

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Tuesday 7th October 2014

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Stainer

Apologies:

Cllr Farrell, Cllr Newton.

In Attendance:

Cllr Dean and three members of the public.

Declaration of Interest:

None offered.

2014-10-01

Public Matters:

In a previous meeting Mrs Cook had asked about the development off Havercroft Lane near the Darrington Quarries. It has been identified that this is for the construction of a wind turbine, approved by Selby Council, and is situated within their area.

2014-10-02

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

2014-10-03

Matters arising:

Grass cutting near the Kyte Hotel. This would be carried out by the highways agency but no one knew if it had yet been completed.

Cllr Newton has still to provide details of any implications, or requirements on the council of the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act in relation to the risk assessments associated with the employment of a gardener.

Cllr Wilkins confirmed that the WMDC planners had reported no further progress but were still dealing with the development in the small holding on Valley Road.

Mr Thompson confirmed that he is willing to stand as a councillor but only on the proviso that a suitable candidate was found to take over his role as the internal auditor.

Cllr Jackson has asked the gardener to treat the seats within the village with a suitable wood preservative.

2014-10-04

Correspondence:

Letter from Mrs Stevens asking if the council could again make a donation towards the costs of trips for the Thursday club. Provision has been made within the budget for a £200 section 137 grant. Cllr Stainer will ask Mrs Stevens about the clubs membership numbers, meeting times and proposed trips.

2014-10-05

Finance:

As the second part of the precept has now been paid to the council the balance at the end of September stood at £10912.15

Three payments were presented for payment in October.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
7.10.14	26-1415	CH 578	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fees	120.00	20.00
7.10.14	27-1415	CH 579	D&R Group	Daffodils	67.20	11.20
7.10.14	28-1415	CH 580	Thursday Club	Section 137 grant	200.00	0.00
					387.20	31.20

Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Britton seconded these payments.

The forecast budget has been amended for a number of items to reflect the current spend profile e.g. gardening and maintenance. This will leave a higher projected year end balance than previously reported of £5694.55.

2014-10-06

Planning matters:

6 Estcourt Drive. Removal of trees

Cllr Wilkins informed members that he had a declaration of interest with regard to this application as he has already contacted WMDC as a resident to object to the application. As trees subject to tree preservation orders had previously been taken down on this site without approval. The council agreed to object to this application on the grounds that further removal of trees would be a detriment to the village environment.

Hawthorne Cottage Philips Lane Demolish conservatory and construct 2 storey extension.

The council agreed to make comment on the application as this was in one of the older parts of the village and any development should be in character to the surrounding area.

Mid Yorkshire Gold Club Continuing use of club house for functions. No comment.

Hodgewood Farm Darrington. Erection of wind turbine in the green belt.

On show of hands 5 councillors together with one abstention agreed that the council should maintain its previously adopted principle and object to this proposal on the grounds that it was development within the green belt area.

Ripon Farm Services Change of use of land for unloading of vehicles. Refused by WMDC.

Retrospective approval for the erection of a large shed on the cemetery. Second appeal refused by WMDC.

2014-10-07

Christmas tree and carol service:

Cllr Jackson has contacted the brotherhood at Stapleton and they have confirmed that they have a suitable sized tree available at a cost of £3/ foot, excluding transport to site. It was agreed to proceed with this option for providing a tree. Arrangements were made for a working group to modify the planter adjacent to the Darrington Hotel so that the tree can be erected.

The carol service will take place in the Tithe Barn area on 2nd December 6.00PM. The school will be happy to participate and will provide refreshments within the school. Requirements for power, tables etc will be finalised next month.

Cllr Newton will produce all the necessary risk assessments.

2014-10-08

Village Plan.

Cllr Tagger confirmed that he has not yet been able to contact all the key personnel at Crofton who were responsible for producing their neighbourhood plan. A plan could take up to 2 years to produce following a broad consultation process with all key stakeholders and the necessary approvals process.

Whilst there may be some financial benefit to the council if it were to receive some funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy, preparing a plan would be a major undertaking. Before the council embarks on such a process it needs a clear understanding of the advantages, time and effort required and an agreement that this would be taken seriously in the planning process. Cllr Tagger agreed to continue his discussion with Crofton parish council.

2014-10-09

Reports:

School:

Cllr Tagger will be meeting the newly elected school council and will be inviting them to help prepare the information board at the tithe barn.

Village Field:

Some repairs have now been completed to the wooden play equipment. The annual safety inspection did not identify any major issues that the Trust was not already aware of and dealing with.

Police:

Nothing to report.

In Bloom:

Orders are usually placed before Christmas but no quotes for next years planters and baskets have yet been received. Cllr Wilkins will contact In bloom.

Gardening Club:

The cup awarded to the winning garden has now been presented following a delay caused by the engravers. A tree will soon be planted in the tithe barn area. The information board is not likely to be ready until the spring.

Cllr Tagger will review and update the website page as it is currently out of date.

Newsletter:

This will include articles on the tithe barn, gardening club, bonfire, safety on dark evenings carol service and a request for a volunteer to take on the role as internal auditor.

PCC Magazine:

A resume of recent events will be prepared. Features on the Christmas tree and lights will be deferred to the November issue.

Minor Items:

None.

2014-10-10

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 11th November 2014 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.35