

Draft minutes of the meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 31 January 2022 from 7.30pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2201/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), E Butler, D McQueen, A Robertshaw, N Nicholas, J McAllister, D Dickinson, County Councillor Stan Lumley (part), Borough Councillor Tom Watson (part) and the Clerk M Pearson. One member of the public attended.

2201/2 Apologies: None.

2201/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations: Councillors Nicholas and McQueen declared an interest in Items 8a/12c as trustees of Darley Playing Fields Association and took no part in the vote. Councillor Robertshaw declared an interest in planning application 21/04008/DISCON *Approval of details* (Item 6a) as a neighbour to the site.

2201/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2021 were approved.

2201/5 Public Statements: A parishioner asked regarding the mixture of street lights within the village. It was noted that street lights within the Parish are owned by two authorities - Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC). County Councillor Lumley confirmed that NYCC is undertaking a programme to install LED lights across the county. The maintenance of all lights within the parish should become the responsibility of The North Yorkshire Council unitary authority from 1 April 2023.

A parishioner asked regarding scheduling of road maintenance, noting that, for example, on Low Lane, Darley, significant road resurfacing had been carried out in part but areas of road in need of attention had not been fixed at the same time. County Councillor Lumley explained that NYCC has a policy for establishing the most pressing need for road repairs within a rolling schedule of maintenance across the county.

A parishioner spoke to inform the Council that there is a new owner of the site at Stumps Lane, Darley (planning applications 21/04008/DISCON and 18/01040/FUL) and the new developer has written to properties neighbouring the site confirming that it intends to apply for permission for revisions to the design of the dwellings. It was noted that work has started on site and that construction of the dwellings is expected to start in April 2022.

2201/6 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted:

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| 21/04926/FUL Erection of detached garage/store. (Revised Scheme) Field House Darley | PERMISSION GRANTED |
| 21/04290/CLEUD Certificate of lawfulness for the construction of a residential dwelling. West Croft Day Lane Darley | LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE GRANTED |
| 21/04580/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and front porch. 2 Meadow Lane Darley | PERMISSION GRANTED |
| 21/05277/TPO T1- Ash - Remove 90% of the canopy is dead due to Ash dieback T154 ash Ivy Cottage Darley Carr Darley | 70/00005/TPORDR 05/1970 APPLICATION PERMITTED |
| 21/04714/FUL The erection of 8.No lighting units with associated gate and pillar structure. Silverdale Farm Silverdale Close Darley | APPLICATION WITHDRAWN |
| 21/04008/DISCON Approval of details required by Conditions 3 and 4 (Surface Water), 7 (Wheel Washing), 8 (Highway Survey), 9 (On site parking), 10 (Land Contamination), 14 (Surface Water), 15 and 16 (Material Samples), 17 (Landscaping), 20 (Control of Cotoneaster), Condition 23 (EV Charging) of planning permission 18/01040/FUL - Erection of 5 new detached dwellings with central access road. (revised scheme). Land Comprising Field At 420945 459286 Stumps Lane Darley. | DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS CONFIRMED |

b. Planning Applications considered: None.

c. Planning Appeals: Appeal 21/00114/NREFPP Retention of Replacement Dwelling West Croft Day Lane Darley against refusal of planning application 21/01386/FUL was noted. The Council agreed that no further comments should be submitted in respect of the appeal.

d. Planning Enforcement:

- (i) 21/00535/PR15 West Croft Day Lane Darley **ALLEGED BREACH:** Erection of agricultural building not in accordance with 19/04469/PNA at west croft (19/04469/PNA) - HBC Planning Enforcement has confirmed that following an investigation, the building constructed differs from that approved by way of its design, location and size (the constructed building is larger than approved). The owner has been asked to submit a planning application to regularise the situation.
- (ii) 21/00370/PR15 Land Comprising Field At 421065 459328 Stumps Lane Darley **ALLEGED BREACH:** None compliance with condition 8 of permission 16/01705/FULMAJ (16/01705/FULMAJ and 18/01431/DISCON).

