

# Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting Reading Room

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr Loughran, Cllr Dean.

**In Attendance:**

One member of the public.

**Declaration of Interest:**

None offered.

**2015-01-01**

**Public Matters:**

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

**2015-01-02**

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

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

**2015-01-03**

**Matters arising:**

A meeting has been organised with Rob Doherty at 2.00 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the recurring parking problems being experienced around the Ripon Farm Services, and their proposals to resolve these problems. Cllr Farrell, Jackson, Britton and Thompson all expressed an interest in attending. The council is aware that a planning application was turned down by WMDC for an offloading area on adjacent land. The council has a policy of rigorously opposing any development within the greenbelt. After some debate on this matter Cllr Wilkins put forward a motion and Cllr Newton seconded the motion that "the parish council can see positive benefits to resolving the problem by limited development being allowed within the green belt" 8 members agreed to this and one opposed this motion.

Cllr Stainer agreed to look at the WMDC planning policy for greenbelt developments.

Cllr Wilkins will investigate on what grounds the original application was turned down by WMDC.

Cllr Thompson has investigated why the councillors sign a register at each meeting. The reason for this is that the standing orders of the council state that this should be the case. He agreed to review both the standing orders and the members' handbook and update these prior to them being adopted by the council at a future meeting.

Since the last meeting Cllr Tagger had contacted Church Farm about the occasional pungent pig smell from the farm and asked them if there had been any changes to their

process, or way of operating, which could have made the situation deteriorate over the last year. Mr Batty had provided a substantive response detailing his operations and was present at this meeting. He explained to the councillors that nothing had fundamentally changed and how his operation worked on a 3 weekly cycle. He regularly monitors the wind direction before carrying out certain functions such as slurry spreading on the fields. He did confirm that there were plans for redevelopment of part of the farm and that will cover the slurry pumping, repositioning of one of the muck heaps and provide controlled ventilation in a new building.

It was agreed that the councillors would monitor the situation and if there are smell problems over and above the normal day to day situation they would record the wind direction and report these to Mr Batty.

Cllr Wilkins confirmed that he had not yet developed a Facebook site for the Parish Council, and was still considering if this would be a useful development.

**2015-01-04**

**Correspondence:**

Email response from Mr Batty re Church Farm.

**2015-01-05**

**Finance:**

Cllr Stainer presented the monthly financial summary.

The balance at the end of December stood at £9,855.21

Two payments were presented for payment in January.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
8.1.15	36-1415	CH 588	Mick Britton	Christmas tree expenses	48.88	0.00
8.1.15	37-1415	Direct Debit	PWLB	Loan repayment	1,104.17	0.00
					<b>1,153.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Cllr Hoyle proposed and Cllr Farrell seconded these payments.

The forecast balance at year end initially stood at £6,952.16. Following a discussion Cllr Tagger confirmed that the gardening club will not be applying for a section137 grant. However, an information sign in the tithe barn area is likely to cost in the region of £500-£600. Therefore, the parish project budget will be increased from £100 to £600. The effect of these changes will be a reduction in the year end forecast balance to £6452.16

**2015-01-06**

**Proposed budget for 2015-2016.**

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he is preparing the precept application for the next financial year.

**2015-01-07**

**Planning matters:**

10 Beech Crescent.	Tree pruning	Approved
Northwood Great North Road	Tree removal	Approved
West Park caravan site	Toilet and shower block	No comments
Hawthorne Cottage Philips lane	Single storey extension	Revised application

The council had previously commented on the original proposal insofar as the development should be in keeping with the surroundings. As this is a revised application the council will again respond with similar comments to before.

**2015-01-08**

**Reports:**

**School:**

Cllr Tagger will be arranging a meeting with the school council.

**Village Field:**

Nothing to report.

**Police:**

At a recent PACT meeting nothing was discussed in relation to Darrington. The Christmas drink drive campaign had caught 52 drivers over the limit in the region. An angle grinder and cutting discs found in a bag behind a tree near Estcourt Drive has been handed to the police.

**In Bloom:**

The planters have been cleared and a colourful display of plants will be provided in the spring.

**Gardening Club:**

Cllr Tagger confirmed that a S137 grant will not be required to complete any of their projects.

A gardening club update for the website has been sent to Cllr Wilkins.

**Newsletter:**

Nothing to report.

**PCC Magazine:**

As there was no PCC magazine produced over the Christmas period the items previously identified in the last meeting would be incorporated into the next magazine. E.g. the recurring problem of dog fouling, the success of the carol service in the tithe barn and the generous donation of the Christmas tree.

**2015-01-09**

**Minor Items:**

.A fence has now been placed around the collapsed wall in the grave yard. Cllr Britton will ask Rev Judd when the repairs are going to take place.

**2015-01-10**

**Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.45