

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle
Thursday 12th January 2012

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Farrell, Cllr Stainer, Cllr Jackson. Cllr Atkinson joined the meeting at 7.30p.m.

In attendance:

One member of the public
Cllr Tony Dean (WMDC).

2012-1-01

Apologies:

Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Crabtree

Cllr Britton read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Crabtree. This would be a big loss to Darrington PC. After much discussion it was decided that Cllr Britton would write to Cllr Crabtree thanking her for her past service and urging her to reconsider her resignation.

Declarations of Interest:

None.

2011-12-02

Public Matters:

None

2012-1-03

Minutes of last meeting

Four spelling mistakes were corrected. Cllr Wilkins not Cllr Tagger would inform WMDC of the position of the flower baskets for 2012. The minutes were approved by Cllr Wilkins and seconded by Cllr Tagger.

2012-1-04

Matter arising from previous minutes:

2011-10-04

Cllr Tagger confirmed that there were no impediments to the holding of scarecrow competition.

Cllr Farrell to discuss costs of webpage advertising with the Kyte hotel.

2011-11-05

Correspondence

An updated copy of the electors has been received by Cllr Wilkins from WMDC.

Invitation from Upton and North Elmsall PC to join the anniversary march for Rifleman Luke Farmer on Sunday 15.1.12.

Proposal sent in by speculative Insurance company. No action.

2012-1-6

Parish Plans

Copies of the Parish Plans have been sent to the following by Cllr Wilkins on 14.12.11.

Andrew Balchin:- Service Director Committees Town Hall Wakefield.

Cllr Maureen Cummings:- Portfolio Holder Environment and Committees Town Hall Wakefield.

Helen Walker:- Neighbourhood Area Coordinator WMDC.

Ian Thompson:- Planning Director WMDC.

Also three district councillors have had copies.

2011-10-07

Planning Matters

Planning application for a side extension at 27 Beech Crescent. The PC agreed that no action was to be taken on this application.

The question of house insurance in Darrington after mining was raised. Cllr Jackson stated that there were a number of companies on websites that would insure if no mining had taken place in the last fifteen years.

2011-10-07

Finance

Cllr Stainer gave a summary of the accounts up to the 31st December 2011.

January payments were approved.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that there was no invoice from the gardener this month.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he has applied for the parish precept for 2012.

The accounts for December were accepted – proposed by Cllr Wilkins and seconded by Cllr Farrell..

2011-10-08

Reports:

School

A letter received from Darrington School to Cllr Crabtree.

Village Field

Next meeting 24.1.12

Feast and Fayre will take place on 23rd June this year.

Police

Neighbourhood Watch Report

Between 8th December and 13th December 2011 a shed and outbuilding were broken into at 3 North Lodge Lane. Various items were stolen including tools and a mountain bike.

Cllr Atkinson reported possible intruders in his garden at night.

A report was read out:-

At 4 a.m. the police stopped a young man walking from Chequerfield to Darrington. His excuse was that he was looking for his girlfriend. His image perfectly matched with that posted on the notice board in the village. As he had technically not committed a crime the police have only been able to warn him to stay away from Darrington.

In Bloom

Work is now starting on the planter boxes being cleaned. A request was made for having baskets installed earlier in the year. Cllr Wilkins stated that we only have a summer display whereas other areas may have a spring and summer display.

Gardening club

A meeting held on 11.12.11 with a good turnout of 16 members.

Scarecrow Competition

A meeting is required to discuss details and general ideas. Proposal to link to the Queen's Jubilee and/or the Olympics. Will there be a treasure hunt for children etc. Also commitment required from people. Meeting to be early February. Cllr Tagger to arrange.

Notice boards

Quote received from local joiner for two notice boards £1250 made and installed in oak.

Previous quotes for plastic or steel are in excess of £1000 each plus installation.

Sponsorship promised so far for notice boards of £400.

Proposal for purchase of notice boards by Cllr Farrell, seconded by Cllr Tagger.

A deposit payment of £650 was authorised.

PCC and Church Magazine

It was agreed the PC would continue to support this magazine.

Minor items

Green light on traffic lights reported and repaired three times now awaiting further repair.

Meeting closed 8.30 p.m.

Date of Next meeting

9th February 2012