HBC has confirmed that a new officer at NYCC is dealing with the relocation of the 30 mph speed limit at the north end of Stumps Lane. The developer of the site opposite, at 420945 459286 (planning application 18/01040/FUL), has suggested that consideration of moving the 30 mph limit should be deferred until after completion of that development is complete. HBC Planning Enforcement suggested that NYCC is notified of the interest of the Council in this matter. Noting that moving the speed limit remains important for safety reasons, the Council agreed that NYCC Highways should be made aware of its interest; **Clerk to action.**

- e. **Other planning matters:** It was noted that Clerk submitted a response to planning application 21/05277/TPO T1- Ash - Remove 90% of the canopy is dead due to Ash dieback 70/00005/TPORDR 05/1970 T154 ash Ivy Cottage Darley Carr Darley under delegated powers during December 2021.

2201/7 County and Borough Councillors' Reports: County Councillor Lumley reported that, although NYCC continues to operate some meetings remotely (with decisions taken by the Chief Executive under delegated authority), full Council meetings are held in person.

Representatives of all of the parties involved in migrating to the new local authority structure (the seven district councils and NYCC) are working on a plan for the transfer of assets and personnel to The North Yorkshire Council on 1 April 2023. The intention is to retain best practice across the eight authorities. Darley and Menwith Parish should fall under the Pateley & Nidderdale Ward within the Skipton & Ripon Parliamentary Constituency area from this date.

Progress with the A59 Kex Gill realignment has been slow due to statutory processes around common land on the proposed route.

NYCC is facing staffing challenges within a very competitive employment market, especially in its Health and Adult Services department. A recruitment campaign is starting to show positive results.

The NYCC budget for 2022/23 is being finalised and will be considered at the full council meeting in mid-February 2022. This is likely to mean a 3.9% increase in the NYCC element of Council Tax, including an additional 2% element for Adult Social Services.

Borough Councillor Watson noted that HBC is also finalising its budget for the financial year to 31 March 2023, with the draft budget being reviewed by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission before being presented to full Council in early February 2022. This is likely to mean a 2.99% increase in the HBC element of Council Tax.

Garden waste collection subscriptions are now open for 2022, with collections being made from March onwards. The cost is £41 per year. This can be paid online (www.harrogate.gov.uk/gardenwaste) or by calling HBC customer services (01423 500600).

A contract has been awarded to replace litter and dog waste bins within the HBC district. The new bins should be capable of being collected as part of the Waste & Recycling collection round. Borough Councillor Watson has asked that Parish Councils are consulted on any material changes.

A parishioner contacted Borough Councillor Watson regarding a flooding problem on Moorcock Lane, Darley. A drainage ditch and manhole cover has been silted. NYCC Highways has been made aware of the matter and has agreed to look into it.

2201/8 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations:

- a. *Darley Playing Fields Association (DPFA) Jubilee Petanque Court:* It was noted that DPFA had obtained community feedback via a questionnaire and that over 99% of those responding supported the idea of a new petanque court at the playing fields in Darley. DPFA has applied for an *Awards for All* grant towards the cost of materials to construct the court and submitted a proposal for a grant from the Council towards the purchase of two sets of boules and a commemorative plaque or sculpture.

Assuming that DPFA obtains the *Awards for All* grant, the Council agreed to support the project in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with a budget of up to £2,500. It was agreed that options for a commemorative plaque or sculpture should be investigated further through meetings with potential suppliers; **Chairman and Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss.** It was agreed that a final decision should be made at a future meeting; **Clerk to add to next agenda.**

- b. No other commemorative events or ideas were agreed.

2201/9 Highways and Footpaths

- a. *Road closure Day Lane, Darley:* A planned closure from Monday 31 January to Friday 4 February 2022 for renewal of a pipe by Yorkshire Water was noted.
- b. *Drainage issues on Walker Lane:* It was noted that NYCC Highways had carried out significant work on Walker Lane, Darley, including replacing a culvert. Following reports of continuing problems at the ends of the lane, NYCC Highways has agreed to carry out further investigations.
- c. *Water leak outside Hillside, Main Street, Darley and water leak outside the Maples, Main Street, Darley:* It was noted that repairs were made to the pipework near Fringill in December and January and that the problem appears to have been fixed. It was noted that a section of the ditch remains open while a different reported problem is being investigated. It was noted that the barriers and cones outside Hillside have been removed although there has been no confirmation as to whether the original problem has been fixed.

