minor Items:**

Cllr Stones reported that she had been unofficially informed that the barn at Bankswood stables would have the planning permission approved.

Jane Cockcroft had reported that the hedges on back lane were becoming very overgrown making walking difficult along parts of it. Cllr Wilkins will contact WMDC.

Cllr Britton confirmed that he had talked to the church clock repairer and asked him to provide an estimate of the cost for restoring back into working order the church bells. Mrs Morrell confirmed that this was on the PCC's list of things to do.

2016-06-11**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting in the reading room will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 14th July 2016

Cllr Wilkins gave his apologies that he will not be able to attend this meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.50