

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting  
Spread Eagle

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**Present:**

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Stainer, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Newton, Cllr Farrell, Cllr Hoyle,

**In Attendance:**

Cllr Dean, Cllr Walsh.

**Apologies:**

Cllr Loughran, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Atkinson

**Declaration of Interest:**

None offered.

Cllr Britton now had copies of the WMDC declaration of interest form.

**2013-06-01**

**Public Matters:**

None.

**2013-06-02**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

The date of the gardening competition judging was corrected to the 7<sup>th</sup> July. With this amendment the minutes were accepted as being a true record by Cllr Tagger and seconded by Cllr Stainer.

**2013-06-03**

**Matters arising:**

Closure of the Pre School. The governors have re iterated that notice has been served on Pre School to vacate the premises before the start of the autumn term. An approach has been made to the Reading Room Restoration group to see if that facility would be a suitable alternative.

Cllr Stainer had still to talk with the contact in the Highways Agency re the widening of the A1. Cllr Dean confirmed that he together with Ms Cooper would be attending a meeting with the Highways Authority later this month.

Cllr Stainer has carried out some analysis of the work carried out by the gardener. Recently this has amounted to almost 50 % of the time being spent litter picking and the rest primarily grass cutting.

Cllr Tagger reported that the Brockadale nature reserve meeting was well attended and that they were trying to secure additional land to add to the reserve.

**2013-06-04**

**Correspondence:**

Email from Cllr Faith Heptonstall introducing her self.

**2013-06-05**

**Finance:**

The balance at the end of May was £8,144.82

Six item of payment was presented for approval in June

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
13.6.13	08-1314	Ch 518	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	15.00	0.00
13.6.13	09-1314	Ch 519	Carter and Jackson	Newsletter printing	95.00	0.00
13.6.13	10-1314	Ch 520	P M Stainer	Printer ink	23.35	0.00
13.6.13	11-1314	Ch 521	Thomas West	Web site	50.00	0.00
13.6.13	12-1314	Ch 522	P M Stainer	Postage	8.10	0.00
13.6.13	13-1314	Ch 523	J Harper	Gardening Maintenance	308.00	0.00
					<b>499.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>

These were accepted by Cllr Hoyle and seconded by Cllr Britton.

Cllr Stainer reported that the accounts had been approved by the internal auditor and were now with the external auditors for approval.

**2013-06-06**

**Planning matters:**

Wayside Cafe Great North Road. Residential development of 3 no dwellings. Approved  
 12 Estcourt Drive. Sycamore tree crown raising. Approved but split decision on extent of the tree thinning.

1 Thorntree Close

Oak tree crown lifting – no comments

Westwood Tumbling Hill

Residential development of 5 properties – no comment

Cllr Britton confirmed that he had attended the planning meeting where the proposal for the development at Hillcroft Farm was discussed. Following a site visit by the planning committee this application has now been given outline planning permission with the recommendation that the number of dwellings is reduced and the existing buildings are incorporated into the design. Specific details such as the retention of the old stone walls would be part of the full application.

**2013-06-07**  
**20 MPH zone:**

Cllr Wilkins had spoken to the highways department and they had confirmed that they would not back any application for a reduced speed limit on Estcourt Road as this type of limit is only applicable on side roads. Speeding is not a problem on the side roads in Darrington.

**2013-06-08**  
**Website:**

Cllr Wilkins has updated and upgraded the parish council web site on [www.darrington.org](http://www.darrington.org). He has included within the site links to local businesses. There is the potential to charge for advertising on the site if the council were so minded to do so. All the councillors were opposed to things like pop up adverts on the site but had no objection to a link being put onto the site for the local businesses within Darrington. This would be free of charge.

**2013-06-09**  
**Reports:**  
**School:**

Nothing to report.

**Village Field:**

Plans for the Feast and Fayre are progressing well. There is a space allocated on the day for the Parish Council tent.

**Police:**

Cllr Stainer reported that there had been a number of minor thefts from cars. The footpath sign post on Marl Pit lane has been pulled out and needs to be re erected. The bollard had been removed from the end of Spital Gap lane. This has now been reinstated and additional rubble placed at this location to prevent gipsies entering onto the site.

**In Bloom:**

The planters have now been planted up for the season.

**Gardening Club:**

30 of the local children have designed the planting scheme for the boxes outside the village shop. The winning designs have now all been planted and prizes awarded. The whole event was an excellent success.

**Scarecrow competition:**

Straw had now been donated and collected. There is the potential of 15 -20 entries.

**PCC Magazine:**

To include an article reporting on local crime, plus the results of the children's gardening competition.

The PCC have not raised an invoice for this year's contribution.

**2013-06-10**

**Minor Items**

Traffic signs have been left through out the village for diverted traffic after the recent A1 works and the road marking is still incomplete. There are also signs of potholes reappearing in the area of the traffic lights. Cllr Newton will discuss these matters with the Highways department.

**2013-06-11**

**Date of next meeting**

The next PC meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.00

Cllr Hoyle gave his apologies for the next meeting

Meeting closed at 8.35