

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting  
Spread Eagle  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

7 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

Cllr Jackson, Cllr Newton. Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Walsh.

**Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**2012-07-01**

**Public Matters:**

Overhanging branches impeding the footpath at the corner of Estcourt Road and Philips Lane. Cllr Britton will talk with the home owner.

**2012-07-02**

**Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes were then approved as being a true record by Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Stainer, subject to the reference to the notice board being deleted in section 2012-06-07.

**2012-07-03**

**Matter arising from previous minutes:**

Cllr Farrell had contacted WMDC regarding the removal of the bin by the Darrington Hotel and had yet to receive a response.

2012 -06-04 Temporary repairs had been made to the A1 and "noise reducing" tarmac had been used.

The flower bed in Wentbridge has been planted.

Work on the bed on Sotheron Croft is still outstanding.

Cllr Farrell has carried out further investigation on funding from DEFRA for the provision and maintenance of footpaths, but this funding relies on other funds being available. Contact still has to be made with Mr Wilson at West End farm regarding this matter.

**2012-07-04**

## **Correspondence:**

Cllr Wilkins read out an email from WMDC detailing the changes to the code of conduct that the standards committee had adopted. As the Parish Council had adopted this code in the past, it will require all members to complete the new declaration of pecuniary interest form. This is to be returned to Cllr Wilkins by the next meeting.

Mr Thompson had written explaining his reasons for the decision to step down as the internal auditor. Cllr Britton confirmed that the council understood his concerns but they would be pleased to continue with his services if he so wished.

Knottingley combined cycle gas turbine. Mr Thompson reported back to the council details of the meeting he had attended. The project will involve the construction of a 1500 MW power station (about 75% of the capacity of Ferrybridge) and will take about 3.5 years to build. It will also require a dedicated gas pipeline being constructed. The site will have little impact on Darrington. The developer would be modifying their planning submissions after the consultation period had ended. Cllr Britton thanked MrThompson for attending.

Rural Action for Yorkshire- money available for training of the responsible finance officer.

I Glass reporting an error on the website.

Mr K Lawrence enquiring why no hanging baskets had been filled on Lamp Post 25. Cllr Wilkins confirmed that the basket had been moved from LP 25 to LP 24 as it had been wrongly erected last year and no permission had been given to use LP 25.

Mr K Lawrence asking is weedkiller had been used on back lane due to several dogs suffering from adverse reactions.

Mr John McCartney Chairman of Kellington PC asking if our ways of working were successful since we no longer employed a clerk to the council. Cllr Wilkins will ring him and discuss this matter.

Face book contact from Cobblers lane residents association re the proposed housing development in their area.

Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Britton reported on the recent meeting regarding the installation of a medium sized wind turbine at Stapleton. This would not be within our area and would have little if any visual impact.

Louise Richardson the conservation officer of WMDC had visited the area and looked at the stone walls. These would be difficult to protect via the planning process. It may be possible to designate a large part of Darrington as a conservation area with its additional controls but it was felt that this would probably not be welcomed by those affected residents. It is intended to

1. Educate residents and publicise the importance of the walls on the website.
2. Amend the existing Parish Plan into a Neighbourhood plan ( as required by the localism act)

Cllr Wilkins agreed to review the existing plan.

Reverend Adrian Judd re the status, history and ownership of the reading rooms. He confirmed that the reading room was owned by the church commissioner in London.

Cllr Britton confirmed that he and Cllr Hoyle had attended the recent meeting organised by the Reading Room Restoration Working Party RRRWP. They were investigating options to improve the reading room and would be approaching WREN for funding later in the year. Cllr Britton confirmed that the Parish Council did not have sufficient budget to act as a third party funder for this project but he was keen to work with them to develop a way forward.

## **Finance**

### **2012-07-05**

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the balance at the end of June stood at £8,927.46

Eight payments were presented for approval in the month

Date	Item	Payment method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
19.7.12	17-1213	Ch 478	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	10.00	0.00
19.7.12	18-1213	Ch 479	Paul Stainer	Postage	7.44	1.24
19.7.12	19-1213	Ch 480	Stella Hoyle	Garden Maintenance	19.80	0.00
19.7.12	20-1213	Ch 481	Paul Stainer	Stationary	15.00	0.00
19.7.12	21-1213	Ch 482	J Harper	Garden maintenance	170.00	0.00
19.7.12	22-1213	Ch 483	Mick Britton	Parish project-Jubilee	10.00	0.00
19.7.12	23-1213	DD	PLWB	Loan	1104.17	0.00
19.7.12	24-1213	Ch 484	Mick Britton	Stationary	44.96	7.49

Cllr Britton proposed that these were accepted and Cllr Wilkins seconded.

### **2012-07-06**

#### **Planning Matters:**

Honey Cutt Greta North road Stables, tack room and horse exercise area – No objections.

2 Beech Crescent – Discharge of planning conditions 2, 4, and 5  
10 Darrington Road Pontefract day centre.

Golf Club Havercroft Lane Dormer and fire escape – approved by WMDC.

### **2012-07-07**

#### **Reports: School.**

No report

**Field.**

Once again the Feast and Fayre has been a great success and attracted many visitors to the village on the day.

An attempt has been made to break into the power supply control boxes and damage the equipment. The boxes have now been made more secure by Cllr Britton and Cllr Stainer.

Cllr Britton reported that he had repositioned some of the displaced tiles on the shelter roof but had still not been able to remove the graffiti from the basket ball ring.

**Police.**

Break in and stealing of garden equipment on Carleton Road Pontefract.

**In Bloom.**

The flower boxes near the old people bungalows have been weeded and the missing plants replaced.

Wakefield District Housing who own and maintain these have been reminded that they need to regularly weed the planters and asked if they will provide some weed suppression on the beds such as bark chippings.

**Gardening club.**

There were a very low number of entries for this year's garden competition possibly as a result of the recent spate of poor weather.

**Newsletter.**

Nothing to report.

**Scarecrow Festival.**

This had been more successful than initially anticipated with nineteen entries. The winning entry had been made by Mrs Hazel Crabtree. It was suggested that if this event is going to be organised next year it would be better if it did not happen at the same time as the Feast and Fayre.

**PCC magazine.**

Cllr Britton had recently submitted an article about the vandalism of the new notice boards.

**Minor Items.**

None

**Date of Next meeting.**

7.00 On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
Meeting closed at 9.20

