

# Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Darrington Parish Council held Thursday 10 September 2026 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 (TH), Cllr K. Whalley (KW), Cllr L. Dale (LD) and Cllr W. Pickup (WP).

## **In Attendance**

1 Resident in attendance.

## **Action**

### **1. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence**

**NOTED** apologies received from Cllr P. Batty and Mrs J. Jones, and approved reasons thereto.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

#### **2.1 To note any declarations of interest 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 the Council held on 9 July 2026 as a true and correct record

**RESOLVED** 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**

**RESOLVED** that going forward the council will only complete the information that is necessary for disclosure purposes.

**RESOLVED** further that no further action is required.

#### **4.2 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**

#### **4.3 To receive an update on the re-decoration of the telephone box**

**RESOLVED** further that no further action is required.

#### **4.4 To receive an update on arrangements for the Evening of Entertainment**

**NOTED** that 9 tickets had been sold by the Golf Club thus far, and that a Facebook campaign had been created.

**RESOLVED** to update the poster and place it on the noticeboard, community WhatsApp Group and lamp posts.

**JJ/FG/  
TH/KW**

**RESOLVED** to liaise with Darrington Golf Club in respect of a minimum number of attendees.

**LT**

- 4.5 To confirm the maximum number of attendees with Darrington Golf Club  
**RESOLVED** that no further action is required.
- 4.6 To confirm that information regarding the PSTN landline switch-off has been placed on the noticeboards and village WhatsApp group  
**RESOLVED** that no further action is required.
- 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  
**RESOLVED** that no further action is required.
- 4.8 To receive an updated Gift Register  
**RESOLVED** that no further action is required.
- 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  
**NOTED** that the school has a new website on which all information will be published.  
  
**RESOLVED** that no further action is required.
- 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”  
**RESOLVED** that no further action is required.
- 4.11 To receive an update on the website  
**NOTED** that the website had been updated with the information available and that the last remaining items are awaited from the council.  
  
**NOTED** further that Cllr L. Thompson was struggling to access the new website.  
  
**RESOLVED** to carry forward to the next meeting. **ALL**
- 4.12 To consider and decide upon contacting Highways England to request industrial litter picking along the A1  
**NOTED** that the slip road and the footpath is not formally adopted by either Wakefield Council or Highways England.  
  
**NOTED** further that Wakefield Council will investigate and provide feedback as to who is responsible for this section of the village.  
  
**RESOLVED** to carry forward to the next meeting. **DB**
- 4.13 To consider and decide upon adding Cllr L. Dale to the list of bank signatories  
**RESOLVED** that no further action is required.  
  
**NOTED** that an additional form was required to apply for a debit card for Cllr L. Dale.
- 4.14 To investigate the cost of re-joining the YLCA  
**RESOLVED** to carry forward to the next meeting **JJ**
- 4.15 To receive an update on the expiry of the lamp-post licences and consider any testing or other action required  
**NOTED** that Wakefield Council had yet to confirm the re-test date in writing.

## 5. Correspondence

5.1 None received.

## 6. Financial Matters:

### 6.1 NOTED payments to be approved for September 2026

| Item    | Payment Method | Payee          | Reason                                         | Amount £      | VAT £        |
|---------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 31-2627 | Transfer       | Nick Dyas      | Gardening & Maintenance July<br>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        |
|         |                |                |                                                | <b>823.60</b> | <b>49.60</b> |

### 6.2 NOTED payments to be retrospectively approved for 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<br>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<br>Off | Gift Voucher for Internal Auditor<br>Scott Davis | 100.00          | 0.00          |
| 30-2627 | Card 31        | Willow Park Post<br>Off | Special Deliv Post for VAT Refund<br>Documents   | 9.95            | 0.00          |
|         |                |                         |                                                  | <b>2,439.40</b> | <b>221.00</b> |

### 6.3 NOTED 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        |
|         |                |            |                              | <b>1,630.17</b> | <b>221.00</b> |

RESOLVED to approve all payments with immediate effect.

### 6.4 NOTED income received in July and August 2026

July: none.

August:

| Income Stream             | Amount £        |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| VAT Refund                | 1,258.51        |
| Newsletter Advertisements | 100.00          |
|                           | <b>1,358.51</b> |

- 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  
**RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation to 31 May 2026 and spend against budget to 31 March 2027.

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

None received.

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

| CYC ref                      | Address and Description                                                                                                                                                             | Wakefield Council Decision |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <a href="#">26/00805/FUL</a> | 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 | Application Approved       |

**9. Reports**

- 9.1 To receive update from Village Traffic Working Group  
**NOTED** a short summary of the meeting held on 30 July 2026 and that the next meeting will be a newly agreed annual review meeting in October, with the Highways Project Leader's manager in attendance.

- 9.2 To consider School report  
**RESOLVED** to remove this item from future agendas.

JJ

- 9.3 To consider Gardening Club report  
**NOTED** the Gardening Club report presented by Cllr L. Thompson.

- 9.4 To consider Village Field report  
**NOTED** a report provided by the Village Field Trust Chair. **NOTED** further that the profit from the Field & Fayre was approximately £6,200.

- 9.5 To consider newsletter and newsletter-worthy items  
**NOTED** that the next newsletter is targeted for publication and delivery in November 2026.

- 9.6 To consider Church report  
**NOTED** an update on the Bishop of Wakefield's visit as presented by Cllr L. Thompson.

- 9.7 Defibrillator usage  
**NOTED** no usage since the previous meeting.

**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)  
**NOTED** an update that there was little demand for the new path, so it will not go ahead.

**RESOLVED** that no further action is required.

- 11.2 To consider and decide upon allowing advertising on the website  
**RESOLVED** to carry forward to the next meeting.

- 11.3 To consider and decide upon arrangements for Santa's Sleigh in December  
**NOTED** a potential date of Saturday 28 November 2026, pending agreement with Cllr P. Batty.

**RESOLVED** to carry forward to next meeting.

**KW**

- 11.4 To consider and decide upon date and arrangements for the Christmas tree lights switch on  
**NOTED** a potential date of Saturday 28 November 2026, pending agreement with Cllr P. Batty.

**RESOLVED** to carry forward to the next meeting.

**KW**

- 11.5 To consider and decide upon obtaining alternative pricing for printing of the newsletters  
**RESOLVED** to obtain quotes and lead time to compare to current provider.

**TH**

**RESOLVED** further to carry forward to the next meeting.

- 11.6 To consider and decide upon renewing the contract with White Rose Nurseries for 2027 hanging baskets and planters  
**RESOLVED** to offer the 2027 contract to White Rose Nurseries at the offered 2026 pricing.

**RESOLVED** to notify White Rose Nurseries accordingly.

**DB**

- 11.7 To review and decide upon declarations of interest – specifically in relation to declarations published on Wakefield Council and other parish councils' websites  
**RESOLVED** to carry forward to next meeting.

**TH/JJ**

- 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  
**RESOLVED** to support the Village Shop's approach to Yvette Cooper seeking her support in asking the bank to waive charges.

- 11.9 To consider and decide upon a date for the next litter pick  
**NOTED** that the next litter pick will take place on Sunday 4 October 2026.

- 11.10 To consider and decide upon planning for the winter planters  
**RESOLVED** to carry forward to the next meeting.

**FG**

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

- 12.1 Consider and decide upon the increasing presence of rats in the village

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 8 October 2026.

**Meeting closed at 20h30.**