

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Thursday 10th July 2014

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Farrell,

In Attendance:

Cllr Loughran and two members of the public.

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2014-07-01

Public Matters:

None.

2014-07-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the June were reviewed. The only alteration necessary was to change the venue of the meeting from the Spread eagle to the reading room.
Cllr Wilkins approved the minutes and Cllr Jackson seconded this motion.

2014-07-03

Matters arising:

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had now received an invoice for the hire of the reading room.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had received the VAT refund.

Cllr Wilkins had investigated with WMDC the purpose of the traffic survey on Estcourt Road and they were unaware that this was taking place. The most likely scenario as for the reason for the survey is to support the detailed planning application for the development at the old farm.

Cllr Tagger confirmed that he will be attending the meeting with WMDC on the 15th July to discuss how WMDC and parish councils can work together. Items of concern to be raised are

- Planning officer support on development within the village and reference to the Parish Plan.
- Storage of the PC records.
- Protocol adopted by WMDC in relation to sanctions previously imposed on council members without them having the right to be represented or know the full facts of the case.
- Impact of the proposed Community Infrastructure levy on Darrington.

Prior to the meeting Cllr Tagger will review the 2011 Parish Council Charter with Mr Thompson.

Some of the potholes have been filled in by the traffic lights but not all of them.

No PCC magazine was issued in July so the article about overhanging branches was not published. This will form the basis of the August edition.

Planning comments were made on the Bankswood stables development on WMDC website. Copies of these have been emailed to members.

Planters have now been jet washed. No invoice has yet been raised for this work.

Hosepipe for the Tithe barn area has been provided, and storage facilities have been provided by a member of the public.

Cllr Hoyle gave the council a summary of the proposed community infrastructure levy that was currently at the consultation stage.

It will be applicable for new developments > 100m² or < 100m² if 1 or 2 dwellings are proposed. For residential development charges will be £0/m² in the low category areas increasing to £55/m² in the highest category area e.g. Darrington. The charges also vary according to the type of development being proposed e.g. offices, businesses and in town retail development would be £0/m², retail warehousing £84/m² and out of town supermarkets £103/m². Money raised by this levy would be used to fund projects within WMDC such as Town gate lights and Monkhill station improvements.

Cllr Tagger raised the point that this could encourage WMDC planners to approve more development in Darrington as a way of raising funds for other schemes.

2014-07-04

Correspondence:

Cllr Atkinson handed in a letter of resignation from the council as he will shortly be moving away from the area. However, he still wished to keep ties with the village and councillors in the future. Cllr Britton reluctantly accepted this on behalf of the council and stated that he was sorry that he was now moving away from the area but thanked him for all the work he had done in previous years. To follow due process Cllr Wilkins will inform WMDC that there is now a vacancy on the council, which may or may not require an election to be held.

2014-07-05

Finance:

Internal Auditor report.

Cllr Stainer confirmed that he had received an income of £986.47 during June for a newsletter advert and the VAT refund. This left the balance at the end of June standing at £6,653.23

Three items of payment was presented for approval in July 2014

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
10.7.14	21-1415	CH 574	PCC Darrington	Hire of reading room	80.00	0.00
28.7.14	22-1415	Direct Debit	PWLB	Loan repayment	1104.17	0.00
10.7.14	23-1415	CH 575	M Britton	Buckets/hoses for tithe barn area	26.00	0.00
					1210.17	0.00

Cllr Britton proposed and Cllr Wilkins seconded the payments.

This will leave a projected year end balance of £5103.25.

As there will be no August meeting of the council, Cllr Stainer requested approval for him and Cllr Britton to make payments if required during the month. Cllr Wilkins proposed this motion and Cllr Newton seconded the motion.

2014-07-06

Planning matters:

The Grange. Great north road.
6 Greenroyd Court
by WMDC

Change of use to a dwelling
Dormer windows

Approved.
Split decision

Beckfoot Moor Lane
Darrington service station A1

Single storey extension to rear
Car park extension and office space

No comments
No comments

The councillors were also made aware of the following applications outside the parish which may have had an impact on Darrington.

22 property development on land off Wakefield Road Townend Pontefract
Use of land in Fitzwilliam for a showman's residential site.
No member wished to make comments on the above.

2014-07-07

Risk Assessments

Mr Thompson had raised the issue of reviewing risk assessments in the recent internal audit. It is considered that there are currently two main areas of concern.

- Storage of Parish Council records. The bulk of these are published on the website. Cllr Tagger will seek advice at the meeting next week with WMDC. Cllr Wilkins will consider if there is an easy and workable solution for items not uploaded on to the web.
- Christmas tree and lighting. Repositioning the tree to the planter is considered the best solution and the use of battery operated lights will also be used this year. As an alternative the use of the Tithe barn area for a carol service would be a safer option. It is not known at this moment in time if the school would be willing to support the council.

Further work is required on risk assessment and this will be part of the September meeting.

2014-08-07

Reports:

School:

It had previously been noted that the school were proposing to open a pre school nursery in September. New classrooms will only be required if there is a drastic increase in numbers of pupils.

Cllr Tagger agreed to continue with his liaison with the school thus freeing Cllr Newton to take over from Cllr Atkinson as the link with the police.

Village Field:

The 5 mile run attracted a record entry this year which enabled the Trust in line with their agreed policy to donate the £1200 profit to the "Yorkshire Air Ambulance" and "the ear trust"

Profits from the feast and fayre were just over £3000. Slightly down on some years but this was due to increased expenditure on items such as toilets, skips, entertainment and food.

Repairs are now required to another piece of the wooden play equipment after it being damaged at the Feast and Fayre.

Plans are progressing to create a small area of hardened surface in front of the basket ball posts.

Police:

Nothing to report.

In Bloom:

Cllr Jackson will remove the redundant planter on Marl pit lane.

Tithe Barn Project

Cllr Tagger is still working with years 5 and 6 at the school to finalise the work on the Tithe barn area and hold an award ceremony for the competition winners.

Cllr Hoyle raised concerns that on the day of the Feast and Fayre the parking area at the tithe barn was locked and this exacerbated the parking problems throughout Darrington. It was suggested that next year this area should be available as a disabled parking area.

Gardening Club

Cllr Tagger confirmed that several residents were opening their gardens up to the public on 13th, 20th July and 9th August. This was going to be kept relatively low key and details would only be circulated by garden club members.

Cllr Tagger also confirmed that the club had now been running for 8 years

Newsletter:

Nothing to report.

PCC Magazine:

Cllr Britton would prepare some suitable item for inclusion in the magazine. One suggestion was overhanging vegetation from gardens.

Minor Items

Ivy is overhanging the wall forcing pedestrians to step into the road near the Darrington Hotel. Cllr Wilkins will talk with the local manager and to try and get this trimmed back.

Further rubbish has been dumped at the junction of Marl Pit lane and Spital gap lane. Cllr Wilkins will report this to WMDC.

Vegetation needs to be trimmed back around the Darrington sign. Cllr Jackson will refer this to the gardener.

2014-06-08

Date of next meeting:

The next PC meeting will be held on the 11th September 2014 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.30