

Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 26 February 2024 from 7.30pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2402/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), P Ward, D Dickinson, A Robertshaw, J Hayes, R Ferguson, J McAllister and Clerk (M Pearson). No members of the public attended.

2402/2 Apologies: County Councillor A Murday.

2402/3 Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations: None.

2402/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2024 were approved.

2402/5 Public Statements: None.

2402/6 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted:

ZC23/03822/FUL Temporary widening of both the B6451, with the installation of 20m x 1m hardstanding area to west side, and the existing vehicular access into RAF Menwith Hill. Lateral Reduction by 0.5m to south side of 1no. Hawthorn Tree (T8) and Lateral Reduction by 1m to north west side of 1no. Oak Tree (T9). Land Comprising Field At 420013 456784 Darley North Yorkshire APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

b. Planning Applications considered:

ZC24/00349/OUT Outline application for the demolition of existing detached dwelling and separate garage and construction of a new detached dwelling with access and layout considered (all other matters reserved). White House Stocks Green Main Street Darley

It was noted that the application was not entirely clear as to whether the scheme involves changing the access to the site. The Council noted that it understood that if any change is proposed, details would be included in a subsequent application.

NO OBJECTIONS

c. Planning enforcement: None.

d. North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Local Plan: It was noted that North Yorkshire Council has supplied a question and answer document produced in connection with the North Yorkshire Local Plan Launch Event held in December 2023; **Clerk to circulate.**

e. Other planning matters: None.

2402/7 County Councillor's Reports: Clerk read a report supplied by County Councillor Murday which included the following:

Long Course Weekend Yorkshire: Councillor Bastiman, NYC Executive Member Open for Business, Regeneration, Economic Development, Planning, Tourism, Harbours, Broadband, has confirmed that NYC will not receive a revenue or profit share from the event, that the organisers, Activity Wales Events (AWE), will be responsible for all costs associated with the event other than NYC officer time to provide support to help the event to be delivered safely (this approach is taken with other large events) and that communication between NYC and the relevant parish councils regarding the event should start in February (once the final route details have been confirmed).

It was noted that the venue for the event has been moved from Pateley Bridge to Masham, understood to be due to concerns regarding the potential impact of the event on the showground surface ahead of the Nidderdale Show.

NYC Budget for 2024/25: Savings are having to be made again this year and will still leave a deficit of £6million to be met from reserves. The budget was voted on at the council meeting on 21st February 2024. Amongst proposed cuts are a reduction in home-to-school transport provision. It has also been agreed that council tax charges will be increased to the maximum allowed of 4.99%. It is claimed that most of the £30million shortfall is being met from savings resulting from local government reorganisation.

The government is now providing an extra £6.2million to support services. NYC decided that this is to be used to maintain reserves.

Residents' parking in Pateley Bridge: It now seems likely that the scheme to provide residents with parking permits for Southlands car park will be maintained for a further year.

2402/8 Highways and footpaths

- a. *Upgrade of two stiles within the Parish:* It was noted that a list of the information required to submit a Farming In Protected Landscapes grant application had been obtained and it was agreed that Councillor McAllister would help liaise with the relevant landowners to obtain the information; **Councillor McAllister and Clerk to action.**
- b. *Proposal to North Yorkshire Council to change the speed limit of the B6451 between the Wellington Inn and Darley Beck to 30mph:* It was agreed that an application should be made; **Clerk to action.**
- c. *Vegetation overhanging and obstructing pavements on Main Street, Darley:* It was noted that the majority of the pavements are currently clear but that one area (on Main Street level with Daleside Park) remained slightly overgrown. It was noted that the householder has agreed to look at it; **Clerk to monitor.**
- d. It was noted that the "Give Way" sign at the bottom of Sheepcote Lane is obscured by the hedge bordering Prospect View Farm; **Clerk to report.**

2402/9 Village Maintenance

- a. *Replacement information board for Stocks Green, Darley*: It was noted that it may not be necessary to replace the existing base of the information board and that the supplier will quote on this basis. It was noted that an application for commuted sums funding should be possible (funds are available within the likely budget and the relevant scope includes information boards); **Clerk and Chairman to update at next meeting.**
- b. *Wildflower survey*: It was noted that 27 responses were received and that, of these twelve were in favour of wildflowers on Low Green, twelve were opposed and three were in favour provided that the flowers were not in the current location / as a strip. The Council agreed that the project might gain more support and be more manageable in a different location, and may benefit if it is carried out by an established organisation (e.g. in order to access grant-funding). It was agreed that Councillor Hayes and Councillor McAllister would seek to meet together with representatives from Darley in Bloom and the group currently carrying out the wildflower project, with a view to agreeing a way forward (possibly for the project to proceed as part of Darley in Bloom); **Chairman to facilitate meeting.**

2402/10 Reports:

- a. *YLCA Harrogate Branch meeting, 19 February 2024*: Councillor Ferguson reported that ten people attended the online meeting but that no NYC speaker attended. Information regarding Healthwatch North Yorkshire (an organisation which seeks to improve local health and social care in the region) and its Chairwoman, Lee Adams, should be circulated by YLCA shortly; **Clerk to circulate when available.**
- b. *D-Day 80th Anniversary, 6 June 2024*: It was noted that YLCA had provided a guide and agreed that this should be circulated to Councillors with a view to including a more detailed discussion at the next Council meeting (25 March 2024); **Clerk to action.**

2402/11 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted*: Receipts: None. Payments: Eon Next - Cmas lights (February) £25.38.
- b. The budget for February 2024 was approved.
- c. It was noted that Ms June Dowson had agreed to continue as internal auditor and the Council agreed that Ms Dowson should be appointed for the year to 31 March 2024.
- d. The purchase of a short IT training course covering enhancements to the Council website at an expected cost of £25 plus VAT was agreed.

2402/12 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *YLCA: Martyn's Law - standard tier consultation to 18 March 2024*: A consultation regarding proposed legislation aimed at publicly-accessible premises or events was noted; **Clerk to circulate.**
- b. *North Yorkshire Council - Let's Talk Transport survey findings*; **Clerk to circulate.**
- c. *North Yorkshire Council - Pannal and Burn Bridge Neighbourhood Plan further consultation*; **Clerk to circulate.**
- d. *North Yorkshire Council - Let's Talk Food consultation to 1 April 2024*: It was agreed that a news item should be included on the Council website; **Clerk to action.**
- e. *North Yorkshire Council - Practical training: Nest fencing for Curlew Conservation event, 9 March 2024*; **Clerk to circulate.**
- f. *North Yorkshire Council - Home to school travel policy consultation to 12 April 2024*: A consultation regarding proposed changes to this policy was noted; **Clerk to circulate.**
- g. *North Yorkshire Council – Cost of living campaign*: It was agreed that a news item should be included on the Council website; **Clerk to action.**
- h. *YLCA – Training programme April – September 2024*; **Clerk to circulate.**
- i. *YLCA – Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Consultation to 31 March 2024*; **Clerk to circulate.**
- j. *Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – Consultation on Designation of 27 sites as Bathing Waters to 10 March 2024*: The consultation, which includes the River Nidd at Knaresborough, was noted (<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/consultation-on-designation-of-27-sites-as-bathing>); **Clerk to circulate.**

2402/13 Items for Information and next Agenda: It was noted that NYC appeared to be spreading rock salt during warm weather recently. It was agreed that an update on the new pitch project at Darley Playing Fields should be included on the next agenda; **Clerk to action.**

2402/14 Date of next meetings: 25 March, 29 April, 20 May.

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