

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Darrington Parish Council held Thursday 13 March 2025 at DARRINGTON READING ROOMS, PHILIP'S LANE, DARRINGTON, PONTEFRACT, WF8 3BH

Present Cllr L. Thompson (LT), Cllr J. Cox (JC), Cllr V. Stones (VS), Cllr F. Gray (FG), Cllr K. Whalley (KW), Cllr D. Burns (DB), Cllr L. Dale (LD) and Cllr P. Batty (PB).

In Attendance

3 Residents in attendance.

Action

1. Apologies

To note apologies and approve reasons for absence

NOTED apologies received from Cllr T. Hirst and Mrs J. Jones, 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 13 March 2025

RESOLVED to approve said minutes as a true and accurate record of the ordinary meeting held on 13 March 2025.

4. To receive information on the following ongoing issues

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

NOTED that this was in progress and **RESOLVED** to carry forward to the next meeting.

JJ

4.2 To establish a working group to support the provision of website content

NOTED that this was in progress and **RESOLVED** to carry forward to the following month's agenda.

JJ

- 4.3 To implement the basic email solution with Active Council
NOTED an update in this respect and **RESOLVED** to carry forward to the next meeting. JJ
- 4.4 To follow up on the Service Level Agreement sent to First Impressions
RESOLVED to carry forward to the next meeting. JJ
- 4.5 To survey local residents who use or used the footpath running from North Lodge Lane to Stapleton and where possible obtain signed User Statements as evidence, to form part of the Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO)
NOTED an update in this respect and **RESOLVED** to engage further with residents that either live near to or regularly use the footpath. **RESOLVED** to provide a further update at the next meeting. DB
- 4.6 To instruct First Impressions in respect of the summer hanging baskets in the village
RESOLVED that no further action is required.
- 4.7 To meet with National Highways to discuss the ideas proposed and provide feedback at the next meeting
NOTED the below updates and actions in respect of the ideas proposed:
1. Expected timescale for the trimming of the tree in the Tithe Barn is the end of March. To follow this up. LT
 2. To communicate the type and cost of Christmas village lights that the Council is looking for. VS
 3. To query whether there will be any contribution to the cost of the dog waste bags. LT
- 4.8 To discuss flower bed options along the verge of Valley Road with the relevant resident and feedback at the next meeting.
RESOLVED to carry forward to the next meeting. FG
- 4.9 To add the Walk Safe App to the website, Facebook page and village notice boards
RESOLVED that no further action is required.
- 4.10 To attend the next public policing meeting and provide feedback at the next meeting
NOTED that attendance was not possible for any of the Council, but that endeavours will be made to attend the next meeting.
- 4.11 To explore funding grants for a school sensory room
RESOLVED that no further action is required.

- 4.12 To accept the offer by the Vicar to make use of the notice board in the orchard and obtain the key

RESOLVED to arrange collection of the key.

LT

- 4.13 To remove reference to pre-paid cards from the Debit Card Policy

RESOLVED that no further action is required.

5. Correspondence

- 5.1 National Highways Yorkshire Northeast Regional Investment Programme invitation to participate in assessment survey

NOTED the invitation and **RESOLVED** that no further action is required.

6. Financial Matters

- 6.1 **NOTED** payments to be approved for March 2025

Date Approved	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
13.03.25	58-2425	TRF	N. Dyas	Gardening / Maintenance 3hrs @ 16 - Jan	£48.00	£0.00
13.03.25	59-2425	TRF	N. Dyas	Gardening / Maintenance 6hrs @ £16 – Feb	£96.00	£0.00
13.03.25	60-2425	TRF	M. Gummerson	\$137 Grant – Darrington Ladies Group Trip to Tennants	£150.00	£0.00
13.03.25	61-2425	TRF	PontyVA 925	February services	£330.00	£0.00
					£624.00	£0.00

- 6.2 **NOTED** payments made for February 2025

£100

Date Approved	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
13.02.25	54-2425	TRF	WJP Software	New Computer Software – gov.uk	£1,204.80	£200.80
13.02.25	55-2425	TRF	PontyVA 925	PontyVA 925 Dec Services	£330.00	£0.00
13.02.25	56-2425	TRF	Complete Business Solutions	5 Reams Copy paper 80gm	£22.03	£3.67
13.02.25	57-2425	TRF	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator Annual Support yr 8	£162.00	£27.00
					£1,718.33	£231.47

- 6.3 **NOTED** income received during February 2025 as follows.

