

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Darrington Parish Council held Thursday 9 October 2025 at DARRINGTON READING ROOMS, PHILIP'S LANE, DARRINGTON, PONTEFRAC, WF8 3BH

Present Cllr D. Burns (DB), Cllr L. Thompson (LT), Cllr F. Gray, (FG), Cllr T. Hirst (PB), Cllr P. Batty, Cllr L. Dale, Cllr K. Whalley and Mrs J. Jones.

In Attendance

Cllr B. Mayhew in attendance.

Action

1. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

NOTED apologies received from Cllr V. Stones and Cllr W. Pickup and approved reasons thereto.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 To note any declarations of interests not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None received.

2.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation

None received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darrington Parish Council held on 11 September 2025

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 11 September 2025 as a true and correct record.

4. To receive information on the following ongoing issues

4.1 To implement the gov.uk domain and website with Active Council

RESOLVED that no further action is required.

4.2 To provide an update in respect of the footpath running from North Lodge Lane to Stapleton, including taking photos of the footpaths

NOTED that the final application has been submitted to Wakefield Council and **RESOLVED** to provide a further update at the next meeting.

DB

- 4.3 To create a new flower bed in the verge of Valley Road and to move the bench further along the verge and face it towards the field and not the road
RESOLVED to carry forward to the next meeting. **PB**
- 4.4 To share the draft wording for the stickers to place on vehicles blocking pavement access
RESOLVED to carry forward to the next meeting. **DB**
- 4.5 To clear the remaining rubble where the planter on Valley Road was situated
RESOLVED to carry forward to the next meeting. **TH**
- 4.6 To create an auto-response for Councillors, advising of the responsibilities of Wakefield Council and providing the relevant contact details
RESOLVED to send proposed changes to Ms J. Jones to update the auto-response. **ALL/JJ**
- 4.7 To create a flyer for the notice boards, with the Wakefield Council information provided by Cllr T. Hirst
RESOLVED to approve the flyer, subject to adding the contact number for the reporting of nuisance offroad motorbikes. **JJ**
- RESOLVED** further to print the document to include a flyer in each newsletter. **FG/PB**
- 4.8 To liaise with Cllr V. Stones to determine if she wants to continue doing the newsletter
RESOLVED that no further action is required.
- 4.9 To send the updated notice of meeting template to Cllr L. Thompson and Cllr T. Hirst
RESOLVED that no further action is required.
- 4.10 To consider and decide upon whether to re-build the planter on Valley Road
RESOLVED that no further action is required.
- 4.11 To schedule the next litter picking day for 16 November 2025
NOTED an update in this respect and **RESOLVED** to carry forward to the next meeting. **FG**
- 4.12 To schedule the planting of the winter planters for 28 September 2025
RESOLVED that no further action is required.

- 4.13 To engage with Highways England and the British Heart Foundation in respect of the options available to the Council for 2 additional defibrillators
- NOTED** an update from Cllr T. Hirst and **RESOLVED** to purchase 2 additional defibrillators, for the first to be placed outside The Spread and the second to be placed on a resident's wall on the south side of the village. **TH**
- RESOLVED** further to request support from The Spread's landlords, to raise funds for the defibrillators through a raffle in the pub. **TH**
- RESOLVED** to join Pontefract Civic Society's scheme for the purchase and replacement of batteries and pads as and when needed. **TH**
- RESOLVED** to obtain a quote for the installation of the cable for each defibrillator. **DB**
- RESOLVED** to query with the owner of West Park if their defibrillator will be fixed or if they would like to join the Council's project. **TH**
- 4.14 To consider and decide upon a replacement supplier for the winter Christmas trees and 2026 summer planters & baskets
- NOTED** the quotation obtained by Cllr F. Gray for the purchase of the Christmas trees, new brackets and installation.
- RESOLVED** to request a meeting with First Impressions to request support with the Christmas trees for this year and to collect the Council-owned brackets and plaques. **DB/PB**
- NOTED** further an update in respect of the purchase of summer plants and maintenance and watering of the summer planters.
- RESOLVED** to explore summer planter watering options with local window washers. **DB**
5. **Correspondence**
- 5.1 Christmas decorations on lamp posts
- NOTED** correspondence received from Wakefield Council in respect of the licensing of the lamp posts.
6. **Financial Matters**
- 6.1 **NOTED** payments to be approved for October 2025

