

## Draft minutes of the meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 25 April 2022 from 8pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

**2204/1 Present:** Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, J McAllister, E Butler, D Dickinson, N Nicholas and County Councillor Stan Lumley (part). No members of the public attended.

**2204/2 Apologies:** Councillor D McQueen due to work commitments. Borough Councillor Watson. Clerk M Pearson due to illness.

**2204/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations:** Councillor Robertshaw declared an interest in planning application *22/00390/DVCON Variation of Conditions ... Land Comprising Field At 420945 459286 Stumps Lane Darley* as the owner of a property neighbouring the site and took no part in the vote.

Councillor Welch declared an interest in Items 12e and 12f as Secretary of Focus on Darley and took no part in the vote.

**2204/4 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2022 were approved, with one amendment to Item 7 to clarify that Chancellor Rishi Sunak visited North Yorkshire Conservatives in March 2022 rather than North Yorkshire County Council.

**2204/5 Public Statements:** None.

### 2204/6 Planning

#### a. Planning Decisions noted:

22/00461/FUL Retrospective planning permission for the erection of automatic gate and pillar structure Silverdale Farm Silverdale Close Darley **PERMISSION GRANTED**

21/04802/DISCON Approval of details required under condition 13 (Drainage) of planning permission: 19/02687/FUL: Removal of electricity pylon and burying of associated powerline; Erection of bridge; Formation of access track. Silverdale Farm Silverdale Close Darley **CONDITION DISCHARGED**

#### b. Planning Applications considered:

22/01098/FUL Erection of single storey extension and conversion of existing store and passage to form utility room and replacement store. Gateways Darley **NO OBJECTIONS**

22/00390/DVCON Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (surface water drainage) and 14 (surface water drainage) of planning permission 20/02500/DVCON to allow for various amendments to previously permitted scheme including: window alterations, and addition of chimneys and timber-framed porches to proposed dwellings; raising finished floor levels and ridge height of dwelling on Plot 1; and addition of a first floor (including increased eaves and ridge heights and addition of rooflights and first floor side door and window) and external staircase to garage to Plot 1. Land Comprising Field At 420945 459286 Stumps Lane Darley

The Council **OBJECTED** to the planning application in respect of the proposed changes to the dwelling and garage on Plot 1. The proposed increased in ridge height of the dwelling would mean that it would be out of keeping with the other proposed new dwellings and that it would overbear existing and new dwellings around it. The proposed changes to the garage give it the appearance of a dwelling rather than a garage and represent over-development.

The Council also expressed concern that an apparent increase in the height of the central access road spur might also lead to an increase in height of one or more of the plots. **COUNCIL OBJECTS**

22/01319/FUL Proposed porch and first floor extension to existing dwelling. Ivy Cottage Crake Lane Darley **NO OBJECTIONS**

22/01353/FUL Removal of timber summer house and replacement with outbuilding store Curlew Cottage Hookstone Garth Thornthwaite **NO OBJECTIONS**

21/04958/FUL Demolition of double garage; Erection of detached double garage and store; Erection of 1 no. first floor extensions; Raising roof height to an existing two storey element; Formation of new vehicular access; Formation of external staircase to lower ground floor; Installation of 4 no. roof lights; Alterations to fenestration. **AMENDED DETAILS.** Mount Pleasant Moorcock Lane Darley **NO OBJECTIONS**

22/01407/FUL Erection of a two storey side extension to existing annex and internal alterations to create 1no. dwellinghouse (0.19ha). Cherry Tree Farm Main Street Darley **NO OBJECTIONS**

- c. **Planning Enforcement:** 22/00146/BRPC15 Land Comprising Field At 420945 459286 Stumps Lane Darley **ALLEGED BREACH:** Alleged raised finished floor levels not in compliance with approved plans (22/00390/DVCON and 20/02500/DVCON) was noted.
- d. **Other planning matters:** It was noted that a decision regarding 20/05216/FULMAJ Conversion and extension of Mill Building to form 9 Residential Units, erection of storage building/car port, 11 dwellings, detached garage and other external works including car parking Darley Mill Darley Carr Darley is expected to be made at Harrogate Borough Council Planning Committee meeting on 10 May 2022. It was agreed that the Council will accept an Invitation to Speak (if offered); **Chairman to attend.** It was agreed that the view to be given is that the Council is keen to ensure that this heritage building is redeveloped as soon as possible and that the additional housing within the planning application is acceptable as part of this.

**2204/7 County and Borough Councillors' Reports:** County Councillor Lumley expressed his thanks to Councillors for their support over the last five years. The change to the new North Yorkshire Council (NYC) will be the biggest in local government since 1974 and it is likely to lead to the ninety elected members being extremely busy.

The eleven-month transition period from the existing local authority structure will run to April 2023 but it is likely that NYC will require support from the district councils past this (e.g. with refuse collection). In other places the full transition has taken up to ten years to complete. Once established, there should be less ambiguity around who provides services and more efficient service provision.

