

Draft minutes of the meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 28 March 2022 from 8pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2203/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), D McQueen, E Butler, A Robertshaw, J McAllister, D Dickinson, County Councillor Stan Lumley (part), Borough Councillor Tom Watson (part) and the Clerk M Pearson. No members of the public attended.

2203/2 Apologies: Councillor Nicholas due to illness.

2203/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations: Councillor McQueen declared an interest in Item 9 as a trustee of Darley Playing Fields Association and took no part in the vote. Councillor McAllister declared an interest in Item 11a as an employee of a National Park Authority and took no part in the vote. Councillor Butler declared an interest in Item 11a as a regular user of green lanes in recreational motor vehicles.

2203/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2022 were approved.

2203/5 Public Statements: None.

2203/6 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted:

21/02296/FUL Refurbishment of listed farmhouse and conversion of adjoining barns with single storey link extension, new driveway and replacement garage. Field House Farm Dairy Lane Darley

APPLICATION PERMITTED

21/02297/LB Refurbishment of listed farmhouse and conversion of adjoining barns with single storey link extension, new driveway and replacement garage. Field House Farm Dairy Lane Darley

APPLICATION PERMITTED

20/03381/FULMAJ Creation of a new junction with the public highway and associated modifications to the existing highway, construction of front gate vehicle control canopy and new gate house. RAF Menwith Hill Main Street Menwith Hill Camp

APPLICATION PERMITTED

b. Planning Applications considered:

22/00808/DISCON Approval of details under condition 8 (drainage), condition 9 (remediation scheme), condition 11 (ecological mitigation), condition 12 (crime), condition 14 (steps, condition 15 (highways) and condition 20 (landscaping) of planning permission 17/01704/DVCON Variation of condition 2 (plans) of permission 15/02994/FUL - Erection of 4 dwellings and formation of associated landscaping and vehicular access, to allow the garage for plot 4 to be on the opposite side to that originally approved Land Comprising Field At 420634 459406 Silverdale Close Darley

22/00807/DISCON Approval of details under condition 8 (drainage), condition 9 (remediation scheme), condition 11 (ecological mitigation), condition 12 (crime), condition 14 (steps, condition 15 (highways) and condition 20 (landscaping) of planning permission 17/01703/DVCON -Variation of Condition No 2 of planning permission 15/02994/FUL to allow insertion of rooflights and creation of additional bedrooms on second floor, and variation of Condition 4 (Windows) to allow use of PVC window frames. (Approved under appeal reference APP/E2734/W/17/3190286) Land Comprising Field At 420634 459406 Silverdale Close Darley

22/00806/DISCON Approval of details under condition 8 (drainage), condition 9 (remediation scheme), condition 11 (ecological mitigation), condition 12 (crime), condition 14 (steps, condition 15 (highways) and condition 20 (landscaping) of planning permission 17/01702/DVCON -Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of permission no 15/02994/FUL to allow orangeries on all four houses, and external chimney on Plot 2. (Approved under appeal reference APP/E2734/W/17/3190292) Land Comprising Field At 420634 459406 Silverdale Close Darley

The Council had NO COMMENT in respect of any of these applications.

c. Planning Enforcement: It was noted that an enforcement notice has been served in respect of West Croft, Day Lane, Darley.

d. Other planning matters: One additional planning application was noted: 22/01042/DISCON Approval of details under Condition 5 (EV charging) and Condition 6 (boundary treatment) of planning permission 19/01437/DVCON Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) to allow erection of dry stone wall to existing grass meadow, enlargement of the basement level with changes to the internal layout and installation of external staircase, alterations to fenestration, removal of approved ornamental pool, bridge from access to east, grass crete and adjoining dry stone wall to northeast and reduction of resin bound gravel surface to northeast of planning permission 16/05471/FUL - Erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated access and landscaping (0.42ha) Silverdale Farm Silverdale Close Darley.

2203/7 County and Borough Councillors' Reports: County Councillor Lumley updated that North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) will continue to carry out day to day business in the run up to the election on 5 May

2022. Candidates for the ninety seats on the new unitary authority (The North Yorkshire Council) will be announced in April. Elections for a mayor serving both The North Yorkshire Council and the City of York Council should follow the creation of the new unitary authority (a mayor should be in position in 2024).

From 1 April 2023, the new unitary authority will provide all services (including waste & recycling, planning and licensing). In Darley and Menwith Parish, these services will be overseen by the Skipton & Ripon Area Constituency Committee (one of six constituency committees across the county).

North Yorkshire Conservatives welcomed a visit from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, recently. Mr Sunak has been involved with a number of local authority reorganisations prior to becoming Chancellor of the Exchequer and it is expected that the creation of the North Yorkshire Council will be a similar success.

An NYCC project to upgrade street-lights to LED technology has been completed two years ahead of plan with a £3m saving on the budgeted cost of the programme. It is expected that the new lights will generate a saving of £1m per year due to energy efficiency and reduced maintenance. It is expected that an upgrade of the 1,500 street lights maintained by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) will be made by the new unitary authority.

NYCC has received a Department of Transport grant of £7.8m to help run Harrogate's entire bus fleet using electric vehicles, together with the necessary charging infrastructure. An investment of more than £12m will be made by Transdev.

The project to realign Kex Gill is likely to start in Autumn 2022 and take around 16-18 months to complete. A repair to the road between Pateley Bridge and Greenhow Hill is scheduled for Spring 2022.

Borough Councillor Watson confirmed that the leisure facilities at Harrogate Hydro (Jenny Field Drive, Harrogate) will close after 8 April 2022 while the building is refurbished and extended. The leisure centre at Knaresborough will remain open for as long as possible while the new swimming pool and leisure facility is built. The new facility will use air source heat pumps and solar panels for its energy.

