

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle
Thursday 13th December 2012

Present:

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

In attendance:

Cllr Dean Cllr Walsh Cllr Loughran and two member of the public.

Apologies:

None.

Declarations of Interest:

None.

2012-12-01

Public Matters:

None.

2012-12-02

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were then approved as being a true record by Cllr Farrell and Cllr Newton.

2012-12-03

Matter arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere:

Erection of advertising signs on the lampposts. The majority of these were illegally erected. They could be reported to Mr Blackburn in Wakefield MDC highways and they would deal with them. If removed they should be handed back to the owner.

Cllr Tagger still had to discuss the issue of fading paint on the lamp posts.

Mr Stewart of Metro confirmed that the bus shelter by the Darrington Hotel was unsafe and will be demolished before January. They had no budget available to replace it.

Cllr Dean confirmed that the Highways Agency had disposed of land and property including, the golf course, which were situated along part of the route for the A1 diversion.

The recent Government proposal in the autumn statement was to improve further sections of the A1 near Leeming Bar. It was considered essential that the route of the A1 was re-established to protect Darrington from a road widening scheme along the existing route, should money be available to also improve this section.

Cllr Dean, Cllr Loughran and Cllr Britton would write to the local MP Yvette Cooper.

Cllr Walsh would contact the ministry to confirm what is being proposed for this section of road.

WMDC had confirmed that there were no reasons why the traffic speed light near the traffic lights could not be repositioned elsewhere in the village. The cost of this work would be in the order of £1000. This matter will be discussed at a later meeting.

Cllr Jackson was still waiting for quotes for the construction of 4 planters from Mr Crossfield.

2012-12-04

Correspondence:

WMDC Local Council tax support notification of regional consultation.

Yorkshire and Humberside NSH raising awareness of dementia.

2012-12-05

Finance:

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the balance at the end of November stood at £11,240.97

Three payments were presented for approval in the month

Date	Item	Payment method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
13.12.12	38-1213	CH 498	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	10.00	0.00
13.12.12	39-1213	CH 499	Paul Stainer	Gardening/maintenance	74.75	0.00
13.12.12	40-1213	CH 500	Paul Stainer	Postage	7.20	0.00
				Total	91.95	0.00

Cllr Farrell proposed that this was accepted and Cllr Britton seconded this proposal. All agreed.

2012-12-06

Planning Matters:

The decision regarding the development on Philips Lane will be made by WMDC on the 20th December. Cllr Britton will inform Mrs Taylor of this date.

6 Elm Close Extension

Approved.

4 Estcourt Drive Tree works

Comments required.

The Chase Jackson lane Wentbridge. Tree removal

Approved.

Cllr Jackson reported that surveyors had been seen surveying the Mill House Farm site prior to its sale.

2012-12-07

Reports:

School.

Cllr Newton confirmed that the tree lighting ceremony was well attended and went well despite the poor weather that evening. He would write to the Darrington Hotel thanking them for the coffee and mince pies they supplied on the night.

Field.

A new gate had been ordered and would be fitted in February.

Police.

No police were able to attend the Christmas tree lighting. Neighbourhood watch reported that there had been three attempted burglaries on Valley Road within 1.5 hours on the 11th December.

In Bloom.

Cllr Wilkins confirmed that the council had accepted the recommendations for the differing specification for the planters in 2013. The bulbs had been delivered and will be planted in the boxes at a cost of £100 when these are cleared. WMDC street light monitoring officer had confirmed it would be okay to use the streetlights for hanging baskets next year.

Gardening club.

Cllr Tagger thanked the PC on behalf of the gardening club for the recent gift, he confirmed that this will be used to fund a children's gardening competition. They had also held a well-attended Christmas buffet.

Newsletter.

Nothing to report.

PCC magazine.

Cllr Britton would write an article asking residents to take care about safety around the home on dark nights following the recent attempted burglaries.

Minor Items.

Permissive Footpaths

Cllr Britton will talk to Mr Morrell re the reinstatement of a footpath across land in his ownership.

The footpath crossing the A1 at Wentbridge is still open for use despite a much safer footpath having been established under the flyover. Unless there are locals still using this crossing it would be prudent to have the gap blocked off.

HGV traffic in the village.

There has been an increase in HGV's using Marl Pit lane to gain access to the refurbishment of the council houses in Baghill. Cllr Walsh will contact Wakefield District Housing to check on the traffic route in their approved traffic management plan.

Additional Parish Councillor.

Cllr Britton had been approached by a member of the public that had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. All members supported this even if a newly co-opted member had no voting rights.

Village Shop

Cllr Newton reported that the new shop owners expressed their thanks to the PC for their support and they would be prepared to display PC notices.

Date of Next meeting.

7.00 On the 17 th January 2013 Meeting closed at 8.40