

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Rooms

Thursday 12th June 2014

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Stainer, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Wilkins. Cllr Jackson, Cllr Tagger.

Apologies:

Cllr Farrell, Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Newton, Cllr Loughran, Cllr Dean. It was noted that since the last meeting Cllr Walsh is no longer the elected member for WMDC.

In Attendance:

Two members of the public.

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2014-06-01

Public Matters:

It was reported to the council that a traffic survey had commenced on Estcourt Road, plus a new entrance into land near the golf course was being constructed.

2014-06-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of both the annual meeting and the monthly meeting were reviewed. Cllr Wilkins approved the minutes and Cllr Jackson seconded this motion.

2014-06-03

Matters arising:

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had not yet received an invoice for the hire of the reading room and was unable to make any payments until one was received. He will remind the vicar that this is still outstanding.

Cllr Britton reported that the property owners where falling mortar had been reported were aware of the situation and would be employing a builder to remedy the problem.

Cllr Wilkins confirmed that Mr Thompson had the original copy of the 2011 Parish Council charter and not a copy.

Cllr Stainer reported that he was still awaiting the VAT refund.

The outstanding work in the Tithe Barn area was now completed.

Grass cutting had taken place alongside the A1 slip road running up towards the Kyte.

2014-06-04

Correspondence:

Email from Morgan Stringer WMDC senior planning officer informing the council of the consultation currently ongoing into the proposed changes of the Local Development Framework community infrastructure levy. Comments are required on the WMDC website by 6th August.

Invite from Cllr Denise Jeffrey to a meeting on 15th July into how WMDC and Parish Councils can work together. Cllr Tagger volunteered to attend.

K Lawrence. Concern about the state of the footpath between the top of Philips Lane and Sotheron Croft. This is not a section maintained by WMDC as it is only a permissive path past the farm.

K Lawrence. Concern about overhanging branches. To be mentioned in the PCC magazine this month.

Church lane dog fouling. Refer to in PCC magazine?

Potholes near the traffic lights.

2014-06-05**Finance:****Internal Auditor report.**

Cllr Stainer gave a resume of the recent internal auditor's report that all members had received via email in the last couple of weeks.

- The accounts were all found to be in order.
- There was some concern about the council's risk assessments.
- There were some suggestions made to improve the councils process for the back up of records.

It was agreed that an agenda item would be put on the September agenda for the council to review its current risk assessments.

Cllr Stainer would consider if using something like "Google drop box" was an easy way of backing up financial records.

Cllr Britton thanks Mr Thompson for his time and effort he had spent in auditing the accounts.

The accounts are now with the external auditor awaiting their response.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the balance at the end of May stood at £7,818.05

Nine items of payment was presented for approval in June 2014

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
12.6.14	12-1415	CH 565	Carter and Jackson	Newsletter	95.00	0.00
12.6.14	13-1415	CH 566	John Cain	Gardening and maintenance	127.72	0.00

12.6.14	14-1415	CH 567	P M Stainer	Postage	4.65	0.00
12.6.14	15-1415	CH 568	Knavesmire Building	New Planters	1845.00	307.50
12.6.14	16-1415	CH 569	Mr Thomas M West	Web space and domain	50.00	0.00
12.6.14	17-1415	CH 570	M Britton	Printing	5.00	0.00
12.6.14	18-1415	CH 571	M Britton	Printed banner	20.00	0.00
12.6.14	19-1415	CH 572	M Britton	Printer ink	22.98	3.83
12.6.14	20-1415	CH 573	M Britton	Treasure hunt	10.94	0.00
					2181.29	311.33

The projected year end balance of £5108.77 has reduced from the previous month but this is due to the planter project being brought forward and completed this year, as was agreed at the previous meeting.

2014-06-06

Planning matters:

5 Wentworth Park Rise	Raising of roof and extension	Approved
19 Beech Crescent	Tree work	Split decision by WMDC
1 Tumbling Hill Carleton	Tree work	No comment

Development of the area on Bankswood Stables Valley road. Retrospective application for the construction of a stable block and changes to the barn. The council would object to this on the grounds that work was within the greenbelt area. Cllr Wilkins agreed to investigate if it was still possible to comment online.

2014-06-07

Reports:

School:

It had previously been noted that the school were proposing to open a pre school nursery in September. Whether this involved the construction of new classrooms was not known.

Village Field:

The village field AGM had taken place and as a future project the trust was considering a suggestion that a small area in front of the basket ball post was made into a hardened surface. The fort had been repaired but further repairs will be needed to some of the newer wooden play equipment
All the plans for the Feast and Fayre were now in place.

Police:

PCSO Paul Guest had reported that 2 cars had recently been broken into on Sotheron Croft and a Sat Nav and radio/cd were taken.

In Bloom:

Cllr Wilkins confirmed that all the planting of the boxes and baskets would be completed by the weekend.

Cllr Jackson will ask his neighbour if he is willing to jet wash the planters again this year. It was thought that this work would cost less than £100.

Tithe Barn Project

Work was now complete. A secure tool shed/box was no longer going to be procured, but for ongoing maintenance a hosepipe and watering cans were still required. Whilst this would cost less than originally budgeted for, Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had removed from his annual budget the cost of providing a tool store. The money had been spent on completing the planter project. Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Stainer seconded that up to £50 could be provided for the provision of this equipment.

There were no objections to this proposal.

Gardening Club

Cllr Tagger reported that the award evening had taken place for the Darrington gardening competition. There had not been many entries this year but the quality and variety of those gardens visited was very high. One common problem with this type of competition is when to hold it. Some gardens are better in spring others in late summer. The shop boxes are planted. The herb garden that had been planted at the Kyte a couple of years ago is still being actively maintained and used.

Newsletter:

The newsletter had been delivered. The next version will be issued in the autumn prior to bonfire night.

PCC Magazine:

Cllr Britton would prepare some suitable item for inclusion in the magazine. One suggestion was overhanging vegetation from gardens.

Minor Items

None.

2014-06-08

Date of next meeting:

The next PC meeting will be held on the 10th July 2014 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 9.00