

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting  
Spread Eagle  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Mr D Newton and 1 member of the public.

**Apologies:**

Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Dean.

**Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**2012-04-01**

**Public Matters:**

None.

**2012-04-02**

**Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes were approved as being a true record by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Britton.

**2012-04-03**

**Matter arising from previous minutes:**

Cllr Britton has been in contact with the Darrington Hotel and the company secretary of the brewery regarding the state of the wall adjacent to Estcourt road, as yet he has not received a response.

In a note received from Cllr Wilkins he had confirmed that the wall was now in a very poor state, and children were using this as an entrance to the play equipment. As the hotel has a duty of care to maintain this wall in a safe condition Cllr Britton would ring the head office and also refer it to Wakefield MDC highways department.

The parking sign had been erected on Philips Lane and parking problems were less evident.

Cllr Britton had inspected the poor condition of the field gate on Philips Lane and suggested that the village field trust should consider carrying out more substantial repairs.

Cllr Britton informed the council that he had received a good response to his research into Darrington life in the 1950's.

**2012-04-04**

**Co-option of a new Parish Councillor**

Mr Denis Morrissey Newton had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council at a previous meeting.

Cllr Britton proposed and Cllr Jackson seconded the proposal to co-opt a new member. All other councillors were in favour and Mr Newton was duly elected.

**2012-04-05**

**Correspondence**

Knottingley combined cycle gas turbine project. The council was now aware that this gas turbine project would not have a direct impact on the parish. However, the developers will ensure that the council is part of the future consultation process.

Cllr Wilkins had written asking for reports for the forth coming newsletter on the police and garden club.

The boxes will be planted in June. There had been a suggestion that the planters were also filled with bulbs such as tulips later in the year to provide some colour earlier in the year. This could be a project carried out by the gardening club.

Cllr Farrell had received an email re the state of litter and an unstable embankment on the access road to West Park. Cllr Newton will investigate and report the situation to either the neighbourhood action group or the highways agency.

Cllr Wilkins had forwarded information to all councillors re flying a flag on 25<sup>th</sup> June

**2012-04-06**

**Finance**

Four payments were presented for approval in the month

Hopkins Turner	Room hire	£10.00
J Harper	Garden Maintenance	£211.00
Wakefield MDC	Grass cutting	£998.22
M Britton	Car parking sign	£50.40

In Cllr Stainer stated that the year end balance currently stood at £6437.57 but explained that taking into account 3 accruals for work done but not yet paid for e.g. grass cutting, Christmas lights and the repairs to the clock the balance at the end of March 2012 stood at £5014.35.

The first part of the precept would shortly be paid and an application was being made for a VAT refund.

Cllr Farrell proposed that these were accepted and Cllr Atkinson seconded.

**2012-04-07**

**Planning Matters**

Bankwood Stables.	No change
Tumbling Hill	Tree thinning approved
Westland's Estcourt road.	Garage conversion to living accommodation

**2012-04-08**

**Reports:**

**School.**

None. Cllr Newton agreed to be the Parish Council representative with the school.

**Field.**

Problems with the gate were noted and will be investigated.

Power supply orders are in place with the cable ducting is being installed on the 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Some recent evidence of vandalism have been reported and referred to the community police.

**Police.**

Recent emails from the Neighbourhood watch indicated that no crimes had been committed in the area.

The reading room, play equipment and several fences in the area had been "tagged" with the same graffiti. Attempts will be made to remove this.

**In Bloom.**

Nothing to report.

**Gardening club.**

The club was still working on the herb garden at the Kyte and had considered work on a larger project with the school.

An open garden visit is being planned for later in the year.

**Newsletter**

Items are now required for the next edition.

**Scarecrow Festival**

Volunteers are planning to utilise the Feast and Fayre to start to construct scarecrows.

Judging will take place at the same time as the garden competition on the 1st July 2012.

An offer had been made to design some posters advertising the event.

**Notice board**

These will be ready in June for erection.

**PCC magazine**

Cllr Britton will by the end of the week submit information for inclusion in the next edition details of the garden competition and the scarecrow festival.

**2012-04-09**

**Minor Items.**

None.

**Date of Next meeting.**

AGM 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Meeting closed at 8.50