

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle

Thursday 18th July 2013

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Cllr Loughran, Cllr Walsh.

Members of the Public

3 attended

Apologies:

None

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2013-07-01

Public Matters:

None.

2013-07-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

Discussed, agreed a true record Proposed Cllr Newton Sec Cllr Stainer

2013-07-03

Matters arising:

Cllr Britton was of the opinion that there was more litter in the village since he spoke to the gardener about reducing his litter picking, Cllr Britton would continue to monitor the village in this respect and report at the next meeting.

Cllr Farrell asked about absence of the History page on the web site, Cllr Wilkins explained that as it was just old pictures he did not think it was factual enough.

The condition of the road surface at the Traffic lights was discussed and it is believed that plan are in hand to repair the surface soon.

Correspondence:

Received e-mail from resident regards damage to round planter at Darrington Hotel, council informed that repair had already been done and the bill for £80.00 would be sent to BT as it is believe they caused the damage.

Footpath sign at the end of Back Lane will be replaced by WMDC as soon as possible.

Resident Joan Moore wrote to the Council with regard to a tree in a neighbour's garden, as this is a private civil matter the Council decide it could not discuss it at this time.

Cllr Newton has written to WMDC in connection with parking on Southern Croft.

2013-07-05

Finance:

The balance at the end of June was £7695.37

Four items for payment were presented for approval in July

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
18.7.13	14-1314	Ch 524	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	15.00	0.00
18.7.13	15-1314	D/D	PWLB	Loan Repayment	1104.17	0.00
18.7.13	16-1314	Ch 526	Knavesmere Builders	Planter repairs	96.00	16.00
18.7.13	17-1314	Ch 525		Scarecrow printing	7.00	0.00
					1222.17	16.00

These were accepted by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Wilkins.

It was agreed that the Council would give pre-approval for any payment that arose in August subject to the agreement of Cllr Britton and Cllr Stainer.

Cllr Stainer reported that the accounts had been approved by the internal auditor and were now with the external auditors for approval.

2013-07-06

Planning matters:

Rebuild of Old School Phillips Lane. Resident explained his plans to slightly increase the size of his new house. There were no objections and Cllr Britton thanked the resident for keeping the Council informed.

Planning application for Church Farm there were no objections.

2013-07-07

Reports:

School

Cllr Wilkins attended the meeting at the school in connection with the closure of the Pre-school class and reported to the council that the Pre-school would close at the end of

term and the old building would be demolished. Sadly three people would lose their jobs.

There are plans to open a new Pre-school at the school starting in the January 2014 term.

Resident Gill Martin expressed her concerns that this situation was very unfortunate for the people involved and wished it could have been avoided.

2013-07-08

Website:

Cllr Wilkins has updated and upgraded the parish council web site on www.darrington.org.

2013-07-09

Village Field:

No Report

Police:

Cllr Atkinson has submitted a further request for traffic monitoring survey.

In Bloom:

Resident Gill Martin asked the council whether it would be possible to plant the flower baskets earlier in the year. Cllr Wilkins explained that the council paid for one summer planting and that it would incur extra costs to expand the planting, but the council agreed to look into the cost of two plantings.

Gardening Club:

Cllr Tagger: the Garden competition had eight entries this year and after the judging prizes were presented on the 17.7.2013 to 1st 2nd and 3rd at the Kyte Hotel which also provided refreshment for the club.

After consultation with the Vicar, the council would like to plant the flowerbed in the Tithe Barn area and will provide the necessary flowers. A request will then be forwarded to the garden club to ask if they would help with the planting.

Scarecrow competition:

The Scarecrow competition was a great success with 33 entries this year and lots of people walking up and down the Village spotting the different nursery rhyme characters. The council would like to thank all the people who helped with the organizing the event and all the residents who took part.

PCC Magazine:

The PCC have not raised an invoice for this year's contribution.

2013-07-10

Minor Items

Notice boards: small notice to be installed in the notice boards reminding people that notices will be removed after one month.

Concern that street lights on Valley Road have not been painted Cllr Tagger will report back

2013-07-11

Date of next meeting

The next PC meeting will be held on 12th Sept 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 21.15