

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle
Thursday 9th February 2012

Present:

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

In attendance:

2 member of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Walsh, Cllr Dean,

Declarations of Interest:

None.

2012-02-01

Public Matters:

Celia Loughran one of the new school governors explained that the new head Mrs Lynsey Mason was keen to build on the good relationship that had been developed with the Parish Council in recent years.

Due to the recent resignation of Cllr Crabtree, who had been the link with the school, there would be opportunity in the future to either co-opt a new member to the council. That person may be prepared to act as a representative of the council. Alternatively a representative from the governors could attend future PC meetings.

2012-02-02

Minutes of last meeting:

Cllr Stainer asked that all the payments approved at the last meeting were individual recorded in the minutes.

The minutes were approved by Cllr Wilkins and seconded by Cllr Farrell.

2012-02-03

Matter arising from previous minutes:

Hazel Crabtree has reconsidered her decision to resign from the council and for personal reasons she does not wish to reconsider. However, she will continue to deliver the PC newsletter on Valley Road as and when required.

Future newsletter items will be forwarded directly to the editor David Evans. Cllr Britton agreed to write to Hazel and confirm the new arrangements.

Cllr Farrell had not yet received any information from the Kyte Hotel for the website

Cllr Tagger informed the council that the inaugural meeting of the scarecrow festival was to be held on 14th February. The date of the festival would probably be a weekend near the time of the Feast and Fayre and gardening competition.

Notice Boards

The deposit of £650 has been paid for the new notice boards with £600 still to be paid. Once ready assistance will be required to erect these boards
Hunter Wealth Management has agreed to sponsor these to the sum of £400. As such their logo will be placed on the boards.

The PCC had written to the parish council asking it to pay for the church magazine articles in 2011. All Councillors agreed to pay the £100

2012-02-04

Correspondence

Mr Lawrence had written regarding the poor state of the stone walls around the Darrington Hotel. Preservation of these walls was one of the items referred to in the parish plan. Cllr Britton will contact the manager and discuss what can be done to repair them.

Mrs Cook had forwarded an article about mining from Kellingley Colliery. At this moment in time the mining will not affect the village.

Mr A Wilson wrote asking if the council would have any objections to him erecting an anti motorcycle barrier on Back Lane near the farm. Cllr Britton would contact him and confirm that there were no objections raised to the proposal.

A letter from Proludic relating to awards for all paying for play equipment was forwarded to Cllr Hoyle.

Cllr Tagger stated that he had been approached by members of the public regarding the poor state of the Tithe Barn area due to frequent parking of parents dropping children off at school, despite the availability of a walking bus from the Spread eagle pub. This will be brought up at a school meeting.

Cllr Britton read out a report of a meeting he had held with WMDC on 23rd January relating to a complaint that had been made against him. Wakefield now considers this matter to be closed and there is no case to answer.

Cllr Farrell proposed that a note of censure was sent to WMDC on how they had handled this matter. 3 members voted in favour of this action and 3 against.

2012-02-05

Planning Matters

Church Farm Philips Lane Earth bund and building ref 11/02083/FUL had now been approved.

Westland Estcourt Road conversion of an integral garage into accommodation. No comments raised.

The planning inspector had now overturned the decision by WMDC to refuse permission for a Graveyard.

This matter would be debated in more detail at a later meeting.

2012-02-06

Finance

In Cllr Stainer stated that the balance currently stood at £7130.07

Four payments were presented for approval

Hopkins Turner	Room hire	£10.00
J Harper	Garden Maintenance	£172.50
Wakefield MDC	Election Fees	£260.00
Parochial CC	S147 Grant	£100.00

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

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the 5% increase in the precept had been approved by WMDC. As the precept of £10311.74 exceeded £10000 it would be paid in two instalments of April and September.

Cllr Stainer also confirmed that the local press was requesting information from him regarding the precept.

2012-02-07

Reports:

School.

The new head was now in place Mrs Lynsey Mason.

Field.

The trust was to meet on the 15th February to finalise its option to install a power supply to the field. If this is to go ahead it will require a control box to be placed adjacent to the rear of properties boundary on Park Road.

Police

Recently there has been a further attempted break in on Valley Road.

In Bloom.

Cllr Wilkins confirmed that approval had been granted to erect the hanging basket on the correct lamp posts this year.

Gardening club.

The club is still well attended and flourishing. The next meeting will be held on the 2nd March.

2012-02-08

Minor Items.

Cllr Farrell would make an application for WMDC community chest funding for the new notice boards.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Deferred to next meeting

Date of Next meeting.

8th March 2012

Meeting closed at 9.10