

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Spread Eagle

Thursday 12th September 2013

Present:

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

In Attendance:

No representatives from WMDC

Members of the Public: 2

Apologies:

Cllr Farrell & Cllr Hoyle

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2013-09-01

Public Matters:

Village Field:

A question was raised by a member of the visiting public about how the Village Field is run. Cllr Paul Stainer explained that the field was run by a committee of volunteers and funded from donation and fund raising events. All Village Field meetings are open to the public which is publicized on the web site and can be attended all who live in the village.

Village Hall:

Cllr Britton explained the current position and situation with the progress of the village hall refurbishment. Further funds will be required in the future, and the use by village groups is being organised and other uses for the hall in the future.

Traffic through the Village:

Concerns were expressed about the amount of traffic travelling from Baghill Lane down Marlpit lane to the traffic lights and the narrowness of the road. It was suggested that a priority sign would be the answer. Cllr Atkinson to monitor the situation with the help and assistance of the local community PCO.

2013-09-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on the Thursday 18th July 2013 were propose by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Atkinson

There were no amendments or adjustments

2013-09-03

Matters arising:

Cllr Britton expressed his concern that the amount of litter in the village has been increasing, also that the gardener has stopped picking litter. It was suggested that we should monitor the situation and report back at the next meeting. As previously noted at the last meeting 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.

The holes and state of the road at the traffic lights at the junction of Marlpit Lane have deteriorated to a point of becoming dangerous. Cllr Wilkins offered to talk to the highways agency with regard to any action they will be taking to rectify and repair the road surface.

The foot path sign to Back Lane is still to be erected.

It was noted that the street lamps on Valley Road had not been painted Cllr Tagger told the meeting that he been in correspondence with WMDC and AMEY who are disputing the responsibility for the cost of carrying out this work, however Cllr Tagger is continuing to follow up the situation to a resolution.

2013-09-04

Correspondence:

Christmas Tree:

The proposal by WMDC to erect a Christmas Tree for 2013 was considered to expensive. A previous proposal to plant our own tree and fit th the lights was discussed and was carried unanimously. The only concern that remains was providing power for the lights. Cllr Wilkins offered to speak to WMDC about utilising the power that is already there for that purpose.

Polling Stations:

Notice has been received of a forthcoming review, the Parish council noted the information.

Neighbourhood Review:

Cllr Britton read out a letter referring to a neighbourhood review to which there was no comment. Cllr Wilkins offered to investigate what it is all about.

2013-09-05**Finance:**

The balance at the end of August was £6,523.20

Payment approved in the absence of a meeting in August by Cllr Britton and Cllr Stainer.

Three item of payment was presented for approval in September.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
12.9.13	19-1314	Ch 528	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	15.00	0.00
12.9.13	20-1314	Ch 529	WMDC	Council Services	998.22	166.37
12.9.13	21-1314	Ch 530	M Britton	Bus Shelter repairs	161.38	26.90
					1174.60	193.27

The payments for September were approved and accepted by Cllr Wilkins and seconded by Cllr Jackson.

Cllr Stainer reported that the accounts had been approved by the internal auditor and having been approved are still with the auditors.

A general discussion took place with reference to the grass cutting with regard to the annual costs and who should be responsible for certain areas of grass in the village and the duration between each cut, it was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr Stainer reported that the second payment of the annual precept had been received on the 11th September 2013.

2013-06-06

Planning matters:

Extension. to property in Wentbridge.	Approved no objections
House rebuild. Old School Philips Lane.	Re-submission no objections
Tree removal. Rectory Farm Moore Lane.	New application no objections
Single Storey Extension. Highfield Church Farm.	Approved no objections
Tree Removal. 19 Beech Crescent Mrs Cockcroft.	Approved no objections

2013-06-07

Re-location of Darrington Parish Council Meeting

Cllr Britton put it to the meeting that now the Village Hall had been re-furbished that we should hold our monthly meetings there. This motion was carried unanimously Cllr Britton to make the arrangements.

2013-06-08

Website:

Cllr Wilkins has updated and upgraded the parish council web site on www.darrington.org. He has included within the site links to local businesses and reported that the site had been well received.

2013-06-09

Reports:

School:

Nothing to report since the summer holidays. Cllr Newton to enquire with the head teacher the date that they would like to hold the Christmas carol singing around the Christmas tree.

Village Field: 09.01

Plans for the bonfire will be discussed at the next meeting.

Police: 09.02

Cllr Atkinson had recently attended meeting with the Neighbourhood Watch at Bishopsgarth, which was poorly attended, the meeting did not reveal anything new as far as initiatives. Still no movement on a traffic survey through the village

In Bloom: 09.03

Planting was discussed with reference to an enquiry made to First Impressions with regard to additional planting of the baskets on the lampposts in winter and summer, it was considered that we would double the cost which is prohibitive at the present precepts level, it was the general consensus that we stick to our original planting schedule.

Cllr Newton proposed that further bulbs should be purchased to fill the planters for next spring and that the sum of £100 should be allocated toward this.

The Thythe Barn area of the church is to be re-furbished and planted, this will mean that there will be a restriction of the parking of vehicles to allow the area to be maintained for seating only. This item to be an agenda item for the next meeting for discussion regarding costs for the project and help and money to be provided from the DPC.

Gardening Club: 09.04

Cllr Tagger reported that the son of a Darrington resident had recently won a RHS Gold award at Tatton Park. Peter Hirst would be giving a talk at the next gardening club meeting to be held at the Kyte Hotel. It was also noted that the gardening club does not collect subs from its members and would like to request that DPC would consider repeating its support from last year to fund further projects.

PCC Magazine: 09.05

Cllr Wilkins will be collating items for the next issue of the DPC news letter

2013-06-10

Minor Items

Minor items were discussed but not noted items for the minutes.

2013-06-11

Date of next meeting

The next PC meeting will be held on 10th October 2013 at 7.00 (Venue to be confirmed)

Meeting closed at 9.15