

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 10th November 2016

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Thompson.

In Attendance:

10 members of the public.

2016-11-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2016-11-02

Public Matters:

Provision of a defibrillator and the filling of the grit bin on Thorntree Close were brought to the council's attention. Both items would be covered later in the meeting.

2016-11-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and approved as being a true and correct record by Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Stones.

2016-11-04

Matters arising:

- The recently erected control panel on Estcourt road will house gas metering equipment.
- The planter by the Darrington Hotel has been rebuilt.
- Cllr Britton spoke with Mrs Bowmer about the recent dog problem on the village field.
- Cllr Britton spoke with Mrs Evan about the overhanging tree on Philips Lane and confirmed that this will be inspected when work is carried out on trees in the orchard.
- Four councillors attended the Wakefield Town and Parish council meeting on the 2nd November.
 - Highways England updated the gathering on the proposals for the A1 in the region. It was confirmed that an acoustic survey will be carried out in due course.
 - There was an update on the West Yorkshire Bus strategy for 2016 -2036 and the bus services bill that is currently being considered by the House of Lords.
- The gardening invoice has been received.
- Tree pruning in the old orchard is still ongoing.
- The burnt out caravan on Westfield Lane is still there.
- Cllr Wilkins confirmed that he has thanked First Impressions for the quality of this year hanging baskets and planters.

- Cllr Stones confirmed that she and other residents have planted some additional bulbs in the planters on Estcourt Road.
- Confirmation of the type of apple tree in the orchard did not take place.
- Xmas trees are ordered.

2016-11-05

Correspondence:

- WMDC asking if the parish wanted to purchase any additional salt for use over the winter. In previous years the highways have filled all the grit boxes at this time of year. Currently there is some confusion as to who owns and is responsible for the grit box on Thorntree Close. It was confirmed that the Parish Council does not own any grit boxes and have never paid for any being filled. They are all owned by WMDC highways. However, the exact number and location of grit boxes within the parish is not known. Cllr Wilkins will try to seek clarity from the highways of their filling schedule. Cllr Britton proposed and no one opposed the motion that if the highways refused to refill the box on Thorntree Close this would be filled at the council's expense. It was stressed that any grit in these bins is only for use on the public highway and footpaths and not for personal use on driveways.
- Email. Mr R Hirst informing the council of the damage to the notice board on Valley Road and offering to buy new glass and carry out the repairs.
- Cllr Tagger has been verbally informed that a new housing development sign has been erected on Marl Pit Lane. This development being called Manor Park. In due course this could cause confusion for residents living in Manor Park or Manor Park Rise in Darrington.

2016-11-06

Finance:

Cllr Stainer reported that the balance at the end of October stood at £19,349.39. Three payments were submitted for approval in November.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
10/11/16	18-1617	CH 641	Carter & Jackson	Printing of Autumn DPC newsletters	95.00	0.00
10/11/16	19-1617	CH 642	Mr J Capon	Gardening maintenance	200.00	0.00
10/11/16	20-1617	CH 643	Nancy's Nursery	Bulbs	35.00	0.00
					330.00	00.00

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Tagger seconded that these payments could be made. In the budget summary Cllr Stainer confirmed that the end of year balance at the end of November stood at £15,816.38.

Cllr Stainer stated that he would be preparing the budget for 2017/2018 for the next meeting, and suggested that the council consider what projects it would like to carry out. Funding towards the repair of church bells and a defibrillator was suggested.

Cllr Johnson will remove the audit report from the notice boards.

2016-11-07

Planning matters:

New applications

14 Estcourt Drive	Extension and balcony	No comments

Existing Applications

Kensworth House	Variation to materials and pitched roof	Refused

2016-11-08

Defibrillator

Cllr Stones has contacted the Kirk Smeaton PC and South Milford PC to see how they operate their defibrillators and is still waiting for their response. The manager of the Darrington Hotel has suggested a place near the door but still needs to gain approval from the regional managers. Wentbridge House Hotel has not yet responded, and there has been no contact yet with the Spreadeagle. Cllr Stones did discover that there already is a defibrillator inside the building at the golf club and they would have no objections to this being used in an emergency.

Cllr Johnson reported that the damage to the phone box had been reported to BT and repairs were scheduled to take place in the next few days. The phone box is on a list of those that are little used and is likely to be removed by BT in the near future. There is an option where the PC may be able to adopt a phone box and retain it within the village as a feature, albeit without a phone. If this could be swapped for a red box this may be a suitable place to install a defibrillator that has easy access for the whole of Darrington. Further enquiries will be made.

2016-11-09

Reports:

School:

Cllr Tagger confirmed with Mrs Wraith that the school is geared up for the carol singing at 6.00PM on the 28th November. Lights, power and audio need to be arranged.

Village Field:

The bonfire has a huge success with possibly a record crowd in attendance and early indications are that it made a profit. The provision of the no parking cones seems to have resolved the traffic problems that occurred last year. The long process of reinstatement of the field is now ongoing.

Police:

Vandalism of the telephone box and notice board has been reported to the police together with the names of the culprits. The crime report will also be sent to BT to see if they wish to take the matter further.

In Bloom:

The quote for the flowers for next year will be built into the new budget that is being prepared.

Gardening Club:

The gardening club recently met and amongst things discussed was the Christmas tree event at the church. Mid Yorkshire Golf Club have confirmed that they are still prepared to support an open garden event in 2017.

PCC Magazine:

Depending on when this is going to be published the trees, lights and carol service in the tithe barn are the obvious thing to refer to. Problems of dog fouling on Back Lane and ideas for future small scale projects in the village could also be incorporated.

Newsletter.

Nothing to report.

DRONE. A1 noise.

Nothing to report.

2016-11-10

Minor Items:

Christmas tree

3 trees have been ordered. Provisionally it has been arranged that these will be picked up and erected on 23rd November. Both Mr Morell and Mr Batty have offered to help provide transport or lifting gear.

Keep Clear sign

The legality of this sign painted on the road near the shop was questioned. A proposal to provide a sign was made to the council in the past and it has been approved by the highway authority.

2016-11-11

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 15th December 2016 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.40