

# Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Loughran, Cllr Jones

**In Attendance:**

5 members of the public.

**2017-06-01**

**Declaration of Interests:**

None offered.

**2017-06-02**

**Public Matters:**

Concerns were raised about the source and smell of the compost that had been tipped at two locations in fields alongside Marl Pit Lane. One resident has reported this to the WMDC Environmental Health team.

**2017-06-03**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

The revised minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. They were accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Britton and Stones.

**2017-06-04**

**Matters arising:**

- The lampposts have now been repainted.
- WMDC have inspected the contradicting weight limit signs throughout Darrington and will report back in due course.
- Ponty Pets have agreed in principle to provide a number of dog poo bag dispensers that will be situated in appropriate locations throughout Darrington
- There has been no response from Church Farm about occasional inconsiderate parking of tractors on Estcourt road. Cllr Smith will ask Cllr Wilkins if he has had a response.

**2017-06-05**

**Correspondence:**

- Knottingley Power has invited representatives from the council to a meeting regarding their proposed power plant. Their proposals will have no consequence on residents and it is not proposed that anyone will attend.
- Highways England Strategic Roads event dates have been changed. Cllr Thompson will still be able to attend the one that is scheduled to take place in Darlington.

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> September is the merchant navy red ensign day when communities are encouraged to fly the flag. The flag pole on the church is currently inoperable and is extremely difficult and dangerous to access. It was suggested that the site of the Christmas tree on Estcourt Road would be a suitable place for Darrington to have a flagpole erected. Cllr Thompson would investigate planning permission and costs and put this down on a future agenda for further discussion.
- Letter from Edith Holmes the chair of the ladies group. In this she explained that their funding would be reduced this year, due to them being unable to run the usual bottle stall at the Feast and Fayre. She asked if a S137 grant of £100 could be made to help towards the cost of room hire. Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Stones seconded a motion to grant them the money.
- Email from Mr Westerman. He has been asked by WMDC to clarify the former use of the old building on Philips Lane that he has plans to develop. No one present could recall this building being used as anything other than for storage over the last 10 years. Cllr Thompson will write to confirm this situation with Mr Westerman.

Cllr Thompson commented that the council does not have a coat of arms, or any headed paper. Cllr Stones confirmed that she had investigated a Darrington coat of arms before but this was not pursued in detail.

#### **2017-06-06**

##### **Finance:**

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts. He reported that the balance at the end of May stood at £17,672.46

Two further payments were submitted for approval.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
1.6.17	11-1718	CH 658	Darrington Ladies Group	S137 grant	100.00	0.00
1.6.17	12-1718	CH 659	British Telecom plc.	Adoption of BT box	1.00	0.17
					<b>101.00</b>	<b>0.17</b>

Cllr Hoyle and Smith approve this payment.

Cllr Stainer added that at this time of the year it was difficult to be completely certain about the end of year position but at this moment in time it stood at £12,346.48  
Cllr Thompson raised the issue of signing of cheques. It will be necessary for both he and Cllr Stainer to complete the necessary forms and provide identity at the bank branch in Pontefract.

#### **2017-06-07**

##### **Planning matters:**

##### **Existing Applications**

TK Maxx	Change of internal cladding	No comment
TK Maxx	Various access signs	No comment

Cotswold Estcourt Road	Garage to front	No further comments. The style, position and look of this have been reviewed. It was also noted that the WMDC arboriculturist had made comments about the protected trees in the vicinity
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As the TK Maxx is a large development just bordering onto the parish Cllr Tagger agreed to investigate where the community levy money that would be raised was going to be spent.

### Retrospective Applications

Bankwood Stables	Wall and gates.	Refused
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Cllr Tagger reminded the council how many applications had been refused, or the conditions ignored, at this location and would make WMDC planners aware of these breaches.

### New applications

None received		
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#### 2017-06-08

##### Air Crash project

A meeting will be held next week. It is already attracting interest from many different sources.

#### 2017-06-09

##### Defibrillator

Cllr Thompson is now coordinating this project and has signed the contract with BT to adopt the phone box for £1. Cllr Stainer explained that he will need to apply to WMDC for a change of use at a cost of £80. However, as this would be permitted development he did not anticipate any problems. Once approved arrangements could be put in place to purchase the refurbished box.

#### 2017-06-10

##### Reports:

##### Town and Parish Council Liaison Group.

Nothing further to report.

##### School:

Nothing to report.

##### Village Field:

Cllr Tagger confirmed that he had seen two boys breaking branches in the tree near his property.

Cllr Hoyle reminded the members that they would be running a stall at the Feast & Fayre. It was agreed that it could cover the Defibrillator, open gardens and air crash

- Cllr Thompson would supply a photograph to Cllr Smith
- Cllr Smith would provide last year's art work " what a Parish Council does"
- Cllr Britton would print out the material

On the day it will not be necessary to man it all day and those who can will help out when available.

**Police:**

There is no police crime information available this month.

Cllr Thompson confirmed that he had now established a contact with the partnership officer and had details of the SAFE scheme. The advisory "Smiley Sid" speed device would be available for use in Darrington twice a year. The SAFE scheme also employed police officers to work in the area and these were paid on an overtime basis. For four hours utilisation per month this cost around £1200 per annum. They could carry out things like radar monitoring of speeding motorists. It was agreed to see how affective "smiley Sid" was.

**In Bloom:**

The planters are now being planted and early indications are that this will be a good display again.

Cllr Britton will remain the key contact with the gardener James Capon and will be asking him to help out in the Tithe Barn area.

**Gardening Club:**

Cllr Tagger is working with the golf course manager to promote the open garden event and has attracted 12 entries so far.

**Newsletter.**

This has been published and is still being delivered.

**DRONE. A1 noise.**

Nothing to report.

**PCC magazine**

Cllr Thompson has been asked by Rev Judd for an article. This will be about the change to the precept percentage.

**2017-06-11**

**Minor Items:**

Cllr Wilkins has been asked to make changes to the email system so that Cllr Thompson can receive those emails addressed to the chairman.

**2017-06-12**

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in the reading room.

To avoid room clashes in December it was also agreed that this meeting will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Meeting closed at 8.20

Cllr Stone and Cllr Wilkins offered their apologies for the meeting in July