

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Rooms

Thursday 6th February 2014

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Farrell, Cllr Stainer, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Newton, Cllr Wilkins.

In Attendance:

Cllr T Dean & Cllr G Walsh and 2 members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr John Hoyle

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2014-02-01

Public Matters:

A point was raised reference works being carried out in the vicinity of M62/Normanton.

The objection re Denby Crest has gone to appeal.

2014-02-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

Accepted by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Stainer.

2014-02-03

Matters arising:

Inconsiderate parking on Sotheron Croft. Cllr Newton along with Cllr Celia Loughran had a meeting with two members of WDH to review the situation and to discuss how things could be improved.

Cllr Britton told the meeting that he had been able to purchase additional lights for the Christmas tree.

An Objection letter had been sent out by Cllr Britton on behalf of the DPC reference the proposed wind farm development at Hodgewood Farm.

Cllr Jackson confirmed that Knavesmire had agreed the same price as before to construct additional planters. He had now received a formal quote for a total of 6 planters situated on Marl Pit Lane, near the Kyte, Valley road, Wentbridge together with 2 no near Estcourt drive. The 1metre planters at £615 and 1.5 metre planters at £875. However it was considered that there might be an alternative way constructing the planters at a reduced cost.

The Scarecrow competition will be held again this year and the dates will be in line with the Feast & Fayre festival week.

2014-02-04

Correspondence:

A letter was received from Wakefield Council outlining the raising of the precept and council tax.

Cllr Britton had received a document with reference to the future proposed HS2 train line.

Cllr Britton had received a letter of complaint from an owner of a property on the corner of Church Lane and Estcourt Road reference the cutting back of their bush which was over hanging the pavement Cllr Britton had replied with an explanation.

An application for a stall at this year's Feast & Fayre had been received giving details that the stall holder must ensure that they have the appropriate insurance. Cllr Stainer said that he would look into this matter.

2014-02-05

Finance:

The 5% increase in precept for 2014/2015 has been applied for, but due to the way this is calculated by WMDC the percentage increase will appear to be in order of 6%. This is due to 7 fewer properties contributing to the precept this year compared to last year.

The balance at the end of January stood at £7.461.94

Two items of payment was presented for approval in February 2014

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
6.3.14	39-1314	Cheque 548	Paul Stainer	Postage Stamps	3.60	0.00
6.2.14	40-1314	Cheque 549	M. Britton	Christmas tree Lights	43.98	0.00
					£47.58	0.00

2014-02-06 Gardener/ Handyman:

2 No applications for the post were tabled by Cllr Britton, after discussion it was put to the vote and agreed to employ Mr John Cain on a self employed basis for a period of 2 days per month or approximately 25 days per year.

2014-02-08

Planning matters:

Cllr Britton reported that the new grave yard has progressed considerably and that the car park and road and path ways now laid out which defines the plot areas. The area is being fenced off which is yet to be completed.

Greenroyd Court, application for new dormer windows - approved

Mid Yorkshire golf club, application to re-arrange the driving range – approved.

25 Beech Crescent, demolition of garage and new two storey extension – no comment.

The Grange. Great North Road, change of use from swimming pool to dwelling – no comment.

2014-02-09

A1 Road Noise

The road noise from the A1 was steadily increasing Cllr Wilkins has taken several noise reading. The reading from the front garden read 60db. It was concluded that we are in a 'hotspot' with regard to the road noise and as stakeholders discussion took place with regard as to what action should be taken to reduce the noise mitigation.

Cllr Wilkins stated that a meeting had been arranged with the Highways Department. A Mr Alan Apps, to discuss the way forward.

2014-02-10

Reports:

School:

Cllr Newton informed the council that he intended to talk to the headmistress after the half term with regard to the School being involved in the continuation of the Tithe Barn project.

Village Field:

It was confirmed the Feast and Fayre for this year will be held on June 14th.

Police:

In the absence of Cllr Atkinson there was no report.
Cllr Walsh reported he had attended a meeting in Wentbridge and the police had stated that to date crime in the area relatively quiet.

In Bloom:

The hanging baskets for the village to be put up as usual and that the grass cutting will be carried out by WMDC as required.

Gardening Club:

Additional plants are still required for the tithe barn area. Seeding will be carried out in the spring. The look and content of the heritage boards is being developed and it is planned to involve the school in a review of the content in due course.

Newsletter:

The next newsletter will be issued in May.

PCC Magazine:

Items for inclusion the next magazine issue where requested.

2014-02-11**Date of next meeting:**

The next PC meeting will be held on 13rd March 2014 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 21.04