

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle
Thursday 8th November 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 and one member of the public.

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

None.

2012-11-01

Public Matters:

Mr Thompson asked what the law was in relation to the number of advertising posters that had been put upon the lampposts throughout the village. The council were unsure on this matter. Mr Thompson would raise his concerns with Mr Woods at WMDC .

2012-11-02

Minutes of last meeting:

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

2012-11-03

Matter arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere:

Bulb planting. Bulbs had been purchased and planted in the verge on Estcourt Road.

Cllr Stainer was to order about £75 of mixed bulbs to be planted in the stone planters.

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

2012-11-04

Correspondence:

First Impressions. No price increase proposed for the coming year but propose to change the plant specification to plants that may be more suitable for the variable weather condition of the past few years.

Mrs Stevens. Thanking the council for the Thursday club grant.

Telephone conversation. Re throwing of eggs at a property in Ashfield Fold. Probably a trick or treat incident.

Mrs Taylor. Development on Philips Lane. The council had withdrawn its objections but was concerned about the impact on the walls. Cllr Wilkins would determine the date for the planning decision and Cllr Britton would try to attend.

Mr Stewart. Demolition of the brick bus shelter next to the Darrington Hotel. This was now declared unsafe and Metro were now proposing that it was demolished. Cllr Britton to confirm that this was acceptable on safety grounds and to enquire what would replace it.

Cllr T Dean. Re proposed changes to the potential route of the diverted A1. The original scheme was dropped in 1997 but was still shown on their website in 2005. The highways agency seemed to be unsure of what land they owned in the area. Key thing is to get the route reinstated as a viable option should the road be upgraded.

Wakefield local development framework. Approved in september2012, highlights areas for development within the Pontefract area namely

- Cobblers lane
- Prince of Wales colliery site
- Land off Hardwick road

Development of these areas for housing will have an impact on traffic throughout the region. Plans are also being considered for the town end roundabout to help increase traffic flow.

Voluntary Action Wakefield District.

Mr Philips. Dogs on the village field. Cllr Hoyle would respond on behalf of the village field trust.

2012-11-05

Finance:

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the balance at the end of October stood at £11,594.97.

Five payments were presented for approval in the month

Date	Item	Payment method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
08.11.12	33-1213	CH 493	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	10.00	0.00
08.11.12	34-1213	CH 494	J Harper	Garden Maintenance	245.00	0.00
08.11.12	35-1213	CH 495	Carter and Jackson	Newsletter printing	95.00	0.00
08.11.12	36-1213	CH 496	Stella Hoyle	Gardening/maintenance (bulbs)	54.00	9.00
08.11.12	37-1213	CH497	Andy Tagger	S147 grant	50.00	0.00
				Total	454.00	9.00

Proposed Budget 2013/2014

Cllr Stainer presented a proposed budget for 2013/2014. He proposed that there was a 3% increase in the precept to keep in line with inflation. This would raise the precept by £309.35 from £10311.74 to £10621.09.

Cllr Jackson proposed that this was accepted and Cllr Atkinson seconded this proposal. All agreed.

2012-11-06

Planning Matters:

No new planning issues were raised.

2012-11-07

Reports:

Mr Thompson on behalf of the Parish Council reported that he had taken up the offer of visiting one of the Knottingley Power Gas Turbine operational sites and that this site appeared to be very quiet, clean and it was situated within 250 m of residential properties.

Traffic in the village:

Cllr Britton had spoken to Mr Wilson regarding the speed of the tractors, and there had been a marked slowing down of vehicles coming through Darrington in recent weeks.

Cllr Atkinson confirmed that the previous traffic census figures had not yet been obtained from Mr Lawrence.

Cllr Wilkins confirmed that a speed indicator would cost in the region of £2000. WMDC were not willing or able to assist on this matter.

It was suggested that the existing sign by the lights could be moved. Cllr Wilkins to enquire with the highways to see if this as a viable option.

School.

Cllr Newton confirmed that he was working with Mrs Giles regarding the Xmas tree lighting ceremony. The nativity items would not be available .Power would be available for the PA so the sound system could be improved. A four socket extension lead would be needed.

Cllr Newton confirmed that he would write the risk assessments.

Field.

The bonfire had again been a great success with larger attendance than ever before, and a profit would be made on the night.

There was a substantial police presence on the night but no incidents were reported. During the firework display they toured around all the streets in Darrington to check that there were no attempted burglaries using the noise as a distraction.

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Police.

A request had been made for some police presence during the Xmas tree lighting ceremony.

The video van had been seen in the area.

There had been reports of breaking in at Carleton on 3 occasions.

In Bloom.

See item in 2012-11-04 Correspondence.

Gardening club.

Cllr Atkinson proposed that the Parish Council made a £50 section 147 grant to help the Gardening club with their activities. Cllr Stainer seconded this motion.

Newsletter.

Delivered. Cllr Newton would be a reserve distributor for future editions if required.

PCC magazine.

An article of the Christmas lights and safety on darker nights would be prepared.

Minor Items.

Future agenda item

Consideration of a response to Wakefield District Council development plan for the area.

Old bus shelter.

This had been inspected and was considered to be in a safe condition. It could be tidied up in the summer.

The bench opposite the bus shelter needed to be cleaned.

Website.

Cllr Farrell was the only one who had access to the website email address. Cllr Wilkins suggested how this could be amended so that other contact details could be included.

Planters.

Prices were being sought for the replacement of 3 planters on Valley Road. Initial estimates for a 1.5 m diameter stone planter were £710 each.

Date of Next meeting.

7.00 On the 13 th December 2012 Meeting closed at 9.25.