

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle
Thursday 14th June 2012

Present:

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

In attendance:

8 members of the public, Cllr Dean

Apologies:

Cllr Jackson, Cllr Walsh.

Declarations of Interest:

None.

2012-06-01

Public Matters:

Mrs Lamb and Mrs Morrell explained how they had set up a group of friends who were trying to raise money for the refurbishment of the reading room. It was estimated that these will need to be in the region of £70,000 to carry out all of the internal refurbishment and some external work. Provision of a disabled access would be problematic due to the steps. Funding would be sought from external providers such as WREN.

The council admired their resolve and was prepared to support their efforts. They suggested that they first needed to establish the true owners of the building, set up a public meeting to generate support and must be prepared to spend some money on surveys and develop a business plan.

2012-06-02

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were then approved as being a true record by Cllr Tagger and Cllr Stainer.

2012-06-03

Matter arising from previous minutes:

Since Cllr Britton wrote to the head office of the brewery re the state of the wall around the Darrington Hotel the repairs have been carried out.

Cllr Newton also confirmed he too had inspected the path and wall leading to West Park and had found no major problem.

Cllr Tagger has finalised the details of the scarecrow festival and posters were now on display.

Cllr Farrell will ring Mr Allen at WMDC Street scene and enquire about an additional bin being provided near the Darrington Hotel bus stop.

All councillors to review the website and up date their profile.

2012-06-04 Correspondence

A one plus working for the Highways Agency provided details of their proposed resurfacing work and road closures of the A1 over the next three weekends. Cllr Britton agreed to contact them and ask if the surfacing being provided was the noise reduction type.

Louise Richardson the conservation officer of WMDC had offered to visit the area and look at the stone walls on the afternoon of 29th June.

Mr Langford from the Spirit group re the wall repairs at the Darrington Hotel.

Mrs Brook of West Park re broadband speed in the Darrington area.

Mr Lawrence thanked the councillor the wall repairs and commented on the quality of the notice boards. He also asked that overhanging hedges were trimmed on the footpath from Denby Crest to Philips lane. The council agreed to ask the gardener to carry out work in this area.

Knottingley combined cycle gas turbine project invited the Council to send a representative to take part in a consultative group. No members wished to attend. Mr Ian Thompson expressed interest in attending on behalf of the council. All members agreed to this proposition and Mr Thompson was duly invited on behalf of the Council to represent them at the first meeting on the 21st June.

Paths for communities which are a part of DEFRA gave details of their services to help communities create or maintain footpaths. Cllr Farrell to investigate into the service they can provide.

A letter of apology was received from the person who had been responsible for the recent damage to the new notice boards, in this he agreed to pay for the repairs. It was agreed that he should make a contribution of £25 to the joiner who had made them in recompense for the extra work he had had to carry out to repair the damage. Invitation to mayor's parade on 7th July.

Newsletter of rural action re Neighbourhood plans.

Cllr Tagger had received a phone call stating that all the boxes had not been re planted.

Finance

2012-06-05-01

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the balance at the end of May stood at £9854.38

Five payments were presented for approval in the month
Hopkins Turner Room hire £10.00

J Harper	Garden maintenance	£250.00
Keith Usher	Notice Boards	£700.00
Mick Britton	Sand and cement	£9.76
Mick Britton	Ballast and cement	£12.16
Carter and Jackson	Newsletter printing	£95.00

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

2012-06-05-02
Audit report

Mr Ian Thompson had now completed the internal audit. He had found a few minor issues but these have all now been resolved. He indicated that it would be easier to audit the accounts if up to date minutes had been available of the website.

Mr Thompson also confirmed that in line with the internal audit guidelines he would not be able to audit the accounts next year having done them for the last three years.

Cllr Britton thanks him for this work.

Cllr Stainer presented the accountancy statement for approval by Cllr Britton

2012-06-05-03
Annual Governance statement

Cllr Stainer presented the annual governance statement for approval by Cllr Wilkins

Both documents would be sent to Mazars the eternal auditors.

The audit commission had written to Cllr Stainer proposing that next year the auditors Littlejohn were used in the future rather than Mazars. The cost of this would be £100.

2012-06-06
Planning Matters

Westland's Estcourt road. 6 Beech Crescent Maydene	Garage and swimming pool Extension and alteration to garage 1st floor extension to rear	approved
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2012-06-07
Reports:

School.

No contact had yet been made.

Field.

Power supply has now been completed.

Cllr Britton reported that he had seen some vandalism to the shelter roof and he would look to see if this could be repaired prior to the Feast and Fayre.

Cllr Britton also said he would try and remove the graffiti from the basket ball ring.

Police.

Report that a suspicious van had been touring around the area.
Cllr Atkinson would try to get the local officers or PCSO's to attend a future meeting.

In Bloom.

All the remaining boxes and baskets had been filled. A check would be made on the ones in Wentbridge to see if these had been completed.

The condition of the flower beds near the old people bungalows was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would look into improving these with some form of sustainable low maintenance planting regime estimated to be in the cost of £340-£365. Prior to this further talks would be held with Wakefield District Housing who had recently cleaned and re planted these beds.

Gardening club.

Garden Competition will take place on the 1st July at the end of the Scarecrow festival week with awards presented at the Kyte on 10th July.

Help with planning/colour coordination of bulbs for the boxes has still to be discussed.

Newsletter.

50 spare copies are available for distribution at the Feast and Fayre

Scarecrow Festival.

This will be a one week festival starting on the Feast and Fayre day 23rd June and culminating on 1st July. At least 10 being will be displayed throughout the village. Help was still required for construction.

Notice board.

This is almost complete and help will be required to erect the boards

PCC magazine.

Cllr Britton will submit an article about the recent vandalism of the new notice boards.

Minor Items.

All councillors were asked to review the article presented on Neighbourhood plans prior to the next meeting.

Date of Next meeting.

7.00 On 19th July 2012

Meeting closed at 9.10

