

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle
Thursday 17th January 2013

Present:

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

In attendance:

One member of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Dean, Cllr Loughran

Declarations of Interest:

None.

2013-01-01

Public Matters:

None.

2013-01-02

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were then approved as being a true record by Cllr Tagger and Cllr Stainer.

2013-01-03

Matter arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere:

Cllr Tagger has discussed the issue of fading paint on the lamp posts with Mr Blackburn of WMDC, who will investigate when they are next due to be painted and report back. Cllr Newton suggested that a product data sheet should be asked for as this will provide technical details of the paint used.

Cllr Britton had informed Mrs Taylor about the date of the planning decision for the property on Philips Lane. She indicated that she was now okay about the planning application.

Cllr Newton had written to the school and the Darrington Hotel thanking them for their support at the tree lighting ceremony.

Cllr Britton had included details of the recent attempted burglaries in the PCC magazine.

Cllr Britton had still to talk with Mr Morrell regarding footpaths.

HGV traffic in Darrington. No response yet on this matter from Cllr Walsh.

Additional Parish Councillor. No response from the member of the public that had expressed an interest in this position. Cllr Wilkins will confirm with the electoral team at WMDC the implications and procedure if other people wanted to join the council.

Cllr Jackson has now received the quotes for the construction of 4 planters from Mr Crossfield at a cost of £2665. Ideally 3 quotes should be received for this type of work.

2013-01-04

Correspondence:

Philips Lane to the Spread - Rat infestation. Cllr Britton had talked to WMDC who will investigate but if there is evidence of rats and these need to be cleared WMDC would have to bill the residents.

Email from Iain Glass asking if the minutes could be published on the website earlier. These cannot be made public until approved at the next meeting. However, agendas for future meetings are displayed in advance if residents want to attend or discuss any issues.

Holding letter from Ms Cooper's office stating that there will be a more substantive reply on the matter of the route of the A1 diversion in due course.

Telephone call from Paul Platts WMDC stating that the A1 diversion route was not something in his remit to comment on and referring the council to the Highways Authority in Leeds. Cllr Stainer will talk to the Highways Agency if no response is received in a few weeks' time.

2013-01-05

Finance:

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the balance at the end of December stood at £11,199.02

Four payments were presented for approval in the month

Date	Item	Payment method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
17/1/13	41-1213	Cheque 501	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	10.00	0.00
17/1/13	42-1213	Cheque 502	Wakefield MDC	Grass cutting	998.22	166.37
17/1/13	43-1213	Direct Debit	PWLB	Loan	1,104.17	0.00
17/1/13	44-1213	Cheque 503	J Harper	Garden Maintenance	312.00	0.00
				Total	2,424.39	166.37

Cllr Britton proposed that this was accepted and Cllr Wilkins seconded this proposal. All agreed.

2013-01-06

Planning Matters:

Single storey dwelling Philips Lane.
4 Estcourt Drive Tree thinning

Approved
No comments

Property on Philips Lane that was burnt down at Christmas. It was thought that planning would not be required for the demolition and as this was a relatively new building a like for like replacement may not require any further planning application.

2013-01-07

Traffic in Darrington.

Repositioning of traffic speed sign.

WMDC would not oppose the moving of the sign if this was paid for by the council. The most appropriate site would be near Estcourt Drive. However, this may raise objections from the residents in that area.

Speeding along the main road was very subjective. However, the increase in traffic volume was clear for all to see. As there had been no recent traffic surveys since 2004/2006 it would be beneficial to have a more up to date survey so an informed decision could be made.

It was considered not to be cost effective to do anything more about moving the sign at this moment in time.

Parked Vehicles

Parked vehicles particularly on Sotheron Croft were making access difficult for residents.

When this is next evident Cllr Newton and Cllr Britton will try to take photographs.

An article relating to this issue will be put in a future PCC magazine and in the next Parish Council newsletter.

2013-01-08

Reports:

Reading Room Restoration.

The group has recently been successful in obtaining a £50,000 grant from WREN (which includes the £6000 match funding contribution from the PCC) This will enable Phase 1 of the works to proceed, which are basically making the building safe and habitable. Further money will be required for decoration, furniture and fittings. The council agreed in principal that it would be prepared to contribute circa £500 towards some specific project later in the refurbishment. The bulk of this money would be from the reallocation of money within the existing budget from the remaining section 147 grants and the accrual for the Christmas tree and lighting.

School.

Nothing to report.

Field.

A smaller sized football pitch is being considered if space is available. This would be turned through 90 degrees to the existing pitch.

Police.

Further information had been received relating to the recent attempted burglaries on Valley road.

The police were in attendance at a serious accident on Marl Pit Lane.

In Bloom.

The boxes had been cleared and the bulbs planted. It was noted that at least one of the beds on Marl Pit lane had still to be cleared.

Gardening club.

Despite the time of year membership of this was still going strong with high attendance at the last meeting.

Newsletter.

The next issue would be in spring and could include articles on bad parking, Feast and Fayre, Fun Run and if applicable the Scarecrow completion.

PCC magazine.

Cllr Britton would write an article about parking. It was noted that the editor of this had now changed and all articles should be sent onto the vicar.

2013-01-09

Minor Items.

Cllr Britton read a couple of articles from a recent copy of the Clerk and Council Direct magazine. One related to the Parish Council being charged exorbitant amount of money by the District Council to have the accounts audited after a complaint from a member of the public. The Parish Council was subsequently found to be operating in the correct manner. The second related to one council having to inspect and remove numerous trees after a member of the public was killed.

Cllr Newton enquired about the provision of more dog bins. On previous occasions when this question has arisen WMDC have said they will provide them if the Parish Council pays for them. Cllr Newton will discuss this matter further with WMDC.

2013-01-10

Date of Next meeting.

7.00 On the 14 th February 2013 Meeting closed at 9.00

Cllr Farrell gave his apologies for the next meeting