

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting  
Reading Rooms

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr Tagger, Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Loughran.

**Declaration of Interest:**

None offered.

**2014-04-01**

**Public Matters:**

None.

**2014-04-02**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

It was confirmed that the correct sequence of cheques approved and issued last month should be.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
13.3.14	41-1314	Cheque 550	Village Field Trust	Laminated dog posters	36.00	6.00
13.3.14	42-1314	Cheque 551	M Britton	Grass seed tithe barn area	17.25	2.87
13.3.14	43-1314	Cheque 552	M Britton	Paint thinners graffiti removal	9.00	1.50
1.4.14	01-1415	Cheque 553	First Impressions	In bloom	3556.20	592.70
					<b>3618.45</b>	<b>603.07</b>

Cllr Wilkins approved the minutes and Cllr Newton seconded this motion.

**2014-04-03****Matters arising:**

Parking on Sotheron Croft. The PCSO has now sent a letter to the local residents regarding the parking and they will continue to monitor the area. Fixed penalty notices could be issued if the problem persists.

The outcome of Cllr Loughran note to the planning officer regarding the fences on Estcourt road is still outstanding.

Cllr Tagger has responded on behalf of the council regarding the reduction in leisure services proposals by WMDC.

Cllr Britton has looked at the costs of providing secure containers for the tithe barn area and these would be in the region of £200- £600. It is now proposed to leave this matter in abeyance to determine if there really is a need to provide these.

**2014-04-04****Correspondence:**

Letter from Mr Kemp of WSP providing details of how the council can comment during the consultation period on the changes to the common permitting system. This is what contractors need to comply with prior to them digging in the highways. The council does not intend to make comments.

Letter from Mr Thompson informing the council that there are now changes in the law that would enable them to make payments electronically rather than by cheque, and the subsequent changes to the external audit for councils with a small turnover. The council agreed to continue making payments by cheque.

**2014-04-05****Finance:**

The year end balance at the end of March stood at £7,352.11 and during the year the council had spent £278.98 less than the original budget.

Two items of payment was presented for approval in April 2014

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
10.4.14	02-1415	Cheque 555	P Stainer	Postage	7.44	00.00
10.4.14	03-1415	Cheque 556	P Stainer	Stationary	2.92	00.00
					<b>10.36</b>	<b>00.00</b>

Cllr Wilkins accepted and Cllr Newton seconded these payments.

Cllr Stainer agreed to write to Mr Thompson and appoint him as an independent auditor of the accounts.

## **2014-04-06**

### **Planning matters:**

Mr Watson has appealed against the 3 planning infringements reported at Bankswood Stables on Valley Road these being

1. Sighting of a residential caravan
2. Construction of stables
3. Construction of garage/ clock tower

Interested parties need to make their representation to the WMDC by 14<sup>th</sup> May. The Parish Councils attitude is that this is a greenbelt area and the development is not permitted development within that area. Cllr Wilkins will respond to WMDC.

### **Cemetery off Greenroyd Court**

A letter has been received from Mr Banks confirming that he has objected to the scale and position of the storage shed that has been recently erected on the cemetery site. The council are all in agreement that what has been erected is larger than they had envisaged. Cllr Britton will respond to Mr Banks and WMDC. The planning enforcement officer has been and visited the site and is fully aware of the development.

Replacement of the boiler in the old school which is a listed building	Approved
1 Denby Crest extension	Approved
18 Beech Crescent Tree pruning	No comments
Wayside Cafe change of use	Refused
Bungalow Philips lane single storey extension	No comments
30 Applewood Gardens 1st floor games room above garage	Approved
Hawthorne Great North Road tree pruning	Approved
1 Greenroyd Court single storey extension	No comments

## **2014-04-07**

### **Reports:**

#### **School:**

Cllr Tagger has been in contact with the school and has been invited to speak at one of the assemblies.

#### **Village Field:**

It was confirmed that the Parish Council has been allocated a stall for its use at the Feast and Fayre. The daffodils planted on Philips lane last year have enhanced the area and there are plans to plant more in the autumn. Unfortunately there has been one incident reported of one person being seen picking these.

#### **Police:**

One of the planters has been damaged on Estcourt Road. The assumption being that this was hit by a vehicle reversing out of the adjacent building site. Cllr Farrell agreed to carry out the necessary repairs.

The next police liaison meeting (PACT) will be held at the Darrington Hotel 7.00 pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

There has been a recent report of a burglary and the car being taken from a property on Estcourt Drive.

#### **In Bloom:**

Orders have been placed and payments made for the years planting to go ahead. The gardener will be asked to weed the boxes.

#### **Gardening Club and Tithe Barn Project**

Storage facilities for garden tools at the tithe barn are still being reviewed. Sufficient plants have now been received to complete the planting of the area.

#### **Newsletter:**

The next newsletter will be issued towards the end of May in time for the Feast and Fayre. Any information members want to include in this should be forwarded to Cllr Wilkins by the end of April. It is likely to include articles on the Feast and Fayre, 5 mile run, Scarecrow competition and the Parish council's annual report.

#### **PCC Magazine:**

The last edition of the PCC magazine stated that the cost of the space used by the Parish Council costs £75 per annum. Cllr Stainer said he would make arrangements to pay this on receipt of an invoice.

Items for the next magazine could include a resume of the recent parish Council meeting.

#### **Planters:**

Based on the quotes received for the construction of the planters the council can afford to construct two within the next year. Cllr Jackson will liaise with the builders and arrange to have circular ones built on Estcourt Road near Estcourt Drive.

**2014-04-08**

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

The next PC meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.40

Cllr Hoyle gave offered his apologies for this meeting