

## **Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 27 June 2022 from 8pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley**

**2206/1 Present:** Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, J McAllister, N Nicholas, D Dickinson, R Ferguson, Borough Councillor Tom Watson (part), County Councillor Andrew Murday (part) and the Clerk (M Pearson). One member of the public attended (part).

**2206/2 Apologies:** Councillor P Ward due to holiday.

**2206/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations:** Councillor Robertshaw declared an interest in Item 6c as a neighbour to the Stumps Lane development. Councillor McAllister declared an interest in planning application 22/02089/FUL as a neighbour to the property and took no part in the vote.

**2206/4 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meetings held on 23 May 2022 were approved with one amendment to the ordinary meeting minutes to note a request to add consideration of the purchase of inserts for inclusion in the next Focus on Darley village newsletter to the agenda for the June meeting of the Council.

**2206/5 Chairman's comments:** Chairman reminded Councillors that requests for items to be added to an agenda should be submitted to the Clerk at least one week prior to a meeting and that, in the absence of new information, the Council is unable to revisit decisions made within a six month period. Chairman confirmed that decisions made by the Council during an item would be recapped before moving to the next item.

**2206/6 Public Statements:** A parishioner spoke in respect of the 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire campaign (Item 12b), confirming that:

- this is part of a nationwide campaign for 20mph speed limits to apply to all residential streets;
- the policy has been adopted by most of the UK's larger towns and cities;
- the Welsh Assembly has announced plans to make 20mph the speed limit in residential areas within Wales;
- the campaign has been endorsed by the United Nations;
- motions to support the campaign have been passed by 115 Parish Councils within North Yorkshire, including 22 within the Harrogate District.

The parishioner asked that the Council support the campaign as a means of showing the highways authority (North Yorkshire County Council, NYCC) that there is a local demand for this policy. Benefits of the policy were stated to include safer roads (particularly around schools), roads which are better for wildlife and a reduction in pollution levels and in the carbon footprint of those using the roads.

### **2206/7 Planning**

#### **a. Planning Decisions noted:**

22/01525/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension & Alterations to roof to form gables Holme Croft Darley  
PERMISSION GRANTED

22/01319/FUL Erection of first floor side extension to existing dwelling. Ivy Cottage Crake Lane Darley  
PERMISSION REFUSED

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  
PERMISSION GRANTED

#### **b. Planning Applications considered:**

22/02089/FUL Installation of gates between existing pillars to front boundary. 1 Darley House Darley Head Darley  
NO OBJECTIONS

22/01021/FUL Conversion of existing domestic stores to form a residential annexe (revised scheme) Southfield Farm Darley  
NO OBJECTIONS

#### **c. Planning Enforcement noted:**

22/00227/BRPC15 Land Comprising Field At 420945 459286 Stumps Lane Darley ALLEGED BREACH: Installation of drainage tank not in accordance with the approved details (22/00390/DVCON);

22/00231/BRPC15 Land Comprising Field At 420945 459286 Stumps Lane Darley ALLEGED BREACH: Potential breach of condition 9 (parking) (20/02500/DVCON, 22/00390/DVCON (PCO)).

It was noted that Stumps Lane had been closed on 27 June 2022 and that notice of the road closure had not been received by the Council; **Clerk to contact NYCC Highways to investigate.**

**d. Other planning matters:** A HARROGATE BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 VARIATION ORDER (TPO 05/1970 (Variation 1)), to remove tree T124 Sycamore tree from the

original tree preservation order, was noted. It was agreed that further information should be sought to clarify the reason for the order and the process undertaken to vary the Tree Preservation Order; **Clerk to action.**

**2206/8 County and Borough Councillors' Reports:** Borough Councillor Watson noted that Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) held its Annual Meeting on 23 May 2022. Councillor Victoria Oldham (Washburn Ward) was elected Mayor and Councillor Robert Windass (Boroughbridge Ward) elected Deputy Mayor through to 31 March 2023.

