

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting The Kyte Hotel

Thursday 19th October 2017

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Johnson, Cllr Loughran, Cllr Jones.

In Attendance:

2 members of the public.

2017-10-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2017-10-02

Public Matters:

The chimes on the church clock are now working.

Mr D Smith from Smith and Smith Associates spoke to the council about the recent closure of the Spreadeagle. He was trying to gauge if the community and Parish Council would back a pub that was also a cultural, training, and community asset for the area.

Cllr Smith agreed to talk to Claire Bradshaw at Enterprise Inns to

- Ensure that if the pub was closed for a short period of time the car park was made secure to prevent it being used by travellers.
- Discuss how the Parish Council could work with Enterprise to ensure that a viable community pub would remain in Darrington.

2017-10-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Thompson and Stones.

2017-10-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Smith will contact Ponty pets regarding the provision of dog poo bags.
- Changes to the bank account signatories are ongoing.
- Cllr Tagger will investigate if enforcement actions have yet taken place at Bankwood Stables.
- Cllr Thompson confirmed that the costs of aluminium flag poles were considerably less than he had previously suggested last month. He will submit a proposal to the council next month once he has discussed the matter with WMDC planners and determined if a certificate of lawfulness will be required.
- The minutes from the March meeting have now been added to the website.
- Cllr Britton will ask the gardener to tidy the area around the notice board on Valley Road.

- Cllr Thompson has observed several large vehicles travel on Estcourt Road near the Darrington Hotel without impacting low branches on the adjacent trees. No further action is proposed.
- Cllr Britton will organise the outstanding work next spring in the old orchard. The gardener will also provide a grass cutting quote.
- There has been no feedback to date from the PCSO's about the culprits who were videoed damaging the shelter on the village field.
- Cllr Stones is still awaiting confirmation of the times when the WMDC radar speed measuring device "Smiley Sid" will be available in our area.
- The damaged bench next to the traffic lights has been replaced.
- Cllr Hoyle has reviewed Wakefield District Residential Design Guide part 1, Implementation Plan, and consultation guides. These documents identify good design. They state that developments in historic locations should retain or enhance the special character or appearance of the area, and historic building should be repaired and re used wherever viable.

2017-10-05

Correspondence:

- Pontarc confirmed that they will be field walking over the next 2 weekends.
- The Parish Council was copied into a letter sent to WMDC by Mr Harvey regarding the traffic parking situation near his property on Estcourt Road.
- Letter from Mr I Glass stating that since the accident at the traffic lights the traffic sensors don't appear to be working. Cllr Wilkins will check with WMDC highways to confirm if the lights are now set to a preset time rather than utilising traffic sensors.
- Wakefield City Centre Urban Design Framework Supplementary Planning Document has now been adopted by WMDC.
- Letter from Mrs E Holmes of the Darrington Ladies Group thanking the Parish Council for the s137 grant. She also asked if this could be an annual donation and whether the Parish Council would be prepared to give a talk at one of their future meeting. For due diligence reasons the Parish Council would need to be asked on an annual basis for such a grant. Cllr Thompson will respond to this request.
- Details of the Wakefield Health watch question time on 16th November 2017 in the Town Hall Wakefield. Full details are available of the Parish Council Face book site. Cllr Tagger will also invite the organisers to attend a future Parish Council meeting and attend the Monday coffee morning.
- Cllr Thompson has received details of a Highways England live web chat on the A1 road building strategy. Details to be published on the website.

2017-10-06

Finance:

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts for September. He reported that there had been income during the month.

Date	Income Source	Income stream	Amount
13.9.17	Wakefield MDC	Precept payment 2	6147.62
28.9.17	Darrington Golf Course	Spring newsletter advertisement	50.00

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This left a balance at the end of September of £23,054.32

Three further payments were submitted for approval.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
19.10.17	28-1718	CH 734	Christopher Chambley	Gardening/maintenance	156.00	0.00
19.10.17	29-1718	CH 735	Christopher Chambley	Gardening/maintenance	24.00	0.00
19.10.17	30-1718	CH 736	Kyte Hotel	Room Hire	32.50	0.00
					211.50	0.00

Cllr's Hoyle and Stones approved these payments.

Cllr Stainer reported that the current year end balance now stood at £12,975.15

A draft 2018/2019 budget needs to be prepared for the next meeting.

2017-10-07

Planning matters:

Existing Applications

Darrington Parish Council	Replacing phone box and defibrillator	Approved
8 Estcourt Drive	Horse chestnut to remove	Approved

New applications

Darrington C of E School	Extension to provide a nursery	No Comments
29 Beech Crescent	Tree Works	No Comments

Cllr Tagger commented that the development on Hillcroft Farm looked to be far closer to the old walls than he had envisaged.

2017-10-08

Defibrillator:

Cllr Smith confirmed that

- No road closure was envisaged
- The contractors could carry out a live change and supply the appropriate certification.
- The total inclusive costs would be £4450 plus VAT

Cllr Stones proposed and Cllr Tagger seconded a motion to place an official order for the works.

2017-10-09

Reports:

School:

The date for the carol service/ light switch on has been fixed for Tuesday 5th December. The PA will be required.

Village Field:

The bonfire is scheduled to take place on the 4th November. Lack of volunteers on the day may mean that the toilets in the reading room cannot be utilised.

Police:

PCSO P Dobson has now retired. There have been no reports passed on to the council this month.

In Bloom:

The hanging baskets have now been taken down. All members agreed that it had been a good display this year and asked that Cllr Wilkins placed a similar order for next year. Late in the season it was reported that some areas at the far end of Valley Road had not been planted. If this recurs next year this should be reported back as soon as possible to ensure they can be planted up in time.

Gardening Club:

The gardening club met last week and have donated some plants to the school to help them replant the garden. A Christmas quiz is being organised to try and attract new members over the winter.

Newsletter:

This is at the printers and will be distributed for delivery in the next few days. Councillors were reminded to take photographs of events that occurred so these can help illustrate future issues.

PCC magazine:

This is not scheduled to be published until January.

Drone:

Cllr Thompson has met with the local MP and she is supportive and believes that the A1 improvements will happen. Cllr Thompson also proposes to write to Highways England expressing concern about the poor maintenance of the mini roundabout and slip roads in Darrington.

Xmas Trees:

Cllr Stones will organise a 17-20 foot tree for Estcourt Road and a 6 foot tree for the reading room. Trees and lights will be erected on Saturday 2nd December meeting at 10.00 in the reading room.

Air crash:

Cllr Tagger asked that this was an agenda item at the next meeting. Talks are ongoing with the WMDC "forces champion" about the logistics of the day. Funding may be available from the community chest monies but Cllr Tagger suggested that £1000 should be allocated in next year's proposed budget.

Contact has been made with the nephew of one of the rear gunners

2017-09-14

Minor Items:

The chairman's and clerks email addresses need to be changed on future agendas.

Cllr Thompson proposes to talk with the leader of WMDC Mr P Box as he feels there has been lack of support from some parts of WMDC over certain issues in previous months. For example, the contradictory road signs, street cleaning frequencies, removal of temporary road signs.

It was noted though that the response from street scene re the removal of fly tipped material was very good.

Date of next meeting:

7.00 PM on the 9th November in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.55