

Draft minutes of the meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 24 May 2021 from 8pm at Hookstone Memorial Hall, Low Lane

2105/2/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, N Nicholas, D McQueen, E Butler, J McAllister, D Dickinson, Borough Councillor Tom Watson (part) and the Clerk M Pearson. Two members of the public attended (one in part).

2105/2/2 Apologies: County Councillor Stan Lumley.

2105/2/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations: Councillor Butler declared an interest in Item 7c 21/00240/PR15 Doulton Lodge Darley as the owner of the property.

2105/2/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2021 were approved.

2105/2/5 Public Statements: A parishioner spoke to highlight an ongoing issue with the drainage ditches on Main Street, Darley around The Maples property (Item 9b below). The last two stretches of open ditch are prone to becoming blocked with grass cuttings and soil, which then block the drainage pipe under the next verge, which feeds into other pipes which carry the water underground towards Fringill (leading to flooding of other verges). Piping the two open ditches was suggested as a long-term solution.

It was agreed that North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) would be made aware of the problem and asked to install pipes in the two open ditches; **Clerk to action**. On a one-off basis the Council agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to help by clearing the blocked ditches and section of pipe, provided that the cost is not more than £150; **Clerk to discuss with the Parish Caretaker**.

2105/2/6 Coronavirus pandemic

- a. It was noted that no emergency decisions had been made since the last meeting (26 April 2021).
- b. No further actions were required in relation to the Coronavirus pandemic. It was noted that Community Support Scheme (CSS) volunteers intend to stop delivering meals at the end of June 2021 but that Nidderdale Plus may take on the provision of drivers for this service after that date.
- c. No changes were recommended to the risk assessment concerning Council involvement in the CSS.

2105/2/7 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted:

21/00128/FUL Erection of stables, tack and store. Delves Ridge Cottage Menwith Hill Road Darley
APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

21/00601/FUL Conversion of redundant store to form a holiday cottage to include; new fenestration installed in the existing openings, re-roofing, the erection of a bike/bin store and the installation of a package treatment plant. Volta House Farm Day Lane Darley
APPLICATION PERMITTED

21/00693/FUL Erection of detached carport/garage with store. Oak Barn Stumps Lane Darley
APPLICATION PERMITTED

20/05202/DVCON Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 17/04121/FUL to allow continued retention of the permitted communication tower with the demolition of the existing water tower deferred to occur by 1 January 2023. Planning permission 17/04121/FUL permitted the erection of a communications tower subject to the existing water tower being demolished by 15 February 2021 otherwise the permission expires on that date. RAF Menwith Hill Main Street Menwith Hill Camp
APPLICATION PERMITTED

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 the owner intends to submit a retrospective planning application.

21/00240/PR15 Doulton Lodge Darley ALLEGED BREACH: Potential change of use from domestic garden to commercial storage (16/00062/FUL; 15/03092/AMENDS) was noted.

d. Other planning matters: Correspondence recently received by the Clerk advising of a consultation by Loxley Homes in relation to a potential new development of sixteen dwellings off Walker Lane, Darley and seeking the view of the Council by 6 June 2021 was noted. It was agreed that the Council would respond to the consultation highlighting that the map being used by the developer is incorrect (the area committed under the Harrogate District Local Plan is smaller than that shown in the consultation document) and suggesting that the developer checks this with Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) Planning; **Clerk to draft**.

It was also agreed that the correct Harrogate District Local Plan map should be added to noticeboards for information; **Clerk to action.**

2105/2/8 Borough Councillor Report: Borough Councillor Watson reported that Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) held its Annual Meeting on 28 April 2021. At the meeting, Councillor Trevor Chapman was elected Mayor of the Borough Council. Councillor Christine Willoughby was elected Deputy Mayor. Borough Councillor Watson wished both councillors the best for the year ahead.

The Coronavirus testing centre that has been based at the Dragon Road car park has closed. Tests will be taken at mobile units going forward.

Borough Councillor Watson confirmed that there has been no update from Central Government on the proposed reorganisation of the local authority structure in North Yorkshire to date.

