

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Tuesday 9th December 2014

Present:

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

Cllr Britton welcomed Cllr Thompson to his first meeting.

Apologies:

Cllr Jackson, Cllr Newton, Cllr Loughran, Cllr Ayre.

In Attendance:

Cllr Dean and three members of the public.

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2014-12-01

Public Matters:

There were no public matters raised that were not to be discussed at a later stage of the meeting.

2014-12-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. These were approved as a true and correct record by Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Britton.

2014-12-03

Matters arising:

Cllr Jackson has sent the letter to appoint John Cain as the gardener, and this has now been signed and returned.

Raised gas valve box near the reading room. Cllr Hoyle has inspected this and does not consider that the box is sufficiently proud of the footpath to warrant resetting by the highways department.

Christmas trees have been sourced from the brotherhood. They were also generous enough to donate to the parish the large tree by the Darrington Hotel.

Cllr Tagger has not had any response to his letter to a resident about the installation of CCTV cameras on the roads leading into the village.

2014-12-04

Correspondence:

Email from Cllr Tagger to the school in relation to the carol singing in the tithe barn area.

Email from Ripon Farm Services in response to the problems of damaged verges, parking and off loading around their premises. Cllr Britton will acknowledge this on behalf of the council and ask them to organise a tripartite meeting on site with WMDC

highways, the Parish Council and Ripon Farm Services to consider what alternatives are available to resolve the problems.

Cllr Britton and the local residents will monitor the situation and try to get photographs of dangerous activities.

2014-12-05

Finance:

Cllr Thompson confirmed that countersigning of cheques was not required, and if the council so wished they could make electronic payments to any supplier.

Cllr Stainer presented the monthly financial summary.

The balance at the end of November stood at £10,025.28

Three payments were presented for payment in December.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
9.12.14	33-1415	CH 585	Bracken Gibson	Christmas Tree	40.00	0.00
9.12.14	34-1415	CH 586	M Britton	Christmas tree expenses	52.07	4.86
9.12.14	35-1415	CH 587	Darrington PCC	Reading room hire	128.00	0.00
				Total	220.07	4.86

Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Thompson seconded these payments.

The forecast budget at year end now stands at £6264.34 this is slightly higher than the £6172.78 previously reported. The reason for the change is that there is not likely to be as much garden maintenance carried out over the winter period than originally budgeted.

2014-12-06

Proposed budget for 2015-2016.

Cllr Stainer presented the revised 2015/2016 budget based on the agreed 5% increase in precept. The precept is scheduled to raise £11709.75 for the next financial year. With a VAT return and income from the Parish Council newsletter this will give a total budget of £13208 for 2015/2016.

2014-12-07

Planning matters:

Bankswold stables valley road. The appeal against the planning refusal has been dismissed. In effect this means that within the next 6 months all the buildings have to be removed and the caravan can no longer be used for residential purposes.

Greenroyd Court Cemetery. The changes in the shed size have been refused and the existing shed needs to be removed and be no larger than the one submitted in the original planning application. It is understood that work has already commenced on site to comply with this.

Dovecote Park. A preplanning consultation has been submitted for the construction of one number wind turbine to supply the site. This development is proposed to take place

just beyond the Darrington boundary in the Selby area. However, the council agreed to object to this proposal as it does not comply with the previously adopted principle that no development should be allowed within the green belt.

Some concern was raised that this proposal, the wind turbine recently erected, the potential for a further turbine at Hodgewood farm and the Darrington Quarries original proposal for 8 turbines was development by stealth. Cllr Wilkins will discuss piecemeal development of this type with WMDC

10 Beech Crescent.	Extension to side	No comment.
Hawthorne Cottage Philips lane	2 storey extension	Refused
Bungalow Philips Lane	side and rear extension	Approved

2014-12-08

Reports:

School:

The school had been delighted with the carol singing in the Tithe Barn and were keen to participate in some other community event in the summer.

The information board has still to be finalised.

Village Field:

The area has now been reseeded and this area is currently fenced off. One of the "keep your dogs under control" signs has been removed from the main entrance and will need to be replaced.

Police:

There has been a report of a break in of a property on Estcourt Drive. Whilst nothing was taken it is thought that this was an attempt to steal the car keys for a new vehicle parked outside.

In Bloom:

A quotation has been received from In Bloom to provide, plant and maintain the baskets and planters in 2015. Cllr Tagger proposed and Cllr Hoyle seconded the proposal to renew the order.

Cllr Wilkins will confirm the order with in bloom.

Gardening Club:

Cllr Tagger confirmed that the herb garden planted at the Kyte is still well used. The next meeting of the garden club will be held on the 10th December. Cllr Tagger indicated that they may no longer require a section 137 grant for 2015.

Newsletter:

Nothing to report.

PCC Magazine:

The recurring problem of dog fouling, the success of the carol service in the tithe barn and the generous donation of the Christmas tree, would all be incorporated into the next months PCC magazine.

Minor Items:

Cllr Thompson asked Cllr Dean about WMDC's trial of more economical LED lighting and wondered if this would impact on Darrington.

For many years councillors have all signed an attendance book at the council meeting. As those present at the meeting is also recorded in the minutes no one could see any benefit in signing this book. Cllr Thompson agreed to investigate if there is a legal requirement to do so but if not then the practice will be stopped.

Cllr Wilkins proposes to develop and administer a Facebook site for the Parish Council. This may be another way to communicate with parishioners.

Numerous parishioners have complained about the occasional pungent pig smell from Church Farm. Cllr Tagger will contact the farm and ask them if they have changed the process or their way of operating that could have made the situation deteriorate in the last few months.

2014-11-10

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.46