

# Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## Present

Cllr Smith (Chair of Meeting), Cllr Stainer, Cllr Stones, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Wilkins

## 2016-02-01

### Apologies

Cllr Britton, Cllr Farrell, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Johnson

## Declarations of interest

Cllr Tagger declared an interest in 2016-02-06/Finance/Section 137 grants

## 2016-02-02

### Public Matters

No Items

## 2016-02-03

### To Agree the Jan-2016 Minutes

Not Agreed: Under **Finance** no details of proposer + seconder

**Resolved:** Request Cllr Johnson to correct and then re-present Minutes at the March-2016 meeting

## 2016-02-04

### Matters Arising

- Parking issues + reported incident with Ambulance on Sotheron Croft
  - Cllr Tagger reported back re: correspondence received from Claire Bury, Patients' Relations Co-ordinator for Ambulance service. No report had been received but she shared comments received from the Senior Driving Tutor. Re-iterated the traffic offence caused when traffic is prevented from passing freely.
  - Cllr Tagger shared info from Fire service re: the need for 10 ft (3Mtr) clearance to allow Fire engines to pass safely.
  - **Resolved:** Member of public – in fire service (R.B) agreed to pass-on literature to Cllr Stones from Pontefract Fire service with a view to it being used to inform/educate residents.
- Marlpit Lane Potholes
  - Cllr Wilkins informed the meeting that following a productive meeting between him and Cllr Loughran, he was optimistic that action is 'in hand'.
- Reading Room + Age Concern Clothes Recycling Bin (Deborah Hunter)
  - Cllr Smith reported that so far this was a successful venture
- In Bloom
  - Cllr Wilkins updated the meeting re: Begonia bulbs in the planters.
- Noise Reduction
  - Cllr Wilkins reported on a productive meeting between him and Cllr Loughran and advised that there is currently close collaboration between WMDC, DPC and Highways England.

## 2016-02-05

### Correspondence

- A Resident had contacted DPC re: vehicles using grass verges. **Resolved:** to be considered at the next DPC meeting although would DPC's 'powers' be minimal
- Street Lights – Cllr Wilkins has responded to WMDC to advise which lamp-posts are to be used for hanging baskets this year

## 2016-02-06

### Finance

- Cllr Stainer updated the meeting re: DPC finances. His report was approved. Proposed: Cllr Wilkins, Seconded: Cllr Tagger
- Section 137 Grants

- Darrington Garden Club: Written request for £100 to fund Trophy engraving, prizes and appropriate publicity for the 2016 competitions had been submitted. Agreed. Proposed: Cllr Wilkins. Seconded Cllr Smith (see Declaration of Interest above)
- Scarecrow Trail: Following discussion, it was decided that it would be more appropriate to categorise this event as being a DPC project rather a separate Parish event that could be eligible to be funded via section 137 grant since the generated would generate income that could be returned to the DPC account and offset initial funding. Additionally, £100 would be made available in advance to the organisers to remove the need for them to initially self-fund and make a retrospective claim. Proposed Cllr Wilkins. Seconded Cllr Tagger
- **Resolved:** It was agreed to make the payments at the March Meeting

## 2016-02-07

### Planning Matters

- Distribution warehousing alongside A1 (M62 round-a-bout) 6 applications have been submitted to WMDC – **Resolved:** DPC has noted
- Tumbling Hill – Tree – **Resolved:** DPC to leave judgements to ‘WMDC Tree Expert’
- 5 Hillcroft Close – DPC had lodged an objection to the previous planning application to WMDC.
  - The Applicants were present at this DPC meeting and responded to several questions by Councillors seeking to clarify to what extent - if at all - the slightly amended application may merit a changed DPC response. DPC Consensus was that the application would still reasonably be considered as ‘in-fill’ and hence not compliant with an established DPC concern about such developments. Additional concern was expressed re: detail in the plans indicating a set of stairs within an apparent single floor building. **Resolved:** DPC objection to the application be reiterated.

## 2016-02-08

### Old Orchard

- Cllrs Smith and Stones updated the meeting regarding recent developments. It would appear that a wall dating from Tudor times may have been identified on the site but this will be subject to further research as will other matters.
- There will be a further ‘working day’ for volunteers in March – date to be confirmed

## 2016-02-09

### Reports

- **School** – Cllr Tagger: No updates but Tithe Barn Notice board process will be continuing after Half-term
- **Village Field** – Cllr Stainer advised the meeting that the deadline for requesting a DPC stall at the forthcoming Feast and Fair was approaching. **Resolved:** Cllr Stainer to complete the application form.
- **Police** – Cllr Stones reported on a meeting with PCSOs on the previous Monday Morning. Also, that a proposal to reduce the numbers of PCSOs had been quashed and that there was a recruitment drive in Yorkshire for both PCSOs and Police officers.
  - There had been a report of the theft of two gates in Darrington – no further details.
- **In Bloom** – Cllr Wilkins assured the meeting that everything necessary was in hand and a question asked at last month’s meeting regarding Begonia bulbs had already been addressed.
- **Garden Club** – Cllr Tagger reminded the meeting that Minutes for Garden Club Meetings had been lodged on the DPC Website for over year and would continue to be updated as a very informative, colourful resource.
  - Discussion re: large clumps of snowdrops alongside Marlpit lane near the traffic lights regarding suggestion from the Garden club that perhaps some may be re-located to other parts of the village (not between planters). It was agreed that this could be a good idea as long as common sense safety matters were addressed.
- **Newsletter** – Deadline for the next Issue will be towards the end of April. Cllr Wilkins will remind Councillors at both March and April Meetings but as a ‘heads-up’ items re: Scarecrow and Garden competitions, Feast and Fair, Fun run would be needed.
- **Drone (A1 Noise)** – Cllr Wilkins explained that it was unlikely there would be anything to report for some time other than plans to re-surface the Northbound A1 with a Noise-reducing surface. Cllr Tagger noted that an item of business regarding Traffic / Noise pollution could be considered at a future WMDC Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting.

**2016-02-10**

**PCC Magazine Page Items**

- Cllr Smith would ask Cllr Britton to contribute should he feel it would be useful.

**2016-02-11**

**Minor Items**

- **Village Noticeboards:** Cllr Smith will seek three quotes to repair the currently very 'stuck' doors
  - Agreed that a structured and monitored plan must be made for future Noticeboard maintenance to prevent a similar problem being repeated.

**2016-02-12**

**Next Meeting**

- March 10<sup>th</sup>

Meeting closed at 8:05pm