

## Draft minutes of the meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 26 April 2021 from 7pm

### In light of the Coronavirus pandemic this meeting was held by conference call

**2104/1 Present:** Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, N Nicholas, E Butler, J McAllister, D Dickinson, D McQueen (part), Borough Councillor Tom Watson and the Clerk M Pearson. One member of the public attended.

**2104/2 Apologies:** County Councillor Stan Lumley.

**2104/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.

**2104/4 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2021 were approved.

#### **2104/5 Public Statements:**

Noting Item 8c regarding the use of the Darley Memorial Hall car park by members of the public, a parishioner raised the question as to whether an electric vehicle charging point could also be installed. It was noted that Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) has developed a strategy to increase the number of charging points across the district. Borough Councillor Watson agreed to look into this further, noting that it was possible that this initiative may be affected by the reorganisation of the local authority structure in North Yorkshire.

The question was also raised as to whether the Council (in keeping with many other local authority bodies) should declare a climate emergency. It was agreed that this should be raised at the Parish Assembly meeting following the ordinary meeting of the Council.

#### **2104/6 Coronavirus pandemic**

a. It was noted that no emergency decisions had been made since the last meeting (29 March 2021).

b. It was noted that the legislation to allow Council meetings to be held remotely/by conference call will expire after 6 May 2021 and that Central Government has confirmed that no new legislation will be passed to reintroduce this power.

It was agreed that meetings of the Council should be held in person from 24 May 2021 onwards with appropriate social distancing. It was agreed that to avoid overlap with other tenants of Darley Memorial Hall (DMH), the use of Hookstone Memorial Hall (Hookstone) should be explored. Clerk confirmed that based on an initial discussion, Hookstone is capable of accommodating all Councillors and a number of members of the public, available and a similar cost to DMH; **Clerk to confirm booking with Hookstone and compile a risk assessment.**

It was noted that a challenge had been made by Hertfordshire County Council in the High Court arguing that remote/conference call meetings are intrinsically part of the existing legislation and that no further legislation is required. A decision is expected by 30 April 2021.

c. No further actions were required in relation to the Coronavirus pandemic. It was noted that a small amount of funding provided by the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund is unspent and held on behalf of the Community Support Scheme.

d. No changes were recommended to the risk assessment concerning Council involvement in the Community Support Scheme.

#### **2104/7 Planning**

a. **Planning Decisions** noted:

21/00743/FUL Erection of detached garage (revised scheme). Graylings Station Road Darley  
APPLICATION PERMITTED

21/01076/AMENDS Application for a non-material amendment to allow the rewording of Condition 5 attached to planning permission 18/05085/REM as agreed with Highways Authority Development Land West Of Walker Barn Main Street Darley  
APPLICATION APPROVED

21/01159/AMENDS Non material amendment to planning permission Ref 20/02087/FUL to allow for the use of stone for the garage walls in lieu of timber. Stumps Lane Caravan Park Stumps Lane Darley  
APPLICATION APPROVED

b. **Planning Applications** considered: None.

c. **Planning Enforcement:** 21/00112/PR15 Rookery Barn Darley Harrogate ALLEGED BREACH: Erection of wooden structure to side of property and veranda to front of property was noted. HBC Planning Enforcement has confirmed that an assessment will be carried out on site with the owners.

d. **Other planning matters:** It was noted that HBC has confirmed that an error on the published Adopted Darley Policies map Harrogate District Local Plan 2014 – 2035 – a misrepresentation of the extent of the DR13

development site – has been corrected. The correct map will be displayed with the Local Plan on the HBC website shortly.

#### **2104/8 Highways and Footpaths**

- a. *Drainage on Walker Lane and water leak outside The Maples*: It was noted that no further update had been received from NYCC since 16 March 2021. It was agreed that in order to seek progress the Council should make a formal complaint to NYCC in respect of the handling of these issues; **Chairman and Clerk to draft.**
- b. *Stepping stones on River Nidd, Dacre Parish / Hartwith cum Winsley Parish*: It was noted that correspondence had been received from a parishioner highlighting that this right of way just outside Darley and Menwith Parish is currently impassable as a number of the stones have moved out of place and seeking repairs or a replacement crossing. It was agreed that this issue should be raised at meetings of Dacre Parish Council and Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council with a view to the three parish councils finding a solution: **Borough Councillor Watson to add to a future agenda for Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council; Clerk to add to a future agenda for Dacre Parish Council; Clerk to add to future agenda for the Council.**
- c. *Use of Darley Memorial Hall as a public car park for Darley village*: It was noted the Darley Memorial Hall Committee (DMH Committee) had agreed that, subject to certain conditions (such as there being no overnight stays and the option to restrict public use if booked for events), its car park can be used as a public car park. It was agreed that the Parish Council should support the DMH Committee with an annual grant of £500 (towards maintenance, repairs and resurfacing costs) and also to pay reasonable costs of appropriate road signs to direct users to the car park and notices to explain conditions of use; **Clerk to action.**
- d. It was noted that repairs to Sheepcote Lane are now scheduled from 30 April 2021 for six days.

Thanks were also expressed for the work of Councillor Butler to improve access to the bench on Walker Lane.

#### **2104/9 Village Maintenance**

- a. No urgent village maintenance needs were discussed.

#### **2104/10 Finance**

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted*: Receipts: None. Payments: Eon Next cmas lights (April) £5, Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Clerk Training Conference April 2021 £40.
- b. The budget to April 2021 was approved.
- c. A budget in the region of £500-£600 for the purchase and installation of a new bench with a plaque commemorating the efforts of volunteers within the Parish during the Coronavirus pandemic was confirmed. It was agreed that a suitable location for the bench could be the front of Stocks Green, near the bus-stop; **Chairman to discuss suitable location on Stocks Green with the Parish Carekater.**
- d. It was noted that the Council Zoom subscription expires on 21 May 2021 and agreed that in light of Item 6b above, the subscription will not be renewed; **Clerk to action.** No other urgent financial matters were considered.

#### **2104/11 Correspondence received by the Clerk:**

- a. *North Yorkshire Police report to April 2021*: It was noted that the report for the period 22 March – 20 April 2021 included one instance of anti-social behaviour, three road-traffic damage only collisions and one Coronavirus-related incident (a possible Covid-19 breach).

#### **2104/12 Items for Information and next Agenda: None.**

**2104/13 Date of next meetings:** 24 May (with Annual Meeting); 29 June (provisional); 26 July (provisional), 27 September (provisional), 25 October (provisional).

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