- d. *NYCC signage for use of Darley Memorial Hall car park as a village car park*: It was noted that a reminder has been sent to NYCC Highways regarding the "P" sign to be added on Main Street.
- e. *Blocked gullies near Southfield Farm, Darley*: Clerk confirmed that gullies between Stumps Lane and Southfield Farm had not been cleared, despite requests to NYCC Highways in November, December and January; **Clerk to follow up**.
- f. *Flooding problems on Moorcock Lane, Darley*: Please see Item 7 above.
- g. *Parking on verges next to Stocks Green, Darley*: Damage to verges by parked vehicles was noted. It was agreed that the owners of relevant vehicles should be contacted where possible; **Clerk to action**.
- h. *Repairs to footbridge over the River Nidd*: Temporary repairs by NYCC Public Rights of Way (PROW) team to the footbridge over the River Nidd in December 2021 were noted.
- i. It was noted that a number of trees had fallen over the path near the footbridge and that NYCC PROW had been notified.
- j. It was noted that the sign warning of sharp bends on the B6451 opposite the entrance to Sheepcote Lane had broken and that NYCC Highways had been notified.
- k. A construction work "A" frame chained to a post on the corner of Sheepcote Lane and Main Street was noted to be a potential hazard in the dark; **Clerk to report**.

2201/10 Village Maintenance

- a. *Christmas Lights on Low Green*: It was noted that the Council had been advised by Mr Hinds, the lighting engineer, that two sets of lights should be moved to different host trees and that the infrastructure supporting all three sets of lights is in need of replacement. It was noted that the advice was to replace the infrastructure in early 2022 with a view to obtaining two new sets of lights to be fitted in November 2022. The Council agreed that the possibility of adding lights to other trees on Low Green, Darley, should be considered and that the advice of Mr Hinds should be obtained; **Clerk to action**.
- b. *Dog waste bin on corner of Walker Lane and Main Street, Darley*: It was noted that this has been replaced.
- c. *Missing general waste bin on corner of Crake Lane and B6451*: It was noted that HBC is in the process of replacing this bin.
- d. *HBC consultation on location and number of village dog and general waste bins*: Please see Item 7 above.
- e. *Request for new dog waste bin on the bridleway from Menwith Hill Road to Meagill Lane*: The Council noted the request but felt unable to provide a bin. It was recommended that the parishioner approach HBC as the responsible authority; **Clerk to contact parishioner**.
- f. No other village maintenance needs were discussed.

2201/11 Reports

- a. *Nidderdale Plus Annual General Meeting, 8 February 2022*: This event was noted, with Chairman to attend.
- b. *YLCA Harrogate Branch Meeting, 21 February 2022*: This event was noted, with Councillor Nicholas to attend.
- c. It was noted that a Jubilee Dance and Hog Roast at Darley Memorial Hall is planned for 28 May 2022.
- d. No other meetings and events were noted.

2201/12 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted*: Receipts: NYCC Locality Grant CCCC £300, Deposit account interest £0.49. Payments: Contribution to Hookstone Memorial Hall defibrillator installation expenses £43.50; Clerk allowances and expenses to 31 December 2021 £103.47; Clerk salary to 31 December 2021 £830.16, Eon Next cmas lights (December) £5, Eon Next cmas lights (January) £5, Contribution to CCCC defibrillator expenses £39.70, DPFA Annual playground maintenance grant £1,000; Parish Online subscription to January 2023 £48.
- b. The budget for January 2022 was approved.
- c. A budget of up to £2,500 was approved as a grant to DPFA in respect of the Jubilee Petanque Court.
- d. The renewal of the subscription to Parish Online mapping software to January 2023 was approved; Clerk to action.
- e. A budget of up to £2,500 for replacement of the Low Green Christmas lights was approved.
- f. No other financial matters were discussed.

2201/13 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *North Yorkshire Police*: It was noted that Sergeant Clare Mayes has left the Ripon and Pateley Bridge team and that Sergeant Hannah Davies will act as a contact for the Parish going forward. To contact Sergeant Davies for a non-emergency matter please dial 101, select Option 2 and the enter collar number 147.
- b. *The North Yorkshire Council draft order*: It was noted that the draft order to form the new North Yorkshire Council is now with Central Government and available on-line; **Clerk to circulate link to Councillors**.

2201/14 Items for Information and next Agenda: It was agreed that Clerk should provide an overview of the process for Parish Council elections at the next meeting (28 February 2022). It was agreed that that meeting should start at 8pm; **Clerk to update website**.

2201/15 Date of next meetings: 28 February; 28 March; 25 April; 23 May, 27 June (provisional), 25 July (provisional).

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