HBC continues to experience staffing issues in some departments as a number of staff have moved to other local authorities.

The Mayor elect for the period to 31 March 2023 is Councillor Victoria Oldham.

2203/8 The North Yorkshire Council: It was noted that further information regarding the reorganisation will be available to parishioners at a number of online roadshows. Details are available at: www.northyorks.gov.uk/new-council-virtual-roadshows. The session most relevant to Skipton & Ripon Area Constituency is on 4 April 2022 from 6.30pm.

2203/9 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

- a. *Planned meeting with Harrogate Steel:* It was noted that a meeting had not been possible in March but agreed that a meeting may still be helpful; **Clerk to arrange.**
- b. *Purchase of commemorative benches for the Darley Playing Fields Association Jubilee Boules Court at the playing fields, Darley:* It was agreed that the Council would purchase two five-foot Platinum Jubilee commemorative benches from ASA Forces Charity, together with fixing kits at an expected cost of £1,020 plus delivery; **Clerk to action.**
- c. *The Queens Platinum Jubilee Community Grants scheme operated by HBC:* It was agreed that the Council would apply for a grant towards the cost of the benches under Item 9b; **Clerk to draft.**

2203/10 Charity of Isabel Day: It was agreed that the Council would nominate Councillors Welch, McAllister and Nicholas as Trustees of the charity.

2203/11 Highways and footpaths

- a. *Green Lanes Environment Movement Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review – an opportunity to stop 'off-roading' in the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty:* It was agreed that the Council would respond to a number of specific questions within the consultation as follows:
 - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) should have a second purpose relating to connecting people and places equivalent to that of National Parks;
 - a strengthened second purpose of protected landscapes should follow the proposals set out within Chapter Three of the consultation to improve connections to all parts of society with our protected landscapes (i.e.. a night under the stars in a national landscape for all children, a new long-term programme to increase the ethnic diversity of visitors, expanding volunteering in our national landscapes supported by a ranger service in all of our national landscapes);
 - additional powers to restrict recreational motor vehicle use on unsealed routes should be given to all authorities nationally for reasons of environmental protection, prevention of damage, nuisance and amenity; and

- AONB teams should made statutory consultees for development management (planning).
- b. A planned repair of the footbridge over River Nidd, Nidd Lane, from Monday 28 March for up to five days was noted.
- c. No any other highways and footpaths issues were discussed.

2203/12 Village Maintenance

- a. *Repair of steps at Fringill*: Two options for repairing the steps were discussed: (i) reapplication of loose stones; and (ii) adding profiled cement to form permanent steps. It was agreed that a price for the application of stone slabs should be obtained; **Clerk to action and add to next agenda**. It was agreed that money from the HBC Commuted Sums fund should then be applied for towards the cost of the agreed option; **Clerk to action**.
- b. No other urgent village maintenance needs were discussed.

2203/13 Reports:

- a. *Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group, 2 March 2022*: Councillor Robertshaw reported that reports had been received from the Fire Service and Ambulance Service and from North Yorkshire Youth Services in connection with a project in Pateley Bridge. It was noted that the Prince's Countryside Fund provides grants of up to £25,000 for projects supported rural life (such as youth groups and community refreshment hubs).
- b. *Darley Playing Fields Association (DPFA), March 2022*: The Jubilee Boules Court is under construction and expected to be mostly complete in early April. An event to officially open the court is to be held (date to be confirmed). Work on the west end of the playing fields is on hold pending further levelling of the ground. DPFA plans to invest in improving the children's playground and replacing the adult gym equipment.

2203/14 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted*: Receipts: None. Payments: Eon Next cmas lights (March) £5, Clerk allowances and expenses to 31 March 2022 (including printing, mobile phone and stamps) £124.67, Clerk salary to 31 March 2022 £830.16, Darley Memorial Hall – Room hire January – March 2022 £60, TP Jones & Co LLP payroll services year to 31 March 2022 £78.
- b. The budget for March 2022 was approved.
- c. The purchase of two benches (Item 9b) at a total expected cost in the region of £2,040 plus delivery was approved.
- d. The purchase of a subscription to the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations for the year to 31 March 2023 at a cost of £427 was approved.
- e. No other financial matters were discussed.

2203/15 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *National Association of Local Councils (NALC) - Smaller Councils Committee letter to smaller councils*: A letter seeking feedback on any additional help that NALC can provide to parish councils was noted; **Clerk to circulate to Councillors**.
- b. *NALC – Ukraine briefing*: It was noted that NALC has joined with the Local Government Association in endorsing a statement condemning the multiple attacks and violations of territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine.
- c. *North Yorkshire Youth – Volunteer recruitment drop-in event*: An event for those in interested in volunteering to set up a youth club in Pateley Bridge is being held from 11.30am – 1pm at Nidd Plus Pateley Bridge on Saturday 2 April 2022 was noted.
- d. *Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Government response to the report on local government ethical standards*: A NALC statement expressing disappointment at the proposals given in the Government's response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life's report was noted; **Clerk to circulate to Councillors**.

2203/16 Items for Information and next Agenda: It was noted that the Darley and Menwith Parish Assembly will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022 in Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley.

It was noted that nomination forms for those standing for the Parish Council elections in May 2022 need to be delivered to HBC no later than 4pm on Tuesday 5 April (details are available from the Clerk – 07541 518 456 or clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk).

2203/17 Date of next meetings: 25 April; 23 May, 27 June (provisional), 25 July (provisional); 26 September (provisional); 31 October (provisional); 28 November (provisional).

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