- Virgin Money Cash Back - £1.04

NOTED the bank balance at 28 February 2025 as £19,173.08.

RESOLVED to settle all March accounts with immediate effect.

- 6.4 To receive and approve the bank reconciliation and review spend against the budget to 31 March 2025

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation to 31 December 2024 and spend against budget to 31 March 2025.

7. To consider planning applications received

7.1	CYC Reference	Address/Description	Council Decision
	24/002247/FUL	17 Wentworth Park Rise - Single storey side and rear extensions	No objection – 7 for, 0 against
	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	No objection – 8 for, 0 against
	25/00384/LBC	Greenroyd Farm House, Estcourt Road - Replacement windows & doors to Greenroyd Farmhouse	No objection – 8 for, 0 against
	25/00176/FUL	Wrangham, Philips Lane - Single storey rear & side extensions, first floor front extension, front porch, single storey side garage extension & rear roof terrace extension with changes to external materials	No objection – 8 for, 0 against

8. To receive information on finalised planning applications

8.1	CYC Reference	Address/Description	Wakefield Council Decision
	24/01213/NMC	16 Hillcroft Close – Internal conversion to the garage with front facing patio doors	Application Approved
	22/01983/NMC	17 Wentworth Park Rise - Single storey side and rear extensions	Application Approved

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

- 9.1 To receive update from Village Traffic Working Group

NOTED an update in this respect and advised that the next meeting has been scheduled.

- 9.2 To consider school report

NOTED school reports received from Cllr P. Batty and Cllr K. Whalley.

- 9.3 To consider police report

NOTED nothing to report for the meeting.

9.4 To consider Gardening Club report
NOTED the Gardening Club report from Cllr F. Gray.

9.5 To consider Village Field report
NOTED nothing to report for the meeting.

9.6 To consider newsletter report
NOTED that the newsletter was available for distribution.

9.7 To consider Church report
NOTED the Church report as presented by Cllr V. Stones.

RESOLVED to support the Church's V-Day celebrations.

ALL

9.8 To consider YLCA branch meeting report
NOTED no report provided at the meeting.

9.9 To note Newsletter-worthy items
NOTED no additional items to include in the newsletter.

10. Governance matters

None.

11. Matters requested by Councillors

11.1 To consider and decide upon planting up the circular Christmas Tree flower bed
RESOLVED that no further action is required.

11.2 To consider and decide upon the unofficial dog waste bin in the Orchard
RESOLVED to empty the bin and thereafter remove and destroy the bin.

FG

11.3 To consider and decide upon V-Day celebrations
RESOLVED to arrange a 'Picnic in the Park' to celebrate V-Day, and that this will take place after the Church lunch.

ALL

RESOLVED further to liaise with the Church with the offer of additional food to be provided by Cllr P. Batty.

LT/PB

11.4 Recording of the meeting

RESOLVED that the recording is to be saved after each meeting.

JJ

11.5 Christmas Tree outside the Darrington Hotel

NOTED that the Darrington Hotel is in support of holding a “switching of the lights on” event.

RESOLVED that the event is to take place on Sunday the 30th of November. **RESOLVED** further to communicate the event date to the Darrington.

KW

11.6 Introduction of resident speakers during the public forum

RESOLVED that residents that speak during the public forum will be requested to introduce themselves going forward.

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

12.1 To consider and decide upon what to do with residents where shrubs become overgrown (DB)

12.2 To consider and decide upon what to do with areas in the village that require “tidying up” (DB)

12.3 To consider and decide upon discussing the litter on the A1 with Highways England (PB)

12.4 To consider and decide upon the financial viability of continuing with the purchase of dog waste bags (PB)

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the next ordinary meeting of Darrington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10 April 2025 at 7pm at Darrington Reading Rooms.

Meeting closed at 20h56.