

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Darrington Parish Council held Thursday 9 July 2026 at DARRINGTON READING ROOMS, PHILIP'S LANE, DARRINGTON, PONTEFRACT, WF8 3BH

Present: Cllr D. Burns (DB), Cllr L. Thompson (LT), Cllr F. Gray (FG), Cllr T. Hirst (TH), Cllr K. Whalley (KW), Cllr W. Pickup (WP) and Mrs J. Jones.

In Attendance

No residents in attendance.

Action

1. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
NOTED apologies received from Cllr L. Dale and Cllr P. Batty and approved reasons thereto.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
 - 2.1 To receive updated members' Registers of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
NOTED updated Registers of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests received from Cllr L. Thompson, Cllr K. Whalley, Cllr W. Pickup and Cllr F. Gray.

RESOLVED to add this item to the agenda every six months, add any omitted disclosure requirements to the disclosure form, send Cllr D. Burns a copy of his previous form, publish the updated forms on the website and send updated forms to Cllr D. Burns, Cllr P. Batty, Cllr L. Dale and Cllr T. Hirst. **JJ**
 - 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 June 2026
RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2026 as a true and correct record.
4. **To receive information on the following ongoing issues**
 - 4.1 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**
 - 4.2 To arrange for re-decorating of the telephone box
NOTED that arrangements have been made to paint the telephone box with the relevant resident.

RESOLVED to provide an update at the next meeting. **TH**
 - 4.3 To re-send the school newsletter to councillors
RESOLVED that no further action is required.
 - 4.4 To follow up on the email support agreement from Active Council
RESOLVED that no further action is required.

- 4.5 To arrange the boards for the Feast & Fayre stall and prepare the rota for the day

RESOLVED that no further action is required.

- 4.6 To coordinate the arrangements for the Evening of Entertainment, and consider and decide upon the tickets for the event

RESOLVED that tickets will be sold at £13.00 each.

RESOLVED that Mrs J. Jones will set up Eventbrite for digital tickets, produce a poster, create tickets at six per A4 page and advertise the event.

JJ

RESOLVED further that Cllr K. Whalley will provide a screenshot of the information to be added to the poster and Cllr D. Burns will confirm the maximum number of attendees with Darrington Golf Club.

KW/DB

- 4.7 To investigate the potential conflict of interest regarding the Village Field's proposed footpath

RESOLVED that no further action is required.

- 4.8 To request that Nick Dyas picks up the maintenance of the land to the side of the footpath to the church, at the end of the cul-de-sac in Wentworth Park Rise

RESOLVED that no further action is required.

- 4.9 To place the Phonely – PSTN landline switch-off checklist on the notice boards and website, and include information regarding the switch-off in the newsletter

RESOLVED to place an explanation of the PSTN landline on the noticeboards and the village WhatsApp group.

TH/DB

- 4.10 To request feedback from residents in respect of a Blue Plaque for Frank Sotheron

RESOLVED that Cllr T. Hirst will contact those residents who expressed an interest and ask for their consent to share their details with Pontefract Civic Society.

TH

- 4.11 To request that the Council receives a key to the Reading Rooms post box

RESOLVED that the Church Warden will check the letter box each Sunday and pass any Parish Council mail to Cllr L. Thompson.

LD

- 4.12 To communicate to the resident in question that the Council will support her request to protect the private cemetery in Darrington

RESOLVED that no further action is required.

5. Correspondence

- 5.1 None

6. Financial Matters

- 6.1 **NOTED** payments to be approved for July 2026

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
09.07.26	20-2627	TRF	PontyVA 925	Admin services June	£350.00	£0.00
09.07.26	21-2627	TRF	N. Dyas	Gardening & Maintenance June	£176.00	£0.00
			Total		£526.00	£0.00

6.2 **NOTED** payments made in June 2026

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
12.06.26	15-2627	TRF	N. Dyas	Gardening & Maintenance May - 11hrs @ £16ph	£176.00	£0.00
12.06.26	16-2627	TRF	PontyVA 925	Admin May services	£350.00	£0.00
12.06.26	17-2627	TRF	Amberol Ltd	3 x lamp post brackets	£126.00	£21.00
25.06.26	18-2627	TRF	Habro	Newsletter inserts x 630	£78.50	£0.00
			Printing			
25.06.26	19-2627	TRF	White Rose Plants	Summer baskets, planters & watering	£5,881.00	£0.00
Total					£6,611.50	£21.00

6.3 To note the following income received in June 2026

NOTED the following income received in June 2026:

- Virgin Money cashback – £1.17

6.4 To receive and approve the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2026 and to review spend against the budget to 31 March 2027

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2026 and spend against budget to 31 March 2027.

NOTED the bank balance at 30 June 2026 as £32,086.44.

6.5 To note the results of the Internal Audit

NOTED the results of the Internal Audit and the actions undertaken by Cllr F. Gray.

6.6 To consider and decide upon a thank you gift for the Internal Auditor

RESOLVED to approve a thank you gift of £100.00.

6.7 To review the updated Gift Register

RESOLVED to provide an updated Gift Register at the next meeting and to include the paint received by a resident on the Register. **FG/TH**

7. **To consider and decide upon the following planning applications**

7.1 None

8. **To receive the following planning decisions**

8.1

CYC Reference	Address/Description	Wakefield Council Decision
26/00766/CPL	26 Sotheron Croft - Proposed single storey extension to rear, porch to front & alteration to soil vent pipe	Application Approved

9. **Reports**

9.1 To receive update from Village Traffic Working Group

NOTED that the new Pontefract South councillors have been contacted and a response is awaited.

9.2 To consider school report

NOTED an update received from Cllr L. Dale.

RESOLVED to request that Cllr L. Dale submits the Clerk email address to the school and requests that correspondence is sent to the Clerk for sharing relevant information with the council.

LD

9.3 To consider Gardening Club report

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

9.4 To consider Village Field report

NOTED a report provided by the Village Field Trust Chair.

9.5 To consider newsletter report and newsletter-worthy items

NOTED that the newsletter was almost ready and that the final newsletter of the year will be published in November 2026.

9.6 To consider Church report

NOTED a report provided by Cllr L. Thompson.

9.7 Defibrillator usage

NOTED no usage since the previous meeting.

10. Governance matters

10.1 To review and approve any changes to the General Privacy Notice

NOTED no changes to the General Privacy Notice.

10.2 To review and approve any changes to the Privacy Notice for Employees-Councillors-Volunteers-Other Role Holders

NOTED no changes to the Privacy Notice for Employees, Councillors, Volunteers and Other Role Holders.

10.3 To review and approve any changes to the Complaints Procedure

RESOLVED to add “complaints relating to a person while acting in the capacity of a councillor” under the heading “The Complaints Procedure does not cover”.

JJ

10.4 To consider and decide upon updates to the website

NOTED the pages to be updated on the website and **RESOLVED** to provide the relevant information to Mrs J. Jones to add the relevant content by the end of August.

ALL/JJ

11. Matters requested by Councillors

11.1 To consider and decide upon supporting the creation of hedgehog highways in the village

NOTED that the item has been included in the newsletter.

RESOLVED that no further action is required.

11.2 To consider and decide upon a donation to Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity for the defibrillator training provided by them

RESOLVED to approve a donation of £50.00.

11.3 To consider and decide upon contacting Highways England to request industrial litter picking along the A1

NOTED an update.

RESOLVED to carry forward to the next meeting.

PB

11.4 To consider and decide upon adding Cllr L. Dale to the list of bank signatories

NOTED that this is ongoing.

RESOLVED to carry forward to the next meeting.

FG

11.5 To consider and decide upon re-joining the YLCA

RESOLVED that the clerk will investigate the cost of re-joining the YLCA and will table for discussion at the next meeting.

JJ

11.6 To provide an update on the Oil and Gas Networks Hydrogen Scheme

NOTED a summary provided by Cllr L. Dale.

RESOLVED that no further action is required.

11.7 To consider and decide upon re-testing of the lamp posts

NOTED that Cllr F. Gray has contacted Wakefield Council to establish when the current licences expire and understands this is likely to be March 2027.

NOTED further that funding is unlikely to be available from Wakefield Council and the Parish Council will need to consider the options when further information is received.

RESOLVED that an update will be provided at the next meeting.

FG

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

RESOLVED to include the following matters on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Village Field footpath;
- Advertising on the Parish Council website;
- To consider and decide upon arrangements for Santa's Sleigh in December.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 10 September 2026.

Meeting closed at 20h30.