

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Spread Eagle

Thursday 15th May 2014

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Two members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Tagger, Cllr Loughran. Cllr Walsh, Cllr Dean.

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2014-05-01

Public Matters:

Mr Thompson told the council that he had written to the MP Yvette Cooper re the noise from the A1 and the development of the cemetery. He had also written to the Pontefract and Castleford Express about the cemetery and they had published his letter.

2014-05-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

Cllr Wilkins approved the minutes and Cllr Britton seconded this motion.

2014-05-03

Matters arising:

Cllr Stainer confirmed he had written to Mr Thompson and appointed him as an independent auditor of the accounts.

Cllr Britton had written on behalf of the council to WMDC supporting Mr Banks objection to the size of the development taking place on the cemetery.

Cllr Farrell has repaired the damaged planter.

Cllr Britton reported that the planned police PACT meeting did not take place.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had received an "invoice" for the PCC magazine and would be making arrangements to pay that. He had not yet received anything for the room hire.

2014-05-04

Correspondence:

One resident had approached Cllr Britton to report that mortar from the roof of a property bordering onto Estcourt road was falling out and could damage a car or hit a person. This was not deemed to be a council matter.

Letter from Nick Dyer regarding the grass cutting around the village. It is normal to refrain from cutting the area around the daffodils until about 6 weeks after they have flowered. However, the verges have all now been cut.

Normanton Town Council invite to annual parade.

2011 Parish Council Charter. These are effectively the rules of engagement for the Council. Cllr Wilkins will retain a copy and an additional copy will be provided to Mr Thompson.

2014-05-05

Finance:

The balance at the end of April stood at £9,361.62

Eight items of payment was presented for approval in May 2014

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
15.5.14	04-1415	CH 557	PPC Darrington	PPC magazine	40.00	0.00
15.5.14	05-1415	CH 558	Came and Company	Annual insurance	265.00	0.00
15.5.14	06-1415	CH 559	P M Stainer	Printer Ink	23.67	3.94
15.5.14	07-1415	CH 560	Carter and Jackson	Scarecrow posters	21.60	3.60
15.5.14	08-1415	CH 561	R Farrell	Mortar for planter repairs	13.30	2.22
15.5.14	09-1415	CH 562	A Tagger	Compost for Tithe Barn	20.00	0.00
15.5.14	10-1415	CH 563	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	15.00	0.00
15.5.14	11-1415	CH 564	Knavesmire Building	New Planters	1145.00	190.83
					1543.57	200.59

Cllr Stainer stated that the insurance quote was based on agreeing a 3 year deal with the insurers. The population figure also needed to be revised moved into the next range for villages with a population >1000 but < 5000.

Cllr Stainer also confirmed that he was applying for vat refund.

Cllr Britton accepted and Cllr Farrell seconded these payments.

Cllr Jackson presented a £30 cheque from Knavesmire Building towards the cost of replanting the new planters. He also agreed to discuss with Knavesmire the construction of a further 2 round planters in Darrington and one in Wentbridge.

2014-05-06

Planning matters:

Cemetery off Greenroyd Court retrospective application for a metal secure shed. Application refused. It is likely that this will now go to appeal. Development of the area on Bankswood Stables Valley road. This is being appealed and WMDC are trying to establish exactly when the touring caravan positioned on site a few years ago was changed for a static caravan.

Bungalow Philips lane single storey extension
6 Greenroyd Court single storey extension

Approved
No comments

2014-05-07

Reports:

School:

It was noted that the school were proposing to open a pre school nursery in September. In Cllr Tagger's absence it is not known what progress has been made in the school completing the garden in the tithe barn area.

Village Field:

The village field AGM is scheduled for the 20th May. The Parish Council has been allocated a stall for its use at the Feast and Fayre and Cllr Newton is prepared to help and man this on the day. Ideas are required from all as to how best to utilise this.

Police:

The police currently do not have a budget to carry out a vehicle excise survey in Darrington. One property has been broken in to on Wentworth Park Rise. Three people have been arrested on suspicion of carrying out this burglary.

In Bloom:

The state of the verges and the footpath towards the Kyte were in poor condition. Cllr Wilkins will inform the Highway Agency.

Gardening Club and Tithe Barn Project

No report.

Newsletter:

The newsletter had been printed and was ready for delivery.

PCC Magazine:

Potential items could be the scarecrow competition and a resume of the recent Parish Council meeting.

Minor Items

None

2014-05-08

Date of next meeting:

The next PC meeting will be held on the 12th June 2014 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 9.05