Date Approved	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
09.10.25	28-2526	Card 31	WH Smith	Next Voucher – Thx to Internal Auditor	100.00	0.00
09.10.25	29-2526	TRF	PontyVA 925	Sept admin services	330.00	0.00
09.10.25	30-2526	TRF	Nick Dyas	Gardening/maintenance Sep – 8hrs @ £16	128.00	0.00
					£558.00	£0.00

6.2 **NOTED** payments made for September 2025

Date Approved	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
11.09.25	26-2526	TRF	Nick Dyas	Gardening/maintenance Aug – 6 hrs @£16	96.00	0.00
11.09.25	27-2526	TRF	PontyVA 925	Aug admin services	330.00	0.00
					£426.00	£0.00

6.3 **NOTED** income of £0.10 received during September 2025.

NOTED the bank balance at 30 September 2025 as £27,922.40.

6.4 To receive and approve the bank reconciliation and review spend against the budget to 31 March 2026

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation to 30 September 2025 and spend against budget to 31 March 2026.

7. To consider planning applications received

CYC Reference	Address/Description	Votes	Council Decision
25/01776/TPO	15 Beech Crescent - Crown Reduce the entire canopy of 1 Sycamore Tree by 2metres. Remove all deadwood	7 – Y 0 – N	No objection
25/01834/CPL	Church Farm Cottage, Estcourt Road - Construction or new porch/canopy and relevant building works to combine 2no dwellings	7 – Y 0 – N	No objection

8. To receive information on finalised planning applications

CYC Reference	Address/Description	Wakefield Council Decision
25/00314/FUL	Braden Manor, Old Great North Road - 5-bedroom detached dwelling and attached garage	Application Approved
25/01235/FUL	Welcome Break Great North Road (A1) - Replacement of existing detached office building with detached food-to-go building (Greggs Pod)	Application Approved
25/01430/FUL	7 Valley Road - Single storey extension to side with new steps and composite cladding to front	Application Approved

25/01508/TPO	4 Ash Grove - Fell 1 Elm Tree	Application Approved
24/02078/FUL	Fairview, Great North Road, Knottingley - Change of use from residential to plant hire business with external storage including demolition of dwelling and ancillary buildings and erection of 1no. building with interconnecting modular cabins and other associated works	Application Approved

9. Reports – School, Police, Gardening Club, Village Field, Newsletter

9.1 To receive update from Village Traffic Working Group

NOTED that a meeting had been held with Wakefield Council and **RECEIVED** an update in respect of outstanding action items.

9.2 To consider school report

NOTED no update from Cllr L. Dale.

9.3 To consider police report

RESOLVED to remove this item from the agenda.

JJ

9.4 To consider Gardening Club report

NOTED the Gardening Club report presented by Cllr F. Gray.

9.5 To consider Village Field report

NOTED a report provided by the Village Field Trust Chair.

9.6 To consider newsletter report

NOTED that the next newsletter was ready for delivery in the following week and the next newsletter will be published in the new year.

9.7 To consider Church report

NOTED the Church report as presented by Cllr L. Thompson.

9.8 To note Newsletter-worthy items

None.

10. Governance matters

10.1 None.

11. Matters requested by Councillors

11.1 To consider and decide upon the Christmas lights switch on event

NOTED the itinerary and update for the event from Cllr K. Whalley.

11.2 To consider and decide upon the Christmas trees on lamp posts

RESOLVED that this was covered under an earlier agenda item.

11.3 To note that the Reading Room lock will be replaced

NOTED that the Reading Room lock will be replaced and financed by Cllr L. Dale in his personal capacity.

12. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

12.1 None.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 13 November 2025.

Meeting closed at 20h26.