

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Thursday 12th July 2018

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Stainer, Cllr Wilkins.

In Attendance:

4 members of the public.

2018-07-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2018-07-02

Public Matters:

None.

2018-07-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

2018-07-04

Matters arising:

- Further to the suggestion that using some of the Community Infrastructure Levy funding the council should consider upgrading the street lighting on Valley Road. The response from the Highways Street Lighting team has been that there are already plans in place to replace all the bulbs with LED lights across the whole of the district, but the timescale for doing this in Darrington is not yet known. The lamp posts on Valley Road are not robust enough to take the larger "old style" lantern and would first have to be replaced at a cost of £2500 per column plus £600 design costs and maintenance costs. In addition LED lighting does give a different spread of light and additional columns may be required. Cllr Tagger will update Mr Walker with these findings.
- 1. Cllr Thompson has contacted WMDC asking that meaningful speeding data is obtained on Estcourt Road. The response he received stated that Estcourt Road would not be an eligible highway for changes in speed restrictions. Cllr Thompson has tried to clarify the needs for this data by the Parish Council with WMDC and is still awaiting a response.
- 2. Cllr Thompson is also awaiting a response from WMDC regarding the confusing weight limit signs across the village.
- 3. Cllr Hoyle confirmed that he will try and organise a village litter pick with WMDC in the autumn.
- 4. Julie Graham displayed at the Feast & Fayre art work suitable for the tithe barn information sign. Two pictures have been chosen for inclusion, and these will be

sent to the printer for scanning. Simon Smith has agreed to make the framework. Cllr Britton and Rev Judd will liaise and confirm the suggested wording.

2018-07-05

Correspondence:

Cllr Tagger has received one further complaint of smells from the pig farm. Mr W Illes wrote and stated that the grass cutter does not appear to follow a set route or timescale. Cllr Britton had responded stating that the grass cutting was not a bespoke service and was carried out whenever possible. The previous gardener has had a serious accident and is no longer capable of carrying out the function. The gardener prior to this has stepped back into the role but can only do the work between other jobs. It was also confirmed that the A1 slip road verge would be cut in the very near future.

2018-07-06

Finance:

On behalf of Cllr Stainer, Cllr Britton presented the accounts for June. He reported that the balance at the end of June stood at £23,982.61.

One further payment was submitted for approval in July.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
12.7.18	14-1819	Direct Debit	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment	1104.17	0.00
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Cllr Hoyle and Thompson approved the payments. The forecast balance at the yearend now stands at £29,076.32.

Cllr Hoyle asked if arrangements were in hand to make any necessary payments over the summer period. Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Stones seconded a motion that Cllr Britton and Cllr Stainer were authorised to sign cheques during this period. All agreed.

2018-07-07

Planning matters:

Existing applications

Hillcroft Farm development	Changes in roof material for plot 6	Approved
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2018-07-08

Defibrillator:

Mr James Brunton completed all the outstanding electrical work he had promised to do, and provided all the certification that was necessary. This was forwarded to the Community Heart Beat Trust, but as no response was received in a reasonable time, Cllr Thompson informed the Ambulance Service that the defibrillator was now functional and awaiting a go live date. As part of the purchase of equipment the CHBT will provide training, taking approximately 2.5 hours, to those who require it. Cllr Stones will organise 2 sessions one in the afternoon and one in the evening. This was thought to be more appropriate than the training kindly offered by Mr Johnson.

Two defibrillator location signs need to be erected one possibly at the Spread the other at a suitable location on Valley Road.

BT have agreed to pay for the power for the next 7 years

The cabinet code was provided to those present at the meeting and will be issued to all those trained in its use.

Cllr Stones will also enquire if the £50 voucher towards the cost of red paint to refurbish the phone box will still be valid in years to come should this be required.

2018-07-09

Air crash:

The Dean family will be paying for the planting of new apple trees in the orchard. These will ceremoniously be planted and blessed at a church service on the 23rd September. However, the Deans are concerned about the maintenance of the trees over the next few years and are seeking some form of formal maintenance agreement between the council and the PCC. Cllr Britton did not think that such an agreement could be committed to by either party. The Dean family will also be supporting the school to prepare some appropriate memorial which may possibly be a wreath. If seating is required for people who attend on the day the chairs can be used from the reading room.

The services of a calligrapher are being sought for help with the sign for the church. Andy Page has confirmed that the royal services band will provide a bugler and drummer.

Pontefract RAF cadets will provide a guard of honour and help with stewarding. After the day the display from the Golf club will be placed in Pontefract Library for 2 weeks.

Cllr Jones will liaise with WMDC regarding any planning requirements and traffic management.

A further £100 donation has been received from the family of one of the aircrew

The golf club will be providing a buffet lunch at a cost of £10.95.

It is estimated that 70 people will be present on the day as special guests and the golf club will be able to cater for up to 350.

2018-07-10

Reports:

School:

Nothing to report.

Village Field:

The Feast and Fayre was again a great success with good weather most of the day. The wrap up meeting is scheduled to take place next week after which the financial success of the event will be known.

The goal posts still need to be re erected but this will require the help of the farm.

Cllr Hoyle has asked a play equipment provider to provide quotes for a climbing net and a "matrix" climbing frame for comparison purposes. If finances allow then this would be situated near the old fort and roundabout. It would require some of the older wooden equipment in that area to be removed.

Police:

Nothing to report.

In Bloom:

Nothing to report.

Gardening Club:

A well attended meeting took place yesterday.

Newsletter:

Nothing to report.

PCC magazine:

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

Drone:

Nothing to report.

2018-07-11

Minor Items:

Cllr Johnson circulated a leaflet produced by the Mid Yorkshire hospitals that gave details of the services available at the Pontefract urgent treatment centre.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 13th September 2018 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.04