

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 12th March 2015

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Farrell, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Jackson.

Apologies:

Cllr Stainer, Cllr Newton, Cllr Loughran,

In Attendance:

Six members of the public. Cllr Dean

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2015-03-01

Public Matters

Mr Prideaux a planning agent, working on behalf of the owners and occupiers of Bankswood Stables, Mr Watson and Miss Milner addressed the council. He wanted to better understand the councils concerns about the development and work together to find a way forward in resolving the impasse the owners have with the WMDC planning department. It was stated that the original application submitted in 2009 that had been refused was for a boarding kennels and residential caravan. The site has been occupied since that time and is currently operating as a firewood business.

Cllr Britton confirmed that the latest appeal against the refusal of a retrospective planning application had been turned down by WMDC earlier this month on the grounds that it was an inappropriate development within a greenbelt area. Councillors confirmed that the original objections to the development were based on the policy adopted by the council and published in the Parish Plan. This was to challenge any planning application that would have an impact on the few remaining open spaces within the parish. It was considered that the development that had taken part since 2009 without the full approval of the planning authority was entirely at the owner's risk. It was also suggested that the applicants could appeal via the ombudsman if they felt there had been grounds for maladministration by WMDC in the way that they had dealt with the application.

2015-03-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

2015-03-03

Matters arising:

Cllr Britton has written to Ripon Farm Services suggesting that they review their planning application and arrange a meeting on site with WMDC planners to discuss options.

The gardener/ handyman has been asked to retreat the notice boards.

2015-03-04**Correspondence:**

Email from Cllr Loughran. Confirming her absence from the meeting, but also confirming that she had been in touch with the highways department regarding the state of the carriageway near the marl pit lane lights.

Letter. Sent to highways department about the danger of increased road traffic throughout Darrington and asking if they and the planning department can do anything about it. This appeared to have been co written by the correspondent and Cllr Britton. It should have been cc'd to Cllr Britton.

Cllr Tagger had contacted P Batty at Church Farm giving him locations and dates of "increased farm smells" throughout Darrington. P Batty had promptly investigated and responded to the information he had been supplied with.

WMDC Electoral Services office. Nomination forms to be filled in by all councillors who wish to be nominated for the May elections.

2015-03-05**Finance:**

In Cllr Stainers absence Cllr Wilkins presented the monthly financial summary.

Two payments were presented for payment in March.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
12.3.15	39-1415	CH 590	John Cain	Gardening/maintenance	80.22	0.00
12.3.15	40-1415	CH 591	WMDC	Grass Cutting	1025.17	170.86
					1105.39	170.86

To ensure that a discount was received for early payment one payment was presented for approval in April before the date of the next meeting. This will be funded out of the 2015-2016 budgets.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
1.4.15	01-1516	CH 592	First Impressions	In Bloom	3119.40	519.90
					3119.40	519.90

Cllr Hoyle proposed and Cllr Jackson seconded this payment.

The forecast balance at the 2014-2015 year end stands at £7,624.09

2015-03-06**Planning matters:**

Darrington Quarries the application for 8 wind turbines has now been resubmitted. The council originally opposed these as being development within the greenbelt. The original comments will still be taken into account when this application is reconsidered by WMDC.

Bankswood Stables	Retrospective application.	Refused
Mid Yorkshire Golf Club	Continued use of grounds for weddings.	Application withdrawn.
The council did not know whether this was a planning application or licence application but on both grounds had no objection.		
12 Hillcroft Close	Removal of conservatory and construction of new extension.	No comments.
25 Beech Crescent	2 storey extension	Approved

Cllr Dean made the Parish Council aware of a large development being considered at Trinity Farm near Wanderhome and the A1 /M62 slip road. This is for a large distribution warehouse for T K Maxx employing 600 people per shift. Access would be from the existing roundabout. If this were approved it would be operational within 2 years.

2015-03-07

Review of Standing orders.

Cllr Thompson issued to all members copies of the revised standing orders. It was agreed that after some further minor alterations to some of the wording a revised version would be re issued to all members.

Review of the Financial Regulations.

In the absence of the responsible financial officer it was agreed that the revisions proposed for these would be discussed at the next meeting.

2015-03-08

Reports:

School:

Nothing to report

Village Field:

Nothing to report.

Police:

The PCSO has confirmed that he will be challenging dog walkers to confirm that they are equipped to tidy up after their dogs.

Two parking tickets have been issued to cars parking too close to the junction of Philips Lane.

One burglary has been reported from outbuildings on new row Estcourt Road.

In Bloom:

Payment will be made in April for next years planting. Due to the later date of the Feast and Fayre it is possible that the display will be more established before the event this year.

Gardening Club:

The gardening club has just celebrated its 6th year since it was established.

Church Wall repairs

Cllr Britton confirmed that the Rev Judd stated that it would be WMDC's responsibility to repair the wall. As it is extremely unlikely that WMDC will rebuild this in the near future,

Cllr Britton suggested that a working group organised by the council should undertake this job. He will confirm that Rev Judd and the PCC are happy with this proposal before organising a working group.

Newsletter:

The next newsletter will be produced in May and will contain articles on the Feast & Fayre, scare crow competition, garden competition, Chairman's AGM report and repairs to the church wall.

PCC Magazine:

If time allows it would be possible to include a request for help for the proposed repairs to the church wall.

2015-03-09

Minor Items:

West Park

It was noted that the residents of West Park were protesting at the reduction in their bus services due to the removal of the A1 lay-bys and bus stops.

Hillcroft Farm

The proposed sale has fallen through and the site is back on the open market.

Tithe barn area.

Heavy usage is causing some rutting in the entrance to the site. All agreed that up to £100 could be spent on providing and spreading some more stone in this area.

2015-03-10

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 9th April 2015 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Cllr Tagger and Cllr Farrell gave their apologies for the next meeting. Cllr Hoyle may also not be available to attend.

Meeting closed at 9.05