



Darrington Parish Council

PUBLIC NOTICE **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Darrington Parish Council ordinary meeting will take place on Thursday 12 March 2026 commencing at 7pm, at the Reading Rooms, Darrington.

The first 15 minutes of the meeting is open to the press and members of the public, to put questions or raise concerns regarding matters on this agenda or for future consideration. A member of the public is limited to three (3) minutes of speaking time during the open forum and is requested to refrain from speaking or participating in the Council meeting once the open forum has closed and the formal council meeting has commenced. There is no expectation on the council to respond to any comments made at this time.

Under the openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed but it would be helpful to let the Parish Clerk know of any plans to film or record so that any necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public. All recording and photograph equipment should be taken away if a public meeting moves into a session which is not open to the public.

If you are recording the meeting you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of the meeting, for example, by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make oral commentary during the meeting. The Chairman has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting. Recording must be clearly visible to anyone at the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is available at www.darrington-pc.gov.uk/meetings. Alternatively, please contact the Council at clerk@darrington-pc.gov.uk for a hard copy prior to the meeting.

Joanne Jones
Proper Officer
8 March 2026

MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM:

Prior to commencement of the meeting there will be a fifteen-minute period for public question time. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chair.

Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council Meeting itself and must adhere to the rules set by the council for this session. The public open forum does not form part of the formal meeting and will not form part of the minutes.

1. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
2. To consider and decide upon any co-option applications received
3. To receive declarations of interest and applications for dispensation
 - 3.1 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
 - 3.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation
4. To confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 12 February 2026 as a true and correct record
5. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:
 - 5.1 To provide an update in respect of the footpath running from North Lodge Lane to Stapleton (DB)
 - 5.2 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 (PB)
 - 5.3 To arrange an online meeting with Home Instead in respect of the free dementia workshops (JJ)
 - 5.4 To arrange for printing of flyers for the scarecrow festival / competition to be included with the next newsletter (WP)
 - 5.5 To liaise with Darrington Golf Club regarding booking the main hall as the venue for the "talent" event (LT)
 - 5.6 To query with the school why the large drums are on the premises of the school (LD)
 - 5.7 To search for and provide missing historic newsletters for publishing on the website (KW)
 - 5.8 To replace the current defibrillator in the telephone box with a new defibrillator from Pontefract Civic Society, and to sell the current defibrillator back to Pontefract Civic Society (TH)
 - 5.9 To consider and decide upon options for re-decorating the telephone box (TH)
 - 5.10 To arrange 2 training sessions for the new defibrillators for April (TH)
 - 5.11 To add the 2 new defibrillators, to remove the stone planter on Valley Road, and to add the additional 5 Christmas tree brackets to the asset register (FG)
 - 5.12 To work with the Chair of the PTFA to get a response from the school to the Council's request to be copied on school newsletters (LD)
 - 5.13 To follow up with Cllr K. Whalley on the proof reading for the newsletter (DB)
 - 5.14 To speak to Gary about the Church dripping tap (LT)
 - 5.15 To include the flyer for the Scarecrow Festival in the next newsletter (WP/KW)
 - 5.16 To document all procedures for the RFO role (FG)
6. To consider the following new Correspondence received and decide action where necessary:
 - 6.1 To receive and note a complaint submitted by a parish resident concerning a Parish Councillor and to consider the appropriate process for handling the complaint
7. Financial matters:
 - 7.1 To approve the following accounts for payment in March 2026

- 7.1.1 PontyVA 925 – Feb services - £330.00
- 7.1.2 Pontefract Civic Society – Annual donation to Pontefract Defib Scheme - £20.00
- 7.1.3 P. Cook – Replacement Defib for Telephone box – 668.00
- 7.1.4 Carter Jackson – Feb Newsletters x 630 - £129.45
- 7.1.5 JRB Enterprises – Dog waste bags x 10 packs - £297.60
- 7.1.6 P. Batty – Whisky for Brotherhood – Christmas thank you for tree - £32.39
- 7.1.7 F. Gray – 2x yellow cartridges – Flyer printing - £43.79

7.2 To note the following payments made in February 2026

- 7.2.1 PontyVA 925 – Jan services - £330.00

7.3 To note the following income received in February 2026

- 7.3.1 VAT Refund 2024/25 - £1,721.52
- 7.3.4 Virgin Money cash back - £0.03

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

7.5 To consider and approve the Wakefield Council Annual Maintenance Agreement 2026/27

8. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications

None

9. To receive the following planning decisions

- 9.1 [25/02360/FUL](#) – 15 Hillcroft Close - Removal of existing porch and construction of new extension to front and alterations to windows and doors – Application Approved

10. To receive information on the following monthly items and decide further action where necessary:

- 10.1 Village Traffic Working Group
- 10.2 School
- 10.3 Gardening Club
- 10.4 Village Field
- 10.5 Newsletter
- 10.6 Church
- 10.7 Newsletter-worthy items
- 10.8 Defibrillator usage

11. Governance matters:

None

12. Matters requested by councillors:

- 12.1 To consider and decide upon the repair of the notice boards
- 12.2 To consider and decide upon social media content and timing for the scarecrow competition

13. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 9 April 2026