

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 9th March 2017

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Britton.

In Attendance:

8 members of the public.

2017-03-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2017-03-02

Public Matters:

None.

2017-03-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The revised minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. They were accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Tagger and Wilkins.

2017-03-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Tagger updated the meeting on the proposal to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the RAF bomber crash in Darrington. He has acquired some historical reports about the incident and spoken to residents on Chapel Hill. One option could be a plaque, or name plate, on Chapel Hill at a cost of about £150. Alternatively a brass plaque on the war memorial at the church costing about £50 could be considered. He will investigate with the RAF museum at Elvington if there is any precedent or protocol that needs to be followed in these circumstances. Cllr Stones proposed and Cllr Thompson seconded a motion that this should be a Parish Council project for 2017-2018.
- Cllr Hoyle reported that the old milestone had not yet been reinstated.
- Cllr Johnson has not yet heard if WMDC are going to bill the council for the election. Cllr Johnson and Cllr Thompson will be attending the Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting on 15th March where this matter will be debated.
- Cllr Johnson confirmed that the issue of the neighbourhood levy monies was an agenda item for the April meeting of the above mentioned group.
- Cllr Thompson expressed his disappointment with Highway England that he had not had any prior communications from them prior to the letter drop throughout Darrington. This stated that resurfacing works that will commence on the 21st March and will involve a number of road closures. He will enquire if this will be the quieter surfacing. To date there has been no update on the acoustic survey

- Cllr Wilkins has contacted Cllr Loughran regarding the proposed disbandment of the Neighbourhood Action team and what impact this will have for fly tipping in the area.

2017-03-05

Correspondence:

- Verbal communication from a resident complaining about the overgrown vegetation near the junction of Estcourt Road and Sotheron Croft plus the proliferation of dog mess in the village.

2017-03-06

Finance:

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts. He reported that the balance at the end of February stood at £17,454.83

No payments were presented for approval in March.

In order to obtain an early payment discount one payment was presented for approval in April but prior to the date of the next meeting.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
4.4.17	01-1718	CH 648	First impressions	Hanging baskets and planters	3119.40	519.90
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Cllr Thompson and Hoyle approve this payment.

The final balance at the end of March 2017 stands at £17,454.83. This has increased from £12,852.29 which was the final balance at the previous year end.

Mrs Bird presented the council a cheque to the sum of £200 from the Monday coffee morning to help towards the cost of providing a defibrillator within the village. Cllr Smith thanked them on behalf of the council.

2017-03-07

Planning matters:

Existing Applications

8 Park Close	Material changes	No Comments

New applications

2 Hillcroft Close	Single storey extension to side and rear	No Comments
2 Estcourt Drive	Tree preservation orders	No Comments

It was noted that there was no updated planning comments regarding the development at Hillcroft Farm and the dwelling on Philips Lane

2017-03-08

Defibrillator

Cllr Stainer has contacted the planning authority to see if WMDC would require planning permission to replace the existing phone box with a red phone box. He was informed that BT was usually exempt from planning, but in order to be 100 % certain he has submitted an online pre application to WMDC for their deliberation. A response to this is expected during the next month.

Cllr Smith will check the costs and delivery logistics of buying a refurbished red box.

Cllr Stainer will check the situation regarding the use of the existing power cables with northern power grid.

2017-03-09

Reports:

Town and Parish Council Liaison Group.

Nothing further to report.

School:

Nothing to report.

Village Field:

The on line entry for the five mile run is now open to the public and has already attracted a large number of entrants.

The football shoot will now be removed from the field for safety reasons after falling over in the recent storm. The wooden supports and other sections are rotten and it would not be cost effective to try and repair it.

Police:

Cllr Thompson reported that 8 incidents had taken place in the Darrington area all of which occurred at the BP garage. He will also contact Crigglestone Parish Council and the police commissioner to see what process is in place to "buy" additional police time in Darrington.

In Bloom:

The order for this years planting and hanging baskets has been sent.

The planter on Estcourt Road near Kensworth House still needs to be repaired. Cllr Stones will try and make contact with the builder who previously stated that he would repair this.

Gardening Club:

Cllr Tagger reported that they had recently held a good meeting but they are trying to encourage more people to attend. He has been in contact with the Golf Course manager who is still keen to support the open garden and they will try to target a wider audience via their social networking.

Newsletter.

The next issue will be published towards the end of April and any articles would be welcome. Ideas to date are Feast and Fayre, Scarecrow competition and the air crash.

DRONE. A1 noise.

Highways England has submitted their proposals regarding the improvements to the A1 in Darrington to the Government. Neither the public, nor WMDC have been consulted or informed of their plans. The public will not be able to see or comment on these until they have government backing. Cllr Thompson will discuss this matter further with Cllr Box at WMDC.

2017-03-10

Minor Items:

Cllr Tagger will inspect the lamp posts on Valley Road, as some are now green and may require re painting.

Cllr Thompson and Cllr Tagger have had their applications approved to be trained as a community speed watch volunteer.

2017-03-11

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 13th April 2017 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 7.59