

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council AGM and Annual Parish
Meeting
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Friday 22nd May 2015

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Stainer, Cllr Farrell, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Stones, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Smith.

In Attendance:

12 members of the public.

Apologies:

None received.

2015-01

Election of Chairman and Vice Chair.

Cllr Britton and Cllr Farrell resigned their role as Chair and Vice Chair and Cllr Wilkins chaired the meeting. He proposed that Cllr Britton should continue as Chairman of the Parish Council for the following year. As there was no other candidate put forward and all councillors agreed with this proposal, Cllr Britton accepted the role.

As Cllr Farrell had expressed his desire to stand down from his former position, Cllr Britton proposed and Cllr Tagger seconded a motion that Cllr Smith was elected as vice chair. All were in favour and Cllr Smith accepted this new role.

2015-02

Declaration of Interests

None.

2015-03

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted as being a true record by Cllr Farrell and seconded by Cllr Stainer.

2015-04

Matters arising

Outstanding loan repayments for the street lighting. It was explained that this was a 25 year loan taken from the Public Works Loan Board at a preferential rate. Its repayment period could be reduced if sufficient surplus money was available to the council.

2015-05

Chairman's Report.

Cllr Britton presented his report for 2014-2015. A copy will be printed in the next newsletter and published on the website. A signed copy was given to Cllr Stainer for the records.

2015-06 Finance Report

Cllr Stainer presented the 2014-2015 annual financial statement to the Council and explained this in great detail for the benefit of new councillors and the members of the public. In summary they showed that there had been an income of £12,351.63 and expenditure of £12,079.65 leaving a year end balance of £7,624.09. The outstanding loan payment has reduced to £26,813.23. This leaves the council in a slightly better position this year than last year. However, as there has been unseen election costs this will reduce the available money that could be spent on projects for the coming year.

2015-06-01 Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Farrell seconded a proposal that these accounts should be presented for audit.

2015-06-02 Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Farrell seconded a proposal that the figures from the accounts should be used to complete the annual governance statement.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had organised a meeting with the internal auditor to hand over the years accounts.

2015-07 Annual Parish meeting

The meeting was open for any comments from the floor.

Mrs C Morrell thanked the parish council on behalf of the church for the help they had received for working on projects such as the tithe barn and the church wall.

Miss Milner questioned the council on why it had no objection other than the flood lighting to the erection of stables on the great north road near the Kyte Hotel, but had objected to the development at Bankswood Stables. Both of which were developments within the greenbelt area. Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Tagger explained that the Parish Council have no powers to accept or reject any planning application as that was the role of the WMDC planners. In this instance they had defined the Bankswood Stables as being "inappropriate" development probably because it included residential development whilst the stables near the Kyte were deemed "appropriate" development and did not contain residential development. The case has now gone to appeal.

Meeting closed at 7.40