The project to re-route the A59 at Kex Gill should start by the end of 2022, with the contractor for the work to be chosen shortly. The project should take 14-16 months to complete.

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) is increasing the number of face-to-face meetings taking place and business is ongoing despite being in the run-up to the elections on 5 May 2022.

**2204/8 The North Yorkshire Council:** It was agreed that the presentation made by Councillor Welch at the Darley and Menwith Parish Assembly represented a very good summary of the latest position and agreed that it should be circulated; **Clerk to circulate to Councillors, County Councillor Lumley and Borough Councillor Watson.** It should also be added to the Council website; **Clerk to action.**

#### **2204/9 Highways and footpaths**

- a. It was noted that the road between Darley and Birstwith is planned to be closed for the period 25 April – 20 May 2022 for the repair and replacement of the gas main. The Council expressed concern at the lack of notice provided and uncertainty regarding the impact of the closure on the public and school bus routes. It was agreed that NYCC Highways should be contacted to ask for better notice to be provided to the Council and residents of such closures; **Clerk to action.**
- b. It was noted that the "Darley" sign on the corner of Stumps Lane and Menwith Hill Road had been re-fixed in the correct position.
- c. No any other highways and footpaths issues were discussed.

#### **2204/10 Village Maintenance**

- a. **Repair of steps at Fringill:** It was agreed that a more permanent answer to the problem of stones being washed away should be found and agreed that it was important that the chosen solution should look good (i.e. flag stones); **Clerk to liaise with Parish Caretaker.** It was noted that an application for commuted sums grant funding would be made to Harrogate Borough Council in respect of the project; **Clerk to action.**
- b. No other urgent village maintenance needs were discussed.

#### **2204/11 Reports:**

- a. **Charity of Isabel Day:** Councillor Nicholas reported that after a period of inactivity, the trustees of the charity had met and an Annual General Meeting had been held. The land agent who had been working with the charity had sadly passed away. The charity is in the process of finding a new land agent. Councillor McAllister has now been recorded as a trustee and Chairman's term as trustee renewed. The charity hopes to be in a position to accept grant requests again later in 2022.
- b. **Darley and Menwith Parish Assembly, 19 April 2022:** It was noted that around eighteen people had attended the meeting (including Councillors) and the presentation regarding the change of North Yorkshire local authority structure had been well-received. No issues had been raised.
- c. **RAF Menwith Hill Spring Reception, 27 April 2022:** It was noted that Chairman will attend the event.
- d. **Darley Playing Fields Association (DPFA):** Councillor Nicholas reported that the Boules Pitches are now ready for play and that training sessions will be offered. Boules are available for hire from the village shop next to the pitches. DPFA wants to acknowledge Jon Park for the idea and his project management. DPFA is holding an opening day on Saturday 21 May 2022 with free refreshments for everyone attending in a beret. The Council noted that it is pleased with the new community facility.
- e. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee events:** It was noted that the Jubilee Ball will be held on Saturday 28 May 2022 in Darley Memorial Hall and that there will be a Jubilee Tea Party in Darley Memorial Hall on Thursday 2 June 2022.

## 2204/12 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted:* Receipts: Deposit account interest to 31 March 2022 £1.87, VAT refund to 28 February 2022 £1,323.76. Payments: YLCA subs to 31 March 2023 £427, Eon Next cmas lights (April) £5, ASA Forces Charity - Purchase of Platinum Jubilee benches x2 £2,200, Clerk - Expenses 2 x adult boules set, children's boules set, printer paper £62.77.
- b. *Financial position to 31 March 2022:* It was noted that the final accounts showed a surplus of £3,534.85 and a balance of general fund carried forward of £24,033.39. It was noted that the Council had committed to spending on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (£2,250), replacement of Christmas lights infrastructure (£600) and replacement of Christmas lights (estimated £350) with the expenditure to be incurred in the financial year to 31 March 2023.
- c. The budget for April 2022 was approved.
- d. It was agreed that a budget of up to £1,000 should be spent on a good and more permanent solution to the steps at Fringill.
- e. The payment of a grant of £300 to Focus on Darley to help with its increased printing costs was agreed;  
**Clerk to action.**
- f. The payment of a grant of £250 to Focus on Darley towards the cost of hosting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tea party was agreed; **Clerk to action.**
- g. No other financial matters were discussed.

## 2204/13 Correspondence received by the Clerk: None.

**2204/14 Items for Information and next Agenda:** It was noted that the formal approval of the financial statements to 31 March 2022 would be made at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their service over the past four years and expressed special thanks to Councillor McQueen (who is not a candidate for election to the new Council). Councillors thanked the Chairman for her support and leadership.

The Chairman closed the final meeting of this Council.

**2204/15 Date of next meetings:** 23 May, 27 June (provisional), 25 July (provisional); 26 September (provisional); 31 October (provisional); 28 November (provisional).

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