

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle
Thursday 18th October 2012

Present:

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

In attendance:

Cllr Dean Cllr Loughran. 3 members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Walsh Cllr Farrell

Declarations of Interest:

None.

2012-10-01

Public Matters:

None

2012-10-02

Minutes of last meeting:

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

2012-10-03

Matter arising from previous minutes:

The waste bin by the Darrington Hotel was still missing and is unlikely to be replaced by WMDC.

Cllr Newton confirmed that the lanterns used at the Xmas tree light ceremony were required, and that the school would be taking part again this year.

Wakefield MDC had cut back some of the undergrowth on Back Lane.

Cllr Britton had responded to the enquiry made by Mr Evans and had received no further correspondence on this matter.

The coping stones from the wall adjacent to the Darrington Hotel were not evident on the site.

The graffiti on the climbing frame had been removed.

Cllr Wilkins had suggested that a contribution of £500 would be required to include in the Parish Magazine advertising literature. No response has been received.

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2012-10-04

Correspondence:

Gwynn Stevens, re £200 grant to the Thursday Club. She stated that the group no longer used the reading room and in the future will be using the Spread eagle. The grant will remain in the PC budget for the foreseeable future.

Telephone enquiry re the dates the field will be open for bonfire material. Details are available in the PC newsletter that will be delivered in the next few days.

Cllr T Dean, re proposed changes to the potential route of the diverted A1. Following discussion on the planning application for a wind turbine at Dovecote Park it became apparent that the Highway Authority had no current plans to upgrade the A1 and had abandoned the proposed route to the east of Darrington. If the route was to be upgraded the favoured route would be to carry out the works within the existing highway boundaries. Cllr Dean will raise this with fellow members and the MP.

Mr K Lawrence, re access to the farm land off Manor Park by Mr Morrell. Mr Lawrence provided details of why he considered Mr Morrell had no right to access the farm land via Manor Rise. This was contrary to the information provided by the land agent acting for Mr Morrell. Cllr Britton confirmed that this was not a Parish Council issue and could only be settled by the two parties concerned.

Invitation to the remembrance festival on 9th November in Wakefield.

2012-10-05

Finance:

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the balance at the end of September stood at £12,201.96 an increase from the previous month due to the receipt of part of the precept.

Four payments were presented for approval in the month

Date	Item	Payment method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
18.10.12	28-1213	CH 488	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	10.00	0.00
18.10.12	29-1213	CH 489	Mazars	Audit	162.00	27.00
18.10.12	30-1213	CH 490	J Harper	Garden maintenance	215.00	0.00
18.10.12	31-1213	CH 491	P Stainer	Stationary	24.99	0.00
				Total	411.99	27.00

A £5 contribution was also received from Mrs Cook towards the cost of daffodils.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had received a response from the external auditors confirming that the accounts were correct and in accordance with proper practices and regulations.

They had also confirmed that if the council owns assets these do not need to be depreciated on a year by year basis.

2012-09-06

Planning Matters:

2 Beech Crescent – Tree Felling - Approved
Kyte Hotel – Tree felling of horse chestnut - Refused
Westland's Estcourt Road new dwelling - Refused
Squirrel House Elm Close extensions to garage- Approved
The Chase Jackson Lane Wentbridge Tree removal comments required- No objection from PC
6 Elm Close Extension to rear no objections from PC

2012-10-07

Reports:

Mr Thompson on behalf of the Parish Council reported that the change of route for the gas pipeline into the proposed Knottingley Power Gas Turbine site would not have an impact on the village. He had also taken up the offer of visiting one of their other operational site in Southampton.

Traffic in the village.

Speeding traffic was again causing some concerns to residents. Police recently had seen using a speed gun in the village and had stopped and questioned the driver of an HGV.

Cllr Atkinson to ask for previous traffic census figures from Mr Lawrence
Cllr Wilkins to enquire about a traffic speed indicators.

School.

Cllr Newton confirmed that the school and the School choir would be taking part in the Christmas tree lighting ceremony on the 6th December.

Xmas lights.

Tree and lighting now organised.
Cllr Atkinson to forward on a copy of last year's risk assessment.
Cllr Tagger to enquire with WMDC if a temporary power supply can be made available to power a small PA system for the music.

Field.

A working party had recently carried out some repairs to the picnic tables and completed the flagging in the gateway.

Bonfire organisation is on-going and details regarding this were included in the Parish newsletter.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the organisers had been unable to obtain the services of St Johns on the evening. Both Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Newton would be attending and are qualified first aiders.

Police.

The graffiti tag was not known to the police but they would keep a record for future use.

Recent speeding in Darrington had already been reported at the PACT meeting.

In Bloom.

The bed at the top on Sotheron Croft looked as if it had only been partially completed.

The plant range and quality in the planters was discussed compared to those planted in Ackworth, and it was stated that it would cost considerably more to plant them in Darrington to a similar quality.

In bloom were happy to allow visitor to inspect their site.

Cllr Hoyle confirmed that Mrs Cook had donated a bag of bulbs, which had now been planted on Sotheron Croft, he also asked for approval to buy two sacks of daffodils to be planted on the verges on Estcourt road. This was approved at an estimated cost of £45.

Cllr Stainer would also investigate the cost of tulips that could be placed in the planters

Gardening club.

The gardening club was planning a Christmas buffet at the Kyte.

Newsletter.

The newsletter had been printed and was ready for distribution. Cllr Newton will deliver those that are normally delivered by Cllr Farrell.

PCC magazine.

Cllr Britton had written an article for the last issue.

Minor Items.

Some of the lamp standards in Church Lane are fading from black to green. The lamp post numbers are required and Cllr Tagger will discuss this with AMEC.

Reading Room Restoration Group

A charitable trust had now been set up and a £45k funding application submitted to WREN.

Date of Next meeting.

7.00 On the 8th November 2012
Meeting closed at 9.15