

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Friday 22nd May 2015

Present:

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

In Attendance:

12 members of the public.

Apologies:

None received.

2015-05-01

Declaration of Interests

None offered.

2015-05-02

Introduction of the new councillors.

Cllr Britton gave the opportunity for the new councillors to introduce themselves and explain why they had wanted to represent the Darrington community.

Cllr Wilkins reminded all councillors that they needed to return to him promptly the election expenses form and an electronic copy of the declaration of interest form.

2015-05-03

Public Matters

No further public matters were raised to those raised at the Annual meeting that had just been concluded.

2015-05-04

Minutes of the last meeting

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

2015-05-05

Matters arising:

The gardener/ handyman had been asked to retreat the notice boards but this had not yet been completed. Cllr Farrell stated he would review the situation after his holidays and carry out the work if still required.

Church wall repairs were now completed and the risk assessment that had been prepared would be kept for future reference.

2015-05-06

Correspondence:

- Letter. An unsigned letter had been sent to the council relating to a resident of Darrington. It was agreed that this would not be read out in an open meeting and would be ignored as the perpetrator wasn't prepared to be accountable.
 - Cllr Farrell proposed and Cllr Wilkins seconded a motion that it would be the councils policy not to read out in public any unsigned correspondence in the future.
- Email. Received by Cllr Stones referring to a malicious phone call she had received after being duly elected as a new councillor. Again the perpetrator would not give a name.
- Letter from WMDC spatial policy group regarding housing in the area to meet future demands. Cllr Tagger confirmed that he had attended meeting with WMDC on this issue and was prepared to do so again in the future.
- Contact from a couple who were considering buying property in Darrington but were concerned about the occasional "pig" smell. Cllr Britton had already responded to this stating that the council had met with the farmer who was being very proactive in trying to minimise the impact, and was making modifications at the farm to further reduce the problem. Cllr Tagger reiterated that he was keeping a database of all incidents and reporting these back to the farm
- Letter from Mrs Morell relating to the unsafe condition of the Darrington Hotel wall adjacent to the playground. This is the hotels responsibility to resolve and a considerable amount of time and effort had been made in the past into trying to get the hotel to make the necessary repairs. As the ownership of the hotel had recently changed Cllr Smith agreed to try and find a new contact.
- Letter. Amey letter confirming damage to paintwork on the lamppost now resolved.
- Letter. C Britton asking if the council would be prepared to financially support the scarecrow competition by paying for posters. Cllr Stainer considered that this could be treated as a section 137 grant. Cllr Britton proposed and Cllr Wilkins seconded a motion approving the councils support.
- Letter from WMDC stating they were applying for powers under the traffic management act 2004 in relation to parking enforcement for the whole area from 1st October 2015

2015-05-07

Finance:

Cllr Strainers presented the monthly financial summary.

Six payments were presented for payment in March.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
10.5.15	03-1516	CH 594	Broker Network Ltd	PC insurance	265.00	0.00
10.5.15	04-1516	CH 595	Thomas M West	Web space and domain	50.00	0.00
10.5.15	05-1516	CH 596	P M Stainer	Stationary	4.30	0.00
10.5.15	06-1516	CH 597	Darrington PCC	Village clock repairs	130.00	0.00
10.5.15	07-1516	CH 598	P M Stainer	Printer ink	14.52	0.00

10.5.15	08-1516	CH 599	M Britton	Stationary	21.78	3.63
					485.60	3.63

Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Hoyle seconded these payments.

The forecast balance at the 2015-2016 year end stands at £5,904.69 which includes and allowance of £2500 for election expenses.

2015-05-08

Planning matters:

- **Approvals**

12 Hillcroft Close. Removal of conservatory and construction of new extension.

- **No comments**

Beckfoot Moor Lane Wentbridge.

Rendering of property.

Kyte Hotel.

Tree crowning.

Ripon Farm Services

A series of emails between Cllr Dean and representatives from WMDC were read. In summary these confirmed that any issues with loading and unloading of wagons adjacent to RFS were not something that could be resolved by the planning enforcement officer. They were a highway issue and action could be taken by the police. RFS were proposing to re seed the damaged area and were still working with their architect to come up with a suitable solution to the problem, in due course would like the Parish Council to attend a site meeting. Photographic evidence of parking/ offloading issues would be provided by the resident.

2015-05-09

Review of Standing orders and financial regulations

Cllr Thompson had previously reviewed and amended this documentation and all councillors had seen the changes. It was proposed by Cllr Britton and seconded by Cllr Wilkins that these changes are now accepted and implemented.

2015-05-10

Reports:

School:

Cllr Tagger will be meeting with the school week commencing 8th June to discuss the contents of the information board, a logo and use of the Tithe Barn area as a learning resource.

Village Field:

Cllr Hoyle confirmed that the planning for the Feast and Fayre was well advanced. He reminded the council that they had a stall that would need to be organised and manned on the day. Cllr Hoyle, Stones and Smith agreed to report back at the next meeting with their ideas.

Police:

One property had been broken into with money and jewellery being taken. Plant pots have been taken from a property on Estcourt Road. There have been reports of vandalism in the tithe barn area and this included one resident's car being damaged. The local PCSO has visited a family to inform them about their children's behaviour in the area.

In Bloom:

The planter damaged by the grass cutters has been repaired at a cost of £100. Some residents have complained about the overgrown state of some of the verges and these have now been cut. However, this will probably have an adverse impact on next spring's daffodils. It was agreed that no further planting of daffodils in the main road verges will be carried out and any new bulbs will be planted in "wilder areas" of Darrington or the planters.

Gardening Club:

The gardening club has been asked by the Kyte how to improve its gardens. The garden competition will be judged on 5th July.

Newsletter:

The next newsletter is now due and will contain articles on the Feast & Fayre, scare crow competition, garden competition, and Chairman's AGM report. A new delivery circulation list is required.

PCC Magazine:

This will include the chairman's annual report.

2015-05-11

Minor Items:

Overhanging trees and bushes.

Residents are again complaining about overhanging vegetation on Estcourt road near the traffic lights.

Website Update

The website will be updated to reflect the new make up of the council.

Scarecrow competition

Cllr Stones and Cllr Smith are helping to organise this. The theme for the year is Book Characters.

2015-05-12

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 11th June 2015 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Cllr Farrell gave his apologies for the next meeting

Meeting closed at 9.20