

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle

Thursday 14th November 2013

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Four members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Newton & Cllr Loughran,

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2013-11 -01

Public Matters:

Redevelopment of the driving range, see later under planning.

2013-11-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

Accepted by Cllr Wilkins and seconded by Cllr Stainer.

2013-11-03

Matters arising:

Road reinstatement near the traffic lights. This work has now been completed.

Inconsiderate parking on Sotheron Croft. Cllr Newton was not available to report back on his findings. It is intended to monitor the situation, and put an article in the next PCC magazine about this situation.

Urbanforum.org. Q &A website highlighting that the neighbourhood plan has to be in line with the WMDC Local Development Framework LDF. Cllr Walsh has still to advise the council if they need to be concerned about this matter.

Thursday Club. Cheque 535 for £200 was accidentally damaged and has been returned. A substitute cheque will be issued. No 536.

Copy of the external audit report was displayed on the notice boards.

Cllr Stainer reported that the application to consider the Spread eagle as an asset of community value was proceeding.

Manhole repairs on Estcourt Road near the Darrington Hotel. The work has now been completed by Yorkshire Water.

Cllr Wilkins is still talking to WMDC about blocked gullies throughout the village.

2013-11-04

Correspondence:

Letter. Iain Glass. Parking on Estcourt Road close to the junction with Philips Lane is causing problems for vehicles using Philips Lane. Cllr Britton will talk to the resident about the problems this causes and report back to Mr Glass. There are no legal reasons why the vehicle cannot be parked at this location as long as it not within 15m of the junction.

2013-11-05

Finance:

Cllr Britton has now received from the vicar and PCC letters requesting the following payments.

- £104 (52 x £2/week) towards the cost of maintaining the clock in a working condition.
- £100 annual cost for the advert/article in the PCC magazine.

Cllr Britton proposed that these were approved as S137 grants and Cllr Farrell seconded this motion. Cllr Jackson opposed the application for the clock but the motion was carried.

Cllr Britton reported that there had been £520 in private donations and gifts towards the cost of the tithe barn area to date. Therefore the £500 agreed in the October meeting towards the cost of Phase 1 of the works was no longer required for this element of the work. It was now proposed to carry on with phase 2 of the project at an estimated cost of £700. Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Farrell seconded a motion that the £500 previously agreed could be used for phase 2 works. This would be reconsidered in the spring once the costs of grass seeding v turf had been finalised.

The balance at the end of October stood at £10,366.69

Six items of payment was presented for approval in October

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
14.11.13	27-1314	Cheque 537	Darrington PCC	Room Hire	80.00	00.00
14.11.13	28-1314	Cheque 538	J Harper	Gardening Maintenance	87.10	00.00

14.11.13	29-1314	Cheque 539	Carter and Jackson	Newsletter printing	95.00	00.00
14.11.13	30-1314	Cheque 540	Mick Britton	S137 grant	500.00	00.00
14.11.13	31-1314	Cheque 541	PCC	S137 grant Clock	104.00	00.00
14.11.13	32-1314	Cheque 542	PCC	S137 grant Magazine	100.00	00.00
					966.10	00.00

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

Invoices still needed to be raised for the recent newsletter adverts by Cllr Stainer for Mid Yorkshire Golf Club and Paul Hunter.

2013-11-06 Budget Proposals.

Three options were presented to the council for consideration by Cllr Stainer. These being

- No increase in the precept
- 3% increase in precept in line with inflation
- 5% increase in precept

After some debate about what this meant in real terms, and as there are still various projects to be completed, such as the planters, two proposals were made.

Cllr Hoyle proposed that the increase should be in line with inflation at 3%. No one seconded this motion.

Cllr Jackson proposed and Cllr Atkinson seconded a proposal to increase the precept by 5%. This was accepted by all present other than Cllr Hoyle.

2013-11-07 Planning matters:

Wayside Cafe A1. Use of the cafe constitutes lawful development.	Approved
3 Estcourt Drive Tree pruning.	Approved
3 Old School Philips Lane Rebuilding fire damaged property.	Approved
25 Beech Crescent. Tree pruning.	No comments
Willowbeck Estcourt Road. Tree pruning.	No comments.
14 Estcourt Drive. Changes to doors, patio, garden and landscaping.	No comments

Mid Yorkshire Golf Club driving range. Raising of the ground profile of the existing site. Extensive improvements to the driving range.

Cllr Britton and Cllr Wilkins have visited the site to better understand the visual impact this will have on the surrounding residents. A discussion followed about the developments impact on noise, dust, traffic movements, lighting, drainage, car parking, construction period and material being imported. The council did not propose to make

any further comments to WMDC and leave it to the planning officers to assess the application.

2013-11-08

Christmas tree:

The tree will be delivered and erected week commencing 18th November. Cllr Wilkins reported that the lights being provided by WMDC and the power supply was in hand.

Cllr Newton and Cllr Stainer still need to work on risk assessments for installing the tree, testing of lights and the carol service. Cllr Tagger agreed to remind Cllr Newton.

2013-11-09

Reports:

School:

The Christmas service around the tree has been organised for the 2nd December.

Village Field:

The bonfire was again a great success and attention is now on reinstatement of the field. Unfortunately despite requests to the contrary inappropriate material was still dumped on the bonfire.

Repairs have been made to repair and replace a section of one of the climbing frames.

Police:

There have been no recent reports of any incidents other than petrol thefts from the garage on the A1.

The old Georgian post box on Valley Road that had been stolen has now been replaced with a new box.

In Bloom:

The beds have been cleared and the bulbs planted.

Gardening Club:

The gardening club have been helping to design the tithe barn area and will plant and maintain the gardens.

Cllr Tagger will be looking for funding in the spring towards a children's competition to design part of the Tithe Barn area.

The annual garden competition will be brought forward to late spring in 2014.

Newsletter:

All have been delivered.

PCC Magazine:

To include an article on parking in Sotheron Croft, and the Christmas tree lighting on 2nd December.

2013-10-10

Minor Items:

Further to reports that the potential cemetery area off Greenroyd Court had changed hands has raised some concerns that this area may be developed. The use of a greenfield area for a cemetery is deemed to be appropriate use of the land but building houses would be inappropriate use. This site is not considered to be infill land within Darrington and its development has not been included in the local plan.

2013-11-11

Date of next meeting:

The next PC meeting will be held on 5th December 2013 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Cllr Jackson gave his apologies for not being able to attend the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.55