

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting  
Reading Room

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr Stainer, Cllr Stones.

**In Attendance:**

6 members of the public.

**2018-06-01**

**Declaration of Interests:**

None offered.

**2018-06-02**

**Public Matters:**

Mr Colin Walker made a suggestion that using some of the Community Infrastructure Levy funding the council should consider upgrading the street lighting on Valley Road. Cllr Britton explained that when the lights were changed in other parts of Darrington this was not just based on the financial situation. The lights on Valley Road had already been replaced by WMDC and didn't warrant being replaced at that time. The width of the road, also dictated which lights would be suitable for different areas of Darrington. Cllr Tagger will investigate the cost of retrofitting the top of the lamp posts.

It has been reported to WMDC highways that some of the lights are not working on the traffic lights.

**2018-06-03**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Smith and Tagger.

**2018-06-04**

**Matters arising:**

- Cllr Hoyle confirmed that the hedge by the field entrance had to be cut back to allow access for the wagon delivering the container. Also the WMDC grass cutting team had complained that the hedge was overgrown and restricting access for the gang mower.
- Cllr Britton confirmed that WMDC had agreed to empty the Reading Room bin at charitable rates not commercial rates. A litter bin has also been provided adjacent to the Reading Rooms.
- Cllr Thompson has talked to the company selling "Radar Speed equipment." They have confirmed that only 1 unit is being used in the UK the majority are in France or America. Prior to any decision being made on purchasing this type of equipment, meaningful speeding data is required to confirm where and how significant a problem speeding is. The recent measurements taken were too close to the traffic lights and would not have given a true picture of traffic speeds.

- Cllr Hoyle confirmed that the original contact who helped organise the litter pick in Darrington is no longer working for WMDC. However, he may now have details of a new contact that may be able to help.
- Cllr Tagger has contacted WMDC regarding the changes in the old stone wall in front of the new Hillcroft Farm development. As it was thought that these were a breach in the planning approval. WMDC are aware of the situation.
- Julie Graham will present at the Feast & Fayre art display her artwork for the tithe barn information sign. Cllr Britton and Rev Judd will liaise and confirm the suggested wording. Cllr Smith will provide details of how to obtain a “quick response” QR code for inclusion on the sign.

#### 2018-06-05

##### Correspondence:

Cllr Tagger provided a copy of his correspondence to development control re Hillcroft Farm.

Details had been made available of how to put in a bid for a grant up to the value of £400 to carry out improvements to the orchard. This has not been applied for due to the bulk of the work in the orchard being completed. Also, the orchard is in the stewardship of the PCC not the Parish Council.

#### 2018-06-06

##### Finance:

On behalf of Cllr Stainer, Cllr Wilkins presented the accounts for May. He reported that the balance at the end of May stood at £24,379.31.

Two further payments were submitted for approval in June.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
14.6.18	12-1819	CH 754	Carter and Jackson	Printing 700 DPC newsletters	95.00	0.00
14.6.18	13-1819	CH755	Mr James Capon	Gardening & maintenance	301.70	0.00
					<b>396.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Cllr Britton and Thompson approved the payments.

With no income being received during May the forecast yearend balance now stands at £29,078.02.

#### 2018-06-07

##### Planning matters:

##### New applications

Hillcroft Farm development	Changes in roof material for plot 6	No Comment
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##### Existing Applications

22 Beech Crescent	2 storey extension to rear and side	Approved
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#### 2018-06-08

**Defibrillator:**

The telephone box and defibrillator housing has now been fitted. Further delays by the contractors in providing a qualified electrician to wire up the equipment resulted in Cllr Thompson contacting a local electrician to complete this work. With a subsequent deduction of the costs paid to the original contractor. Mr James Brunton kindly agreed to carry out this work at his expense within the next few days and provide all the necessary certification for Cllr Thompson.

Training will be provided by Mr Andrew Johnson who is qualified as a trainer in the use of the equipment in the Spread. Once this has been completed, all those trained, will be provided with the key code.

Once fully operational, an announcement to that effect will be put out via social media.

**2018-06-09****Air crash:**

In addition to the commemorative sign being erected on Chapel Hill, a plaque will also be erected in the church. The Dean family have offered their support to some improvements in the orchard. Numerous organisations and relatives have been contacted and plan to be present at the commemoration so a good crowd is expected. To record this day for posterity quotations have been received from professional video recording organisations which are in the order of £2000. For this money they will provide 2 camera teams, provide background information, record live interviews, film the day and fly past and provide an edited rolling loop of events back to the Darrington Golf Club together with a highlights record. This could then be posted on the internet for future educational purposes.

Cllr Tagger asked for financial support from the council to procure this service. Cllr Smith seconded the motion and all councillors other than Cllr Wilkins supported the motion.

**2018-06-10****Reports:****School:**

The school has recently held a maths day workshop.

**Village Field:**

The Feast and Fayre will be taking place at the weekend and as far as possible everything is in hand. Despite numerous appeals for volunteers very few of the younger residents want to get involved in helping. It was noted that this is also a worrying factor for several community run enterprises.

Some of the play equipment has now reached the stage where it has either been removed, or will soon need to be removed. Initial plans are being formulated to replace this. As costs for the next phase of work will probably be in the region of £30,000 the field management committee are also considering approaching the parish council for help.

**Police:**

Nothing to report.

**In Bloom:**

All planters and boxes have been replanted.

**Gardening Club:**

The garden club had planned to organise an open garden this year. However, this will not be taking place as there were insufficient entries to warrant it.

Mr Richard Brown talked to the gardening club about fruit trees and the orchard. He is also keen to maintain involvement in the orchard. He will assist in providing a unique example of a local apple tree that can be planted in the orchard to commemorate the air crash.

**Newsletter:**

These have been produced in time for the Feast and Fayre with the majority of them having been delivered to residents.

**PCC magazine:**

Mrs Morrell has asked Rev Judd to provide dates when he proposes to produce the next copy of the magazine to give the Parish Council time to prepare an article.

**Drone:**

Nothing to report.

**2018-06-11**

**Minor Items:**

None.

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the reading room.  
Meeting closed at 8.19

Cllr Wilkins offered his apologies for the next meeting in July.