

# Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Spread Eagle

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013

## **Present:**

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

## **In Attendance:**

Cllr Dean, Cllr Walsh, and 5 members of the public.

## **Apologies:**

Cllr Loughran, Cllr Atkinson.

## **2013-04-01**

### **Public Matters:**

A1 widening- Mr Wraith confirmed that he had made some enquiries regarding the potential A1 widening with a colleague at work (who was also acting as an advisor to the Highways Agency). He had been provided with the name of Mr Phil Jones as a key contact. Cllr Stainer confirmed that he would contact Mr Jones and ask for more details.

Cllr Dean confirmed that he together with Cllr Loughran would also be attending a meeting organised by Ms Cooper with the Highways Agency.

## **2013-04-02**

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

Subject to the following amendments the minutes were accepted as a true record.

Cllr Dean had implied that as an interim measure the A1 speed limit should be restricted to 50 MPH.

3 financial payments were agreed not

4. Plus a further 2 were approved for payment in April.

Change name of Bob Evinson to Bob Evison

Cllr Newton will amend March minutes and redistribute.

## **2013-04-03**

### **Matters arising.**

### **Declaration of interest**

Cllr Wilkins had distributed further advice to all members, but there were still areas of uncertainty.

There are 3 areas where members should declare an interest

1. Personal interest.
2. Prejudicial interests.
3. Pecuniary interest.

The third area could lead to a criminal sanction, and all 3 would be based on current case law. Therefore, the best approach is for all members to declare an interest if they consider that they may be affected.

Dispensation will be required for all members when decisions are being made on the proposed level of the Parish precept.

Cllr Wilkins will enquire with WMDC re the "yellow form" that councillors are required to fill in for WMDC.

Southeron Croft parking. This had improved slightly. A general statement regarding on road parking will be included in the next parish newsletter.

Post box by village shop. Cllr Wilkins is still awaiting feedback on this suggestion.

Fund raising for a new bus shelter. Only one person had complained about the loss of the shelter. It is not proposed to pursue this at this moment in time.

Increase in the precept. Cllr Stainer confirmed that he would be attending a training course prior to any future precept being set.

Scarecrow week. This will be held the week prior to the Feast and Fayre. The theme is nursery rhymes. Suggestions on characters can be obtained from the shop and there is a plan to produce a map of all the entries.

#### **2013-04-04**

##### **Correspondence**

Appointment of an internal auditor. Mr Thompson had sought advice from the professional bodies and is of the opinion that a letter of appointment is required. He also raised the point that all cheques should be signed by a minimum of 2 people.

Cllr Jackson and Cllr Wilkins proposed a vote of confidence in Mr Thompson's ability and impartiality in auditing the accounts. All agreed.

Cllr Stainer has a copy of a letter of appointment.

#### **2013-04-05**

##### **Finance**

The balance at the end of March was £5,366.53.

One item of payment was presented for approval in April

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
11.4.13	03-1314	Cheque 513	Hopkins turner	Room Hire	10.00	0.00
				<b>Total</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Annual accounts would be finalised by Cllr Stainer and presented to Mr Thompson.

#### **2013-04-06**

##### **Planning matters.**

2 Beech Crescent - Dormer – approved

Hillcroft Farm. A modified application had now been submitted showing an access off Wentworth Park Rise. The Parish Council did not consider that the changes to the layout were sufficient for it to want to change its stance about this development and Cllr Britton would object to WMDC on behalf of the council.

#### **2013-04-07**

##### **Reports**

##### **School**

Nothing to report.

##### **Village Field.**

The new gate had now been erected.

Proposals were on going for the erection of smaller goal posts, so that a junior sized football pitch could be provided.

##### **Police**

There has been a report of a suspicious person acting as a bogus housing official gaining entry into the old people's bungalows. No crime was committed. WMDC, and Wakefield Housing and the police are aware.

##### **In Bloom**

Payment has been made.

Cllr Wilkins has been talking to street scene re the painting of the lamp posts. First impression will remove the fixing brackets by the end of April to allow for the repainting, and the baskets will be re hung in May.

### **Gardening Club.**

Recently there has been a talk given by Bob Evison regarding the old horticultural club in Darrington.

They are also looking at a strategy to increase the up take on the gardening competition and to try and incorporate a youth gardening event for 6 -15 year olds.

### **Newsletter.**

Will include items on Feast & Fayre, fun run, scarecrow week, gardening competition, traffic, dog fouling and the Chairman's report. The deadline is the end of April for articles and delivery will be mid may.

**2013-04-08**

#### **Minor Items**

None.

**2013-04-09**

#### **Date of next meeting**

The AGM will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.00

Meeting closed at 8.48