

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Village Reading Rooms

Thursday 11th May 2017

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Smith, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Stones, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Stainer, Cllr Thompson

In Attendance:

Cllr Jones together with 3 members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Loughran

2017-05-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2017-05-02

Public Matters:

A member of the public asked when the planters would be replanted. Cllr Wilkins confirmed they would be replanted before Feast & Fayre on the 17th June.

Cllr Tagger challenged the order of the Agenda. Cllr Thompson reassured him that it was correct.

2017-05-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and approved as being a true and correct record by Cllr Smith and Cllr Thompson.

2017-05-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Tagger confirmed that the RAF have mentioned our commemoration plans on their website. Official launch still planned for the 18th September 2017 and more info will be provided on the PC Stall at the Feast & Fayre. Cllr Britton proposed this become an Agenda item from June onwards.
- Cllr Stainer confirmed receipt from WMDC for previous election costs
- Cllr Wilkins confirmed that the repainting of shabby lampposts in the village is in hand
- Cllr Thompson confirmed the Highways England meeting he was due to attend had been cancelled due to the upcoming election.
- A letter had been received in April from N. Harvey stating concerns about tractors being parked outside the village shop and left with engines running while the drivers go inside. Cllr Britton has forwarded the photographs to the PCSO. Cllr

- Wilkins said he had also contacted Pete Batty on the off chance that the tractor drivers were workers of his, but no response has yet been received.
- Cllr Thompson confirmed that Highways England have been notified about the weight limit signs on entering the village make no sense and we await their response
 - Issue of overgrowth along A1 and on the ginnell up to it from Estcourt Rd has now been resolved.
 - Cllr Stainer confirmed that the damaged/deteriorated playground eqpt on the playing field has now been made safe
 - Cllr Thompson stated that he had received another letter from WMDC explaining in more detail than the last, exactly why our precept had changed by a differing %age than was expected. He also enquired whether Bankswood Stables are being charged council tax – Cllr Jones agrees to enquire on our behalf

2017-05-05

Correspondence:

Cllr Tagger received an email regarding the smell from the pig farm
 Cllr Britton read out Cllr Loughran’s apology email

2017-05-06

Planning matters:

Hodgewood Farm	Change of use	No comment
Cotswold, Estcourt Rd visual amenity issue	Dtchd Dbl Garage to front	AT to comment on
2 Estcourt Drive	Various tree trimming	Refused
4 Estcourt Drive	Various tree trimming	Refused

Estcourt Rd - Cllr Britton read out information update supplied by Christian re Estcourt Rd development, informing the council that the walls were being re-pointed, the archaeological survey had been completed and nothing found, and that he has decided to make all drives double drives to placate those with worries that drives wouldn’t be big enough to dissuade habitants from parking on the road. He also mentioned verbal abuse from villagers which Cllr Britton reiterated wasn’t appropriate.

Cllr Tagger queried a second meeting re access. Cllr Jones explains that parking can no longer be used as a valid objection. Cllr Tagger says the objection was also about poor sightlines for those on Thorntree.

Cllr Wilkins confirms the access points have been halved to one which will at the end of the site further up Estcourt Rd and away from the Thorntree Junction.

Phillips Lane – Cllr Jones provides an update - Kevin Westerman has to provide a letter stating that the sightline issues with the trees will be addressed, and also providing clear evidence of the site being used continually as a builders yard, in order for the application to proceed.

2017-05-07

Finance:

Cllr Stainer reported that the balance carried forward from March 2017 stood at £17,454.83, that we'd received incomes of £6,347.62 and expenditure of £3569.40 leaving a balance of £20,233.05

Four payments were submitted for approval.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
11.5.17	07-1718	CH 654	PM Stainer	Stationery	3.70	0.00
11.5.17	08-1718	CH 655	Wakefield Council	Recharge for 2015 Parish Elections	1971.89	0.00
11.5.17	09-1718	CH 656	Came & Company	Annual Insurance with Aspire	280.00	0.00
11.5.17	10-1718	CH 657	Mr James Capon	Gardening/maintenance	305.00	0.00
					2560.59	0.00

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Stones seconded these payments.

Forecast balance for end of March 2018 is £12,351.48

2017-05-08

Defibrillator:

Cllr Johnson received a long contract from BT with a request for £1 to adopt the box. Cllr Thompson agrees to review the contract before signing.

Subject to Cllr Thompson being happy with the contract, Cllr Tagger proposed and Cllr Smith seconded that the council would be happy for him to sign, then Cllr Stainer can provide Cllr Johnson with the cheque. Cllr Johnson to let Cllr Smith know when adoption is complete.

Cllr Thompson offers to pull all three 'projects' (Phone box, Defibrillator and associated planning) into one heading going forwards.

2017-05-09

Reports:

School:

Cllr Tagger has now been approved to join the board of school governors

Village Field:

No news

Police:

Cllr Thompson has now been trained on how to use a portable speed device and can train others to use it too. The device will be loaned to us for a week every few months to use purely as a warning and advisor of speeds travelled.

Cllr Thompson has a meeting arranged with Safe Scheme re us paying to provide additional police presence in the village to find out more about the scheme.

Cllr Thompson updated the council on the crime report for last month – 2 run offs at the BP Garage, 1 domestic on Elm Close, 1 criminal damage of a For Sale sign (culprit found) and one theft from the Golf Club, also resolved.

In Bloom:

Bill has been paid and boxes cleared

Gardening Club:

Have been invited by the school to go and talk to them about their garden

Notice board has gone up in the Tithe Barn

Cllr Tagger asked if James Capon could do some tidying work in the Tithe Barn, as the work is becoming too much for Hazel – Cllr Britton will pass on James contact details.

Cllr Jones suggests we apply for a Community Neighbourhood Improvement Fund to help with the cost of the RAF Commemoration Plaque, and to tie it in with the school somehow. Cllr Britton also suggests applying to the RAF for funds.

Newsletter.

Cllr Wilkins asks for Ex and New Chairmen articles and any other content

DRONE. A1 noise.

No news

2017-05-10

Minor Items:

Mick Limbert from the village suggested to Cllr Smith that we work with a local pet store such as Ponte Pets or Pets at Home, to improve availability of mess bags for dog walkers in the village by the sponsor providing branded stands, bag dispensers and bags in common walking spots in the village. Whilst many agree availability of bags is less the issue than getting walkers to put the filled bags into bins, it was agreed there was little to lose and that we'd ask Mr. Limbert to investigate further.

Cllr Tagger raised an issue he'd been made aware of about shop owners Gail and Joe Jenkins getting abuse from various villagers, causing them to consider leaving the village. Suggested us showing our support for the work they do by sending Gail a 60th Bday card from DPC which Cllr Smith agrees to do.

Cllr Johnson states he next liaison meeting will be held some time in July.

2017-05-11

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting in the reading room will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 1st June 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm