



Darrington Parish Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Darrington Parish Council will take place on Thursday 10 September 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
06 September 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 receive declarations of interest and applications for dispensation
 - 2.1 To receive updated members' Registers of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
 - 2.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation
3. To confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2026 as a true and correct record
4. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:
 - 4.1 To confirm completion of the actions relating to updated Registers of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, including updating the disclosure form, sending Cllr D. Burns a copy of his previous form, publishing the updated registers on the website and sending updated forms to Cllr D. Burns, Cllr P. Batty, Cllr L. Dale and Cllr T. Hirst (JJ)
 - 4.2 To move the bench further along the verge and face it towards the field and not the road (PB)
 - 4.3 To receive an update on the re-decoration of the telephone box (TH)
 - 4.4 To receive an update on arrangements for the Evening of Entertainment, including setting up Eventbrite for digital tickets, producing paper-version tickets and a poster, and advertising the event on social media, the website and notice boards (JJ/LT)
 - 4.5 To confirm the maximum number of attendees with Darrington Golf Club (DB)
 - 4.6 To confirm that information regarding the PSTN landline switch-off has been placed on the noticeboards and village WhatsApp group (TH/DB)
 - 4.7 To receive an update on contacting interested residents and obtaining consent to share their details with Pontefract Civic Society regarding a Blue Plaque for Frank Sotheron (TH)
 - 4.8 To receive an updated Gift Register (FG)
 - 4.9 To request that Cllr L. Dale submits the Clerk email address to the school and requests that newsletters are sent to the Clerk going forward (LD)
 - 4.10 To confirm that the Complaints Procedure has been amended to add "complaints relating to a person while acting in the capacity of a councillor" (JJ)
 - 4.11 To receive an update on the website (JJ)
 - 4.12 To consider and decide upon contacting Highways England to request industrial litter picking along the A1 (PB)
 - 4.13 To consider and decide upon adding Cllr L. Dale to the list of bank signatories (FG)
 - 4.14 To investigate the cost of re-joining the YLCA (JJ)
 - 4.15 To receive an update on the expiry of the lamp-post licences and consider any testing or other action required (FG)
5. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:
 - 5.1 None
6. Financial Matters:
 - 6.1 To approve the following accounts for payment in September 2026

Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount £	VAT £
31-2627	Transfer	Nick Dyas	Gardening & Maintenance July 11hrs @£16 ph	176.00	0.00
32-2627	Transfer	PontyVA925	July Admin Services	350.00	0.00
33-2627	Card 31	JRB Enterprise	8000 Dog Waste Bags	297.60	49.60
				823.60	49.60

6.2 To retrospectively approve the following payments made in August 2026

Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount £	VAT £
23-2627	Transfer	Phil Maw	Refurbish Telephone box	250.00	0.00
24-2627	Transfer	Carter & Jackson	July Newsletters	129.45	0.00
25-2627	Transfer	Wakefield council	Annual Grounds Maintenance	1,326.00	221.00
26-2627	Transfer	Nick Dyas	Gardening & Maintenance July 14hrs @£16 ph	224.00	0.00
27-2627	Transfer	PontyVA925	July Admin Services	350.00	0.00
28-2627	Transfer	YAS NHS Trust	Donation for Defib Training	50.00	0.00
29-2627	Card 31	Willow Park Post Off	Gift Voucher for Internal Auditor Scott Davis	100.00	0.00
30-2627	Card 31	Willow Park Post Off	Special Deliv Post for VAT Refund Documents	9.95	0.00
				2439.40	221

6.3 To note payments made in July 2026

Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount £	VAT £
20-2627	Transfer	PontyVA925	June Admin Services	350.00	0.00
21-2627	Transfer	Nick Dyas	Gardening & Maintenance June	176.00	0.00
22-2627	D/D	PWLB	PWLB loan Street Lighting	1,104.17	221.00
				1,630.17	0.00

6.4 To note income received in July and August 2026

July: none.

August:

Income Stream	Amount
VAT Refund	£ 1,258.51
Newsletter Advertisements	£ 100.00
	£1,358.51

6.5 To receive and approve the bank reconciliations to 31 July 2026 and 31 August 2026 and to review spend against the budget to 31 March 2027

7. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications

None

8. To receive the following planning decisions

Application ref	Address	Detail
26/00805/FUL	Stone Leigh Manor, Manor Park	Alter and Extend existing detached single storey dwelling house into two storey detached dwelling house with secondary access and extended driveway

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

- 9.1 Village Traffic Working Group
- 9.2 School

- 9.3 Gardening Club
- 9.4 Village Field
- 9.5 Newsletter and newsletter-worthy items
- 9.6 Church
- 9.7 Defibrillator usage

10. Governance

- 10.1 None

11. Matters requested by councillors

- 11.1 To consider and decide upon whether to support the installation of the Village Field footpath (DB)
- 11.2 To consider and decide upon allowing advertising on the website (LT)
- 11.3 To consider and decide upon arrangements for Santa's Sleigh in December (KW)
- 11.4 To consider and decide upon date and arrangements for the Christmas tree lights switch on (KW)
- 11.5 To consider and decide upon obtaining alternative pricing for printing of the newsletters (KW)
- 11.6 To consider and decide upon renewing the contract with White Rose Nurseries for 2027 hanging baskets and planters (DB/FG)
- 11.7 To review and decide upon declarations of interest – specifically in relation to declarations published on Wakefield Council and other parish councils' websites (TH)
- 11.8 To consider and decide upon supporting the Village Shop in their application for a free-to-use ATM to be installed in the shop (TH)
- 11.9 To consider and decide upon a date for the next litter pick (FG)
- 11.10 To consider and decide upon planning for the winter planters (FG)

12. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 8 October 2026