

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 12th November 2015

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Cllr D Jones and 6 members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Wilkins, Cllr C Loughran.

2015-11-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2015-11-02

Public Matters:

Two of the road signs on Valley Road were obscured due to overhanging vegetation and action will be taken to clear these.

Concern was expressed that the WMDC green waste bin collection had now finished for the year despite many of the trees still in leaf. Cllr Jones considered that this was a cost cutting exercise.

Speed checks have recently been undertaken in the village. It was suggested that some of the worst speeding takes place along valley road early in the morning prior to work commencing at Stapleton Park. Only one speed gun is available within the district and it is not known if and when further checks will be carried out.

2015-11-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. The revision 1 version was approved as a true and correct record by Cllr Tagger and Cllr Stainer.

2015-11-04

Matters arising:

Cllr Smith has obtained the "six odour descriptors" and found other guidance documentation on the EA website. The odour log will continue to be updated and details of it will be posted on the website.

Cllr Stones has not yet had a response from the new owners of the Darrington Hotel about sponsoring the Christmas tree which is situated adjacent to the pub.

Cllr Wilkins responded to the letter from Mr Robinson about the noise problems in the vicinity of the A1. He referred him to previous minutes of the council when they met with representatives of the Highway Agency to discuss this problem.

Cllr Tagger contacted the school about the poster on Wentworth Park Rise and this has now been removed.

Cllr Tagger responded to the planning inspectorate about the development at Bank Wood Stables.

Cllr Smith has talked to the local PCSO about the process for setting up a cold calling zone. The cost is in the region of £1.50 per property and the majority of the residents would need to agree to this operating in their neighbourhood before it could be

implemented. Concern was expressed as to how would this would be funded, e.g. is it via the precept ,or an individual payment? Once further details are available Cllr Smith will invite a representative to attend a future meeting to discuss this option in more detail.

2015-11-05

Correspondence:

- Email. P Batty to Cllr Tagger confirming that the modifications to the slurry management system are now operational and so far appears to be benefiting the village.
- Email. Wakefield Local Development Framework is going to be approved. This does not appear to have any major impact on Darrington.
- Email. Notifying the council of the of the examiners final report recommendation that the Wakefield Community Infrastructure levy (CIL) is approved subject to one change in relation to retail warehouse development. Cllr Tagger indicated that at a recent meeting it had been indicated that the WMDC website was still inviting comments until 25th November.

2015-11-06

Finance: 2015-11-06-01

Cllr Stones has raised sponsorship money of the Xmas tree lights from

- Knavesmire £20
- Colleen Robinson £50
- Darrington Village Store £50
- Ripon Farm Services £50

She will thank all the contributors on behalf of the council.

2015-11-06-02

Cllr Stainer reported that with the income from the scarecrow maps and expenditure in October this left a balance of £15,348.77

Four further payments were submitted for approval.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
12.11.15	22-1516	CH 612	Carter and Jackson	Newsletter printing	95.00	0.00
12.11.15	23-1516	CH 613	John Cain	Gardening maintenance	102.45	0.00
12.11.15	24-1516	CH 614	Paul Stainer	Christmas Tree lights	677.14	112.90
12.11.15	25-1516	CH 615	Mick Britton	Electrical items for Christmas tree lights	32.12	5.35
					906.71	118.25

Cllr Hoyle proposed and Cllr Tagger seconded these payments.

Cllr Stainer reported that he had revised the year end forecast and the balance now stood at £8,835.51

.2015-11-06-03

Cllr Stainer presented proposals for the 2016/2017 budget based on a 0%, 3% and 5% increase. Due to the lower level of VAT refund expected next year this would provide an income ranging from £12,799.12 to £13,384.61.

Expenditure is also predicted to be lower next year and the increase in precept would result in an increase in the reserves of between £1800 and £2400. One way of reducing the reserves and reducing future council financial commitments and interest payments would be to pay off part of the PWLB loan for the street lighting. Cllr Stainer will investigate whether this is a viable option.

Cllr Tagger proposed and Cllr Smith seconded a motion to increase the precept for the coming year by 5% on the proviso that the additional money raised will go towards paying off the loan. All other councillors agreed to this.

2015-11-07

Planning matters:

Kensworth House Estcourt Road. Part extension to front and rear and erection of a balcony. No comments.

6 New Row. Sun room to side and rear Approved

Gleneagles Estcourt Road Single story extension to rear Approved.

An appeal has been refused for a travelling showman's site at Newstead Lane Fitzwilliam.

Mr Westerman told Cllr Britton that he will soon be starting work on the single development on Philips lane and that he proposes to take down and rebuild part of the old stone wall. All the work he proposes has been approved by WMDC.

2015-11-08

Christmas tree and Christmas lighting:

The trees will be delivered on Sunday 29th November and a working party will be required from 10.00 to help erect and decorate the trees. Cllr Britton reported that he had placed additional protection around the electric socket next to the planter, as there was evidence that the planter had been hit and partially damaged. It is suspected that the damage is a result of work carried out by the grass cutters.

Cllr Tagger suggested that the old battery operated lights, if they are still useable, are donated to somewhere like an old people's home.

2015-11-09

Old Orchard.

Mr Batty has indicated that he is now able to start clearing the site either on 21st November or 28th November Cllr Smith will liaise with all concerned.

2015-11-10

Carol Service

This is scheduled to take place on 1st December at 6.00 followed by refreshments at the school. Provision of adequate and safe lighting is still a concern.

2015-11-11 Reports:

School:

See above.

Village Field:

The bonfire was well attended and enjoyed by all. There were reports of poor parking on Estcourt road causing traffic problems. Work to reseed the field is scheduled to take place on the 22nd November.

Police:

Several email scams are being reported to the police.

- Residents being asked to take in and send on packages
- Pension scams inviting people to invest in alternative developments such as hotels
- Malware attached to emails allegedly sent by the police themselves.

In Bloom:

In bloom have been in contact with Cllr Wilkins re next year's requirements. As no costs were available at the meeting approval was granted to continue to use them next year. Quantity, costs and quality still need to be confirmed.

Gardening Club:

Meeting are still taking place regularly and the minutes of these are posted on the website .The gardening club will be applying for a S137 grant next year.

PCC Magazine:

Cllr Britton will prepare some appropriate article for the next magazine if one is going to be produced in December.

Newsletter.

Printed and delivered.

2015-10-11**Minor Items:**

Cllr Britton informed members that he had recently read an article that indicated that a Parish Council had the rights to compulsory purchase land for use as a cemetery.

2015-10-12**Date of next meeting:**

Friday 11th December 2015 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 9.05