2105/2/9 Highways and Footpaths

- a. *Drainage issues on Walker Lane, Darley, water leak outside Hillside, Main Street, Darley and water leak outside the Maples, Main Street, Darley:*

Following the submission of a formal complaint in early May, further information has been received from NYCC in relation to the water leak outside the Maples, Main Street, Darley. NYCC Highways has obtained the inspection report and believes that work carried out by a utility company led to the pipes to Fringill being broken and blocked. The utility company will be asked to repair the damage before Winter 2021.

It appears that investigation work is currently being carried out outside Hillside, Main Street, Darley but no update has been received. Nothing has been received from NYCC in relation to Walker Lane, Darley; **Clerk to follow up on both matters.**

- b. *Separate drainage issue outside the Maples, Main Street, Darley:* Please see item 5 above.
- c. *Stepping stones on River Nidd, Dacre Parish / Hartwith cum Winsley Parish:* This matter has been discussed at a meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee of the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and it is apparent that this issue has been considered a number of times historically. It is understood that work to restore the stones may need the permission of the Environment Agency due to the possible changing of water flows; the possibility of installing a bridge has been explored but potentially may involve a six figure cost. It was agreed that this should be monitored while further background information is sought.
- d. *Use of Darley Memorial Hall car park as a village car park:* NYCC Highways has agreed to design the appropriate signs and may be able to include the change within another traffic order to minimise costs; **Clerk to monitor.** The design of signage to be installed in the car park is to be discussed with Darley Memorial Hall representatives; **Chairman to action with Cllr Nicholas.**
- e. *Resurfacing of Sheepcote Lane, Darley:* It was noted that this work was carried out in May and minor defects have also now been rectified.
- f. It was reported that the footpath through Silverdale may be overgrown and in need of attention; **Councillor Dickinson to inspect and confirm.** No other highways and footpaths actions were agreed.

2105/2/10 Village Maintenance

- a. *Darley Wildflower Village project:* It was noted that two members of Darley in Bloom have offered their expertise to Darley's Angels WI to advise on the project. Recent feedback received from some parishioners suggests that there is some concern that the areas chosen for wildflowers may make the village appear untidy, particularly if these are in the focal points of the village (e.g. Low Green and Stocks Green). Feedback from another parishioner welcomed the initiative and suggested setting up a Community Orchard.

The Council agreed that it remains in support of the project provided that it is in an appropriate location. The possibility of using the area around Fringill Beck was suggested. Exploration as to whether the land adjacent to this owned by the Charity of Isabel Day - Oddy Garth - might be available was suggested; **Chairman to raise with Charity.**

- b. Noting a report of a broken bench near Stumps Garage, Darley, it was agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to check all benches and confirm whether repair or refurbishment is required; **Clerk to discuss with Parish Caretaker.** No other maintenance needs were discussed.

2105/2/11 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted:* Receipts: Harrogate Borough Council Precept Part 1 £7,875; Payments: Eon Next cmas lights (May) £5, Zurich Municipal Insurance to 31 May 2022 £413.01, Hookstone Memorial Hall Hire May, June, July 2021 £75; Ms J Dowson – Internal audit fee £50; Information Commissioner's Office Data Protection Fee £35.
- b. The budget for May 2021 was approved.
- c. A grant of £500 to Darley in Bloom was agreed for the year ending 31 March 2022; **Clerk to action.**
- d. No other urgent financial matters were discussed.

2105/2/12 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *North Yorkshire Police: Crime report to May 2021:* In the period 22 March – 17 May 2021 there were seven reported incidents (one report of an aggressive dog, one public order incident, three road traffic collisions, one highway disruption by way of protest at Menwith Hill RAF base and one Covid breach).
- b. *Joint Advisory Committee, Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty:* It was noted that following the resignation of Councillor Hawkesworth from the role of Parish Council representative, Councillor Joy Stanton has been chosen to join Councillor Sue Welch as Parish Council representative going forward.
- c. *Department for Culture, Media and Sport Consultation on Rural Broadband:* A consultation into improving broadband connectivity to very hard to reach places running until 11 June 2021 was noted; **Clerk to circulate details to Councillors.**
- d. *Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company:* Number 24 Bus Summer Sunday and Bank Holiday Service: It was noted that the summer bus service has now started, including additional Number 24 buses between Harrogate and Pateley Bridge on Sundays and bank holidays.

2105/2/13 Items for Information and next Agenda: None.

2105/2/14 Date of next meetings: 28 June; 26 July; 20 September; 25 October; 29 November; 31 January 2022.

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