

Minutes of Darrington Parish Council Meeting  
Spread Eagle  
Thursday 13 September 2012

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Cllr Walsh.

**Apologies:**

Cllr Dean Cllr Loughran.

**Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**2012-09-01**

**Public Matters:**

None

**2012-09-02**

**Minutes of last meeting:**

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

**2012-09-03**

**Matter arising from previous minutes:**

2012-07-01 Overhanging branches resolved.

2012-07-03 Bin by the Darrington Hotel was still missing. WMDC had also removed one of the bins from the field for use elsewhere in the district to replacement for one vandalised by others. This bin on the field has now been replaced but this may be the same reason why the one by Darrington Hotel was removed in the first place.

Since Cllr Farrell investigated if DEFRA funding would be available for footpath improvements on land thought to belong to Mr Wilson at West End farm, it is now known that the land in question is owned by Mr Morrell. Cllr Britton will pursue this matter with Mr Morrell.

2012-07-04

Mr John McCartney Chairman of Kellington PC had asked if our ways of working were successful since we no longer employed a Clerk to the Council. Cllr Wilkins has discussed our ways of operating with Mr McCartney.

Cllr Wilkins had reviewed the Parish plan and the requirements required to provide a neighbourhood plan, but considered that this may not be a great benefit to the

Council. It was more relevant if we were trying to zone an area for new development. Further details were available on the WMDC website and all members were asked to look at this.

Cllr Walsh stated that he was unaware of any other small Parish Councils in the area developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

**2012 -09-04**

**Correspondence:**

Hazel Crabtree asking if the PC would require the lanterns for the Xmas tree light turning on ceremony. Cllr Newton to contact Hazel and the school to investigate if they would be prepared to take part again this year.

Cllr Wilkins e mail to Cllr Walsh re the impact of neighbourhood planning and Wakefield MDC plans for 2000 new properties ( including the 800 off cobbles lane) Cllr Wilkins added that the Local Development framework was agreed yesterday. Developers were more likely to target areas designated for housing. There are also discussions taking place regarding the relaxation of regulation for small permitted developments such as house extensions. The local Government Association was still in discussion with the Government on this matter.

Keith Lawrence re the overgrown state of back lane. Cllr Wilkins to talk to WMDC who are responsible for the maintenance of public footpaths.

Mr Evans (via the website ) concerned about street lighting on valley road, new notice boards, planters, donations and the increasing cost of the precept. Cllr Britton would formulate a response to all his concerns and circulate to all prior to responding to Mr Evans

Cllr Newton letter introducing himself as the PC representative to the head of the school and asking how the PC and school can work together.

Charity clay shoot 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

First impression open day 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Wakefield MDC modifications to energy saver scheme where both owners and occupiers of property can apply for grants towards the cost of improvements to insulation.

**2012-09-05**

**Finance:**

Cllr Britton enquired if there should be an element of VAT paid for the room hire. Cllr Stainer confirmed that he did not receive a VAT receipt for the room hire.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that the balance at the end of August stood at £7,306.09

One payment had been made in August

Date	Item	Payment method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
22.8.12	25-1213	Ch 485	J Harper	Garden Maintenance	240.00	0.00

Two payments were presented for approval in the month

Date	Item	Payment method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
13.9.12	26-1213	Ch 486	J Harper	Garden Maintenance	250.00	0.00
13.9.12	27-1213	Ch 487	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	10.00	0.00

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

#### **2012-09-06**

##### **Planning Matters:**

2 Beech Crescent – Tree Felling  
Kyte Hotel – Tree felling of horse chestnut  
Westland's Estcourt Road New dwelling  
9 Elm Close extensions to garage

Cllr Britton to make enquiries in to the recently published planning notice put up on Philips lane regarding the conversion of a barn to a dwelling. This may have now been withdrawn but if it hadn't the PC would be objecting to this as they had done in the past.

Mr Morrell will be moving from the current farm site on Estcourt road as this land was now being sold.

Conservation of the old stone walls was discussed. As conservation area status had many disadvantages and restrictions, every amendment to existing walls would be considered on its merit.

Information from Mr Pollard the planning officer to Cllr Dean that the proposed wind farm at Dovecote farm may have an impact on the old proposed route of the A1 should it ever be diverted to the east of the village.

Darrington Hotel wall despite being repaired still had the coping stones missing. Cllr Britton would investigate if these were still on the site.

#### **2012-09-07**

##### **Reports:**

##### **School.**

School BBQ on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

##### **Field.**

Control of dogs on the field was becoming a concern and an article would be put in the next PC newsletter about this issue.

Bonfire organisation on going.

Graffiti on the basketball hoop removed but more was now on the climbing frame.

### **Police.**

Police had been called to an incident of people drinking on the field. They had also carried out a drink and drive campaign in the village.

A speed trap had also been enforced near the Dovecote Farm.

### **In Bloom.**

The perennial bed on Sotheron croft had been completed and looked good.

### **Gardening club.**

This has attracted 2 new members and all those who attend are keen to continue and make this a great success.

### **Newsletter.**

The next newsletter would feature an article on the bonfire, and better control of dogs.

Cllr Wilkins stated that in addition to the advertisement money he receives for the newsletter it was possible to increase this if members were prepared to deliver a flyer from a local business at the same time. Some concern was expressed as to whether this degraded the quality of the PC newsletter, or would look like the PC was endorsing the product. Cllr Wilkins would investigate this further to see how much this could generate.

### **PCC magazine.**

Cllr Britton would write a suitable article possibly on the subject of house security due to darker evenings.

### **Minor Items.**

Cllr Jackson asked that an item relating to traffic through the village was added to a future agenda.

### **Date of Next meeting.**

7.00 On the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Meeting closed at 9.20

Cllr Farrell gave his apologies for the next meeting