

Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 24 April 2023 from 7pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2304/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, J McAllister, P Ward, R Ferguson