Borough Councillor Watson noted that recent figures concerning employment at HBC confirmed that staffing levels have fallen from 1,127 (2018/19) to 889 (2020/21). Information regarding the reasons for the reduction has been asked for. Of the roles at HBC, approximately 27% are within the Parks and Environmental Services and approximately 20% are within the Housing and Property team.

Borough Councillor Watson highlighted that the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund is currently awarding grants for the purchase of defibrillator batteries and pads under its micro-grant scheme.

County Councillor Murday noted that he had investigated the possibility of repairing or replacing the stepping stones joining Dacre Parish to Hartwith cum Winsley Parish just outside of Darley and Menwith Parish and for cost reasons, NYCC Public Rights of Way team (PROW) did not think it was feasible.

County Councillor Murday highlighted that he has a Locality budget that Parish Councils and local organisations can bid for; **Clerk to circulate details of how the scheme works to Councillors.**

He noted that he had attended two events regarding local energy generation (in Settle and Summerbridge) and that he is hopeful that this might develop into a project to look at carbon footprint development within Nidderdale. A further meeting in Summerbridge is expected to take place in the near future.

County Councillor Murday asked the Council to provide its view of the Nidderdale Greenway extension (a scheme designed to extend the greenway from Clint to the Scar House Reservoir). It was asked that this include consideration of the concept in addition to a view of the feasibility report circulated in early 2021. The Council agreed that this should be added to a future agenda and that a copy of the report be recirculated to Councillors prior to the meeting; **Clerk to action.**

County Councillor Murday noted that, in response to a significant increase in cases of COVID within North Yorkshire, NYCC has issued new guidance in June 2022; **Clerk to circulate to Councillors.**

**2206/9 The North Yorkshire Council:** It was noted that NYCC is holding an update call on 30 June 2022 regarding the latest developments in the migration towards the unitary authority structure (Councillor Nicholas to attend). It was agreed that consideration of whether the Council might take on new assets and/or responsibilities under the new unitary authority structure should be added to the agenda for the September meeting of the Council; **Clerk to action.**

**2206/10 Publicising the Council:** It was agreed that the Council would design a printed insert to be included in the next Focus on Darley newsletter and this should explain the roles of the Parish Council and include biographies of the Councillors based on the website; **Chairman and Clerk to draft.** It was agreed that the process of adding the inserts to the newsletters would be undertaken by Councillors.

**2206/11 North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Risk and Resource Model Consultation:** The Council noted the consultation and welcomed the move towards the service being more proactive. It agreed that a response should be submitted with the view that the proposals are welcomed but do not appear to have a huge impact on the Parish (being more focused on urban areas); **Clerk to submit.**

#### **2206/12 Highways and footpaths**

- a. *Footpath on Birstwith Road between The Holme and Nidd Lane:* It was noted that NYCC Highways Area 6 has been asked regarding the best way to proceed; **Clerk to update at the next meeting.** It was noted that an earlier attempt to install a footpath (in 1993) was unsuccessful due to issues with the suitability of the layout of the road/verges.
- b. *20's Plenty for North Yorkshire Campaign:* The Council agreed that an agenda item should be added to a future meeting to include this campaign and speeding within the village generally; **Clerk to add to agenda for the September meeting of the Council.** It was agreed that parishioners should be made aware of the issue by way of the Focus on Darley newsletter/insert; **Clerk to action.**
- c. It was agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to undertake the annual cut of lanes and junctions to improve safety of pedestrians and motorists; **Clerk to action.**
- d. It was agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to carry out the annual trim of footpaths (e.g. from Green Lane, Daleside Park and Field House to Darley Beck/the River Nidd); **Clerk to action.**
- e. A broken stile on the footpath from Field House to Darley Beck was noted; **Clerk to report to NYCC PROW.**
- f. It was noted that the sleepers installed on the footpath alongside the River Nidd between Station Road and Nidd Lane will be in need of replacement in the near future; **Clerk to report to NYCC PROW.**
- g. No any other highways and footpaths issues were discussed.

