

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle
Thursday 8th March 2012

Present:

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

In attendance:

Cllr Walsh, Cllr Crowther and 1 member of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Farrell,

Declarations of Interest:

None.

2012-03-01

Public Matters:

None.

2012-03-02

Minutes of last meeting:

Cllr Stainer noted that the payments detailed in the minutes related to the January meeting and not the February meeting. These will be amended and resubmitted as a true record.

With these changes made the minutes would be approved by Cllr Britton and seconded by Cllr Wilkins.

2012-03-03

Matter arising from previous minutes:

David Evans is now aware of the new arrangements for publishing articles from the Parish Council in the church newsletter.

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 held, but was poorly attended. The school was keen to get involved. Further attempts will be made to establish if sufficient people are interested in making this event viable.

Notice Boards

The materials had been purchased; when the boards are completed help will be required to erect them.

Cllr Britton had been in contact with the manager of the Darrington Hotel regarding the condition of the wall. He had been advised to contact the brewery estates office. As yet he has had no response. He will write again and copy his letter to the company secretary.

Cllr Britton confirmed that he had been in contact with Mr Wilson and confirmed that there was no objection from the council to the erection of an anti motorbike fence on back lane.

Tithe barn area. The school were aware of the parking problems and had sent out a letter to the parents.

Parking was now prevalent in the passing place on Philips Lane and this does cause problems for the residents. Cllr Tagger proposed that a polite no parking sign was erected and this was seconded by Cllr Jackson. Cllr Britton would try to source a sign.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that an article had been published in the Pontefract and Castleford express regarding the raising of the precept.

2012-03-04

Correspondence.

Mr Denis Morrissey Newton expressed interest in being co-opted to the Council. Cllr Wilkins confirmed that co-option of new member's first needs to be on the agenda and this will be put on the agenda for the April meeting.

A note from the local Police was read out relating to the parking problems on Philips Lane.

WMDC confirmed that the monitoring officer advice to the standards committee had approved the recommendation in the report, but they are still waiting for the Secretary of State proposals. Once these are received they will be circulated and the council will be asked for their input.

D Evans confirmed that the cost of the articles in the parish magazine will be £120 per year and this will be invoiced annually.

Details and an invite from the lord mayor to a charity ball on the 23rd March.

Celia Loughrans letter to the school re parking

2012-03-05

Finance

In Cllr Stainer stated that the balance currently stood at £6587.57

Two payments were presented for approval in the month

Hopkins Turner	Room hire	£10.00
J Harper	Garden Maintenance	£140.00

One payment was presented for approval in April but before the date of the next meeting.

First Impressions	Hanging baskets	£3119.40
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Cllr Wilkins proposed that these were accepted and Cllr Britton seconded.

**2012-03-06
Planning Matters**

Bankwood Stables.
WMDC are still waiting for the agent for this site to respond. In absence of this they will be considering further enforcement action.

No comments were made on the following recently submitted applications.

Tumbling Hill	Tree thinning
Clump Grange Farm	Hedge removal
4 Elm Close	Single story bay window
Gleneagles Estcourt Road	First floor extension
Beech Crescent	First floor extension

**2012-03-07
Reports:**

School.

None.

Field.

The trust was actively pursuing the provision of a power supply to the field. This would be situated along the boundary at the rear of the properties on Park Avenue.

A website was being developed www.darringtonvillagefield.org

One of the residents living at the top of Philips Lane had indicated that he may be prepared to repair the field gate on Philips Lane.

Police.

No serious problems reported.

In Bloom.

Payment to First Impressions referred to in the finance section.

Cllr Britton indicated that he may be prepared later this year to build another stone planter.

Gardening club.

The last meeting had not been particularly well attended as had the previous meetings.

Newsletter

Next issue April/ May time and will feature Feast and Fayre, Fun Run, garden completion, police and if it is to go ahead the scarecrow festival.

Other Jubilee Projects.

Cllr Britton explained he was planning to do some research of residents who lived in Darrington in 1952 and other historical information about Darrington at that time with the ultimate aim of writing a book.

2012-03-08

Minor Items.

None.

Date of Next meeting.

12th April 2012

AGM 10th May

Meeting closed at 8.25