

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Thursday 9th May 2019

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairman), Cllr Smith, Cllr Stainer, Cllr Stones, Cllr Tagger, and IanThompson

In Attendance:

Three members of the public.

Apologies:

None

2019-04-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2019-04-02

Public Matters:

None as covered during the AGM.

2019-04-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and were accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Smith and Tagger.

2019-04-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Smith confirmed the planter on Valley Rd was due to be repaired on Monday 20th May.
- Fire damage to the property on Estcourt Rd has now been repaired.
- The Contact for the Elderly event had been cancelled by the organisers due to a couple of drop-outs and concern about access. Disabled access was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Smith would ask Simon Smith Carpenter to look at the possibility of building a mobile ramp which could be stored in the rooms and used when necessary.
- Ian Thompson reads some correspondence between himself and Mr. Iles in Wentbridge, in response to his request for us to confirm who is responsible for cutting the grass verge in front of his house. He is informed that it is indeed the responsibility of WMDC who had in the past agreed to do so.
- Cllr Britton asked Cllr Jones whose responsibility it was to cut the grass verge on the way up to the Kyte Hotel. He thought Highways but would find out and confirm.
- Cllr Britton confirmed he had submitted the comment on behalf of DPC discussed at the last meeting regarding the planning application for Darrington Quarry.

- The Climbing frame erection has been delayed again but is due to complete before the end of the month.
- Overgrown conifer branches have now been trimmed.
- Cllr Tagger expressed his satisfaction with the company producing the video of the Air Crash memorial, highlighting that with the extra work they'd done they would normally charge almost 14k, but we would still only be billed our budgeted amount of 795.00 + vat – all councillors expressed their thanks and appreciation to be passed on.

2019-04-05

Correspondence:

- Cllr Jones shared correspondence from a Mr Griffiths who lives next door to Swiss Cottage in Wentbridge, expressing concern that a greenhouse which had been erected in a neighbour's garden was obstructing his view. No planning application had been made for the structure and so it had been reported to him and he would push for it to be re-located.
- Ian Thompson and Cllr Britton state they've both received many emails regarding the Equestrian Centre. It seems that users of our website have seen their representation in the Local Business section and are accidentally emailing the council about them. Emailers have now been notified.
- Longbow Lawns have been in contact offering their services which we will look at when the need arises.
- The Smiley CID sign company had contacted us for a progress report and were told the issues are ongoing.
- Ex-councillor Kelvin Wilkins has updated the DPC website to show the correct names for existing councillors.
- Cllr Stones confirmed that she had contacted First Impressions who had confirmed that our hanging baskets are indeed the appropriate weight for the lamp posts they're attached to.

2019-04-06

Finance:

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts up to 30th April 2019. He reported that the balance brought forward from march was £20,118.74. Income of 6,382.05 was received and with the scheduled payments made during the month the balance at the end of April is standing at £23,108.39

Seven payments were submitted for approval during May.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
9.5.19	06-1920	CH 780	Came and Company	Local council insurance policy	294.17	0.00
9.5.19	07-1920	CH 787	Darrington Village Field Trust	S137 Grant – new play equipment	3,250.00	0.00

9.5.19	08-1920	CH 782	PCC of Darrington	S137 grant – maintenance of clock	104.00	0.00
9.5.19	09-1920	CH 783	PCC of Darrington	Room hire for PPC meetings 2018/19	176.00	0.00
9.5.19	10-1920	CH 784	Mr James Robert Capon	Gardening & Maintenance	150.00	0.00
9.5.19	11-1920	CH785	Simon Smith	Tithe Barn Information Board	375.00	0.00
9.5.19	12-1920	CH786	Mr. Britton	Lawn Mower for village grass cutting	353.54	58.92

Cllr's Smith and Stones approved these payments.

The forecast year-end balance now stands at £21,570.59, indicating a healthy balance at the year end.

2019-04-07

**Planning matters:
New applications**

West park Caravan Park	New License	No comment
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Existing Applications.

Woodlands, Great North Rd	Tree Removal	Approved
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Cllr Britton brought to the attention of the councillors that the caravan at Bankswood Stables had now been removed and a central heating pipe and hanging baskets were now visible on the main building indicating it has clearly been domestically 'moved into'. Cllr Jones shares that they recently received a new paper on Enforcements, and that the issue isn't capacity but structures in place failing to deliver. Explains this case though severe, is one of many and will chase it up.

2019-04-08

**Reports:
School:**

Cllr Tagger has reminded the head teacher about their claim for the section 137 grant

Village Field:
None

Police:
None

In Bloom:

Our local gardener James Capon has informed us that he is moving back to the US so Ian Thompson agreed to forward details of the company mentioned in Correspondence. Cllr Britton informs the council that he had been doing the mowing in the interim and had as a result broken his own mower which had had to be replaced. All Cllrs agreed the 353.54 pounds cost should be reimbursed to Cllr Britton who provided Cllr Stainer with a receipt.

Gardening Club:

Good meeting the previous night with a good turnout. A 'summer produce' tasting session was proposed and discussed, and another post will be put on the FB page regarding the open garden event.

Newsletter:

None

2019-04-09

Minor Items:

Ian Thompson confirmed he checks the defibrillator from time to time and had noticed that the door to the kiosk had 'dropped' and was very difficult to open. Cllr Britton said he would take a look.

Cllr Stones asked if anyone had any objection to the local author Ian Clayton using our stall at the Feast & Fayre to promote his new book with a book signing – there were no objections.

Cllr Stones also confirmed Rob Mason of WMDC had confirmed that the property at Hillcroft Farm hadn't been sold even though it appeared to be occupied. He agreed to investigate further and would come back to her.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 13th June 2019 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.45