### 2206/13 Village Maintenance

- a. *HBC consultation on changes to the siting and collection of waste bins*: It was noted that HBC has confirmed that no bins will be removed without replacement (existing bins will be replaced with a larger bin designed to take all waste and be emptied as part of regular Waste & Recycling Collection). It was noted that some of the replacements may be in a slightly different location. The Council agreed to ask that the bin to be located on Sheepcote Lane, should be as close to the entrance to Darley Memorial Hall as practically/safely possible; **Clerk to submit comments to HBC.**
- b. *Proposal to install drainage pipes in the wall at Fringill*: The Council asked that further information be obtained regarding the potential cost of installing drainage pipes and that NYCC Highways be contacted to check whether permission would be required; **Clerk to action.** The Council agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to add more gravel to the steps to improve access (at an expected cost of £280 plus VAT) and that an application be made for commuted sums funding towards the cost; **Clerk to action.**
- c. No other urgent village maintenance needs were discussed.

### 2206/14 Reports:

- a. *Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Briefing, 26 May 2022*: Councillor Nicholas noted that Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) Zoe Metcalfe was joined by acting Assistant Chief Constable Lindsey Butterfield for the meeting. It was noted that the view given was that crime reports should be available on a Parish basis if the the Council would like these. An offer by the PFCC to speak at local events was noted and the possibility of this being arranged for parish councils around Darley and Menwith was discussed with representatives from other local parish councils.
- b. *Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group, 1 June 2022*: Councillor Robertshaw noted that the meeting included an update on the activities of Nidderdale Plus (including taking on the role of digital champion locally and the availability of a 15-seater minibus for hire). Councillor Robertshaw has taken on the role of Chairman.
- c. *Yorkshire Local Councils Association Harrogate Branch Meeting, 13 June 2022*: Clerk reported that the meeting included a presentation regarding planning for community resilience in emergencies. The wording of a request by the branch to the YLCA to lobby for changes in the planning system (to allow those other than the applicant to appeal a planning decision) was also agreed.
- d. A special meeting of all parishioners concerning the change of Darley Memorial Hall to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 29 June 2022 at Darley Memorial Hall, was noted.
- e. A short fire safety presentation by Tony Peel, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, at the next Council meeting, 25 July 2022, was noted. It was agreed that the talk should be publicised on the website and noticeboard; **Clerk to action.**
- f. It was noted that Darley in Bloom is holding an Open Gardens event on 3 July 2022 and that there will be car rally event on the weekend of 24/25 July 2022, starting and finishing at the Wellington Inn.

### 2206/15 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted*: Receipts: None. Payments: Eon Next cmas lights (June) £5, Clerk – Salary quarter ending 30 June 2022 £902.16; Clerk allowance & admin expenses to 30 June 2022 £103.97.
- b. The budget for June 2022 was approved.
- c. It was agreed that the Council would purchase of inserts for inclusion within the next Focus on Darley at an expected cost in the region of £70; **Clerk to arrange printing.**
- d. It was agreed that a biennial service of the defibrillator unit located in the bus shelter near Prospect Cottages, Main Street, should be purchased from Cardiaid at an expected cost of £279 plus VAT; **Clerk to arrange.** Consideration of whether to replace the defibrillator unit should be made before the next service is due; **Clerk to add to future agenda.**
- e. No other financial matters were discussed.

### 2206/16 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Online training programme for August and September 2022*: The training programme was noted and it was agreed that Councillors should review and confirm to Clerk if they wanted to attend any courses; **Clerk to circulate.**

**2206/17 Items for Information and next Agenda:** It was agreed that three additional items should be added to future agenda: consideration of whether to request crime reports on a parish basis, consideration of the local energy generation project and a review of the community resilience plan; **Clerk to action.**

**2206/18 Date of next meetings:** 25 July; 26 September; 31 October; 28 November; 30 January 2023; 27 February 2023.

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