

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Spread Eagle

Thursday 9th May 2013

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Cllr Dean, one member of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Loughran, Cllr Walsh, Cllr Newton.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Britton declared an interest if he was manning the Parish Council tent at the Feast and Fayre as he also intended to sell his book.

Cllr Stainer declared an interest in a planning matter at 12 Estcourt Drive

2013-05-01

Public Matters:

Cllr Dean reported that the school governors had given notice of closure on the Pre School from 31st July 2013. The reason for this decision is not fully understood. Cllr Dean will take up the case with WMDC to see what help will be available. Cllr Jackson will discuss this matter with Cllr Newton who will try to get more details from the school.

2013-05-02

Minutes of the last meeting

As the April minutes also corrected the errors/ omissions in the March minutes both sets were accepted as being true records of the meetings.

Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Jackson seconded the motion.

2013-05-03

Matters arising.

Cllr Stainer had still to talk with the contact in the Highways Agency re the widening of the A1.

Cllr Stainer had attended a training course for Parish Councils on setting the precept. In future years the council will not see any impact on the increased precept due to the extra

grant being available this year to compensate for the loss of money for single occupancy buildings.

2013-05-04

Correspondence.

Brockadale nature reserve. Meeting to be held on the 23rd May at Wentbridge House Hotel to launch an appeal to help secure additional land in the reserve.

Telephone call from Cllr Walsh to clarify the PC concerns and reasons for objection to the development at Morrell's farm site.

WMDC and 20 mph speed limits. Pressure from central government to incorporate more 20 mph areas. In Darrington the problem is more about volume of traffic and wagons than speed. This will be discussed in more detail as a future agenda item. Cllr Atkinson confirmed that there had been no progress with a traffic survey.

2013-05-05

Finance

The balance at the end of April was £7,494.38

Four item of payment was presented for approval in May

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
9.5.13	04-1314	CH 510	Hopkins Turner	Room Hire	10.00	0.00
9.5.13	05-1314	CH 511	J Harper	Gardening maintenance	310.00	0.00
9.5.13	06-1314	CH 512	PM Stainer	Stationary	4.85	0.00
9.5.13	07-1314	CH 513	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance	265.00	0.00
					589.85	0.00

A discussion followed regarding the high cost of the garden maintenance work carried out. Cllr Stainer agreed to carry out some analysis of recent invoices and there is need to review the work specification and define the work to be carried out. Cllr Britton will talk to the gardener in the future to review the work carried out and to try and keep this element of work within budget.

It was also stated that the room hire will increase from £10 to £15. As the council has little choice at the moment it was agreed to increase the cost of the room hire. Once the

Reading room had been refurbished the council would have the option to reconsider the meeting location.

2013-05-06

Planning matters.

Treetops Great North Road Wentbridge. Single storey extension to the side. No comment.

Wayside Cafe Great North Road. Residential development of 3 no dwellings. No comment.

12 Estcourt Drive. Sycamore tree crown raising. No comments

Wentbridge Hotel. Mock stone temple approved.

Weighton Valley Road. Extension approved.

2013-05-07

Reports

School

Nothing to report.

Village Field.

At the recent AGM it was reported that the Trust had had a sound financial year and that all the projects were completed leaving it in a position where only ongoing maintenance work will be required. There was still concern about lack of representation on the trust from some of the families with young children.

The new goal post will shortly be erected.

The new gate had now been erected but there was concern re the security of this, and this will be reviewed.

Police

There had been no response regarding speed restrictions. If the PCSO check vehicles as well as recording speed they will check on tax and correct use of fuel.

There has been a recent report of vehicle number plates being removed from a car on Valley Road and attempted break in to a car at West Park Homes.

There have also been reports of a window being broken in the reading room and incidents of egg throwing.

In Bloom

The density of bulb planting in the stone planters was sparse. More bulbs will be required in autumn.

Gardening Club.

Recently not as well attended. Gail from the shop gave a presentation re the children's gardening event. All the boxes will be cleared and ready for planting prior to the Feast and Fayre.

The gardening competition has not been well supported in recent years. Judging this year takes place on 7th July.

Depending on this year up take it may be turned in to a bi annual event.

Newsletter.

The news letter had gone to press and will be delivered for members to deliver to households shortly.

Scarecrow competition

Posters now completed and 6 entries to date have been received.

PCC Magazine

To include an article on how much it is costing everyone to pick up litter and to stop fly tipping on Back lane.

Web Site

Cllr Farrell reported that it would cost £48 to renew the domain name. There have been some recent reports of the links not working. It was agreed by all that the web site was a vital communication tool of the Parish Council and was well worth maintaining. Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Farrell and Mr Thompson agreed to discuss how to upgrade and update the website.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that there was a £450 budget available during the year for publicity and the website could benefit from this funding.

2013-05-08

Minor Items

Cllr Britton reported that he had seen an article in the Pontefract and Castleford express dated 1944 that talks about raising money for a village hall.

Mr Morrell has suggested that the grass land area near his new barn could be available for the occasional use by the parish council. Traffic access to this site is very difficult so it may not be suitable as an overspill car park for the feast and fayre.

Cllr Atkinson reminded the council that last year it had discussed some form of coronation themed event during 2013. Nothing is currently being planned along this line.

2013-05-09

Date of next meeting

The next PC meeting will be held on 13th June 2013 at 7.00

Meeting closed at 9.10