

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Thursday 11th October 2018

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chair), Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Stones. Cllr Stainer, Cllr Thompson.

Apologies:

Cllr Smith.

In Attendance:

One member of the public.

2018-10-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2018-10-02

Public Matters:

None.

2018-10-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

2018-10-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Tagger has given an update to Mr Walker on the implications of the street lighting upgrade to LED bulbs. He is also waiting for more details of the proposed changes from WMDC.
- Cllr Thompson has again contacted WMDC asking that meaningful speeding data is obtained on Estcourt Road, but is still awaiting a response.
- Likewise, Cllr Thompson is also awaiting a response from WMDC regarding the confusing weight limit signs across the village.
- Cllr Hoyle confirmed that WMDC will help and provide equipment for a village litter pick. The proposed date is 6th November subject to approval from WMDC. Publicity via the newsletter and Facebook will be required.
- The tithe barn information sign framework has been delayed due to a personal injury to the carpenter. Wording ,artwork and the layout have all been agreed and are ready to be created into a sign.
- Cllr Stones will raise the issue of parking near Philips Lane at the next police liaison meeting.
- Cllr Smith has updated the planning portal regarding the farm development adjacent to the Kyte.
- Defibrillator sign has been erected at the Spread. Andrew Johnson will be willing to provide further defibrillator training. He is also proposing to erect his own defibrillator at the pub.

- Cllr Thompson confirmed that he was carrying out the recommended regular inspection of the defibrillator.
- Cllr Britton had invited Rev Judd and the PCC to the meeting to discuss longer term improvements to the orchard, but no one was in attendance.
- Cllr Britton will discuss with the resident at the corner of Wentworth Park Rise and Hillcroft Close the overgrowing vegetation.

2018-10-05

Correspondence:

Contact has been made with the Darrington Hotel about the damaged and dangerous brick wall near the bus stop.

The school have suggested that the carol service is held at 6.00 PM on Tuesday 4th December.

Mr Illes from Stonehaven in Wentbridge has enquired about the grass cutting regime in that area. The gardener has been sent to cut the grass at this location. Cllr Stainer will try and ascertain details of the WMDC grass cutting schedules.

Cllr Hoyle on behalf of the Darrington Village Field Trust has written asking if the council would be prepared to financially assist in the purchase of a 4m activity net that will be erected on the field.

The budget estimate for this one item is in the order of £16,250 plus VAT i.e. £19,500. After several years of fund raising the trust could afford to procure this without any financial assistance. However, historically the Parish Council has assisted with the purchase of some of the older equipment on the proviso that a maintenance agreement was agreed between the trust and the council. This project is the type of project that the community infrastructure levy is there to fund. Or alternatively as it benefits many people a section 137 grant. It was agreed to defer this decision until the next meeting to enable Cllr Stones to make enquiries about further payment of the community infrastructure levy, Cllr Thompson to review the VAT situation and the S137 criteria and consultation with residents to commence.

2018-10-06

Finance:

Cllr Stainer presented the accounts for September. He reported that the balance brought forward from August was £23,420.37. The second payment of the precept in September of £6147.62 resulted in the balance at the end of September standing at £29,567.99.

Five payments were submitted for approval during September.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
11.10.18	18-1819	CH 759	Mr James Robert Capon	Gardening & Maintenance	150.00	0.00
11.10.18	19-1819	CH 760	Darrington Golf Club	Range Hire for Air crash	100.00	16.67
11.10.18	20-1819	CH 761	Andy Tagger	Wreath for Air Crash	10.00	0.00
11.10.18	21-1819	CH 762	Mr James Robert Capon	Gardening & Maintenance	90.00	0.00

11.10.18	22-1819	CH 763	PM Stainer	Printer Ink	29.99	5.00
					379.99	21.67

Cllr Thompson and Stones approved the payments.

The forecast balance at the yearend now stands at £29,246.32. This sum assumes that a total of £12,000 would be received from the community Infrastructure levy and that payment for the defibrillator cabinet would soon be made.

Cllr Tagger stated that the first part payment for the air crash video would be £795 plus VAT and for the whole video including the documentary £1862 plus VAT.

2018-10-07

Planning matters: New applications

Woodland Great North Road Wentbridge	Tree works	No comment
10 Darrington Road	Garage and Orangery	No comments

It was noted that work on the “barn” had commenced at Bankwood Stables.

2018-10-08

Church Orchard:

In discussion with Cllr Britton, the Rev Judd had implied that any work carried out on the old orchard needed to be put in writing and approved.

Cllr Tagger confirmed that the tree expert had also recently inspected the site.

2018-10-09

Air Crash Memorial:

On behalf of the Parish Council Cllr Britton congratulated Cllr Tagger and the team for their hard work and dedication on making the day a huge success.

Cllr Tagger reviewed the project detailing the highs and lows of the project from the poor media support at the beginning, to the magnificent flypast. The team still have to decide what will happen to the source material collected and finalise the video. He also informed the council that the dean family have left a legacy of £150 per year for the next 5 years to fund a special schools project.

2018-10-10

Reports:

School:

Nothing further to report.

Village Field:

Nothing further to report.

Police:

Nothing further to report.

In Bloom:

Nothing further to report.

Gardening Club:

A calendar of talks will be organised for the coming year and these will be advertised in the newsletter.

Newsletter:

Articles are required now so that this can be published prior to bonfire night. In addition to those already received Cllr Hoyle will confirm the details of the community litter pick and Cllr Tagger the gardening club meeting and the school carol concert.

PCC magazine:

The magazine has again been produced without any information in it from the Parish Council.

Drone:

Cllr Thompson reported that he was aware that a team from the Highways England were working on a new route for the A1. Details of the route will not be available to the public until after they have been presented and approved by the appropriate government departments.

2018-10-11

Minor Items:

Cllr Stones will try to find out more details of the Christmas tree shaped lighting that had been used in Featherstone and Purston last year. These had been fixed to the lampposts once the hanging baskets had been removed.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 8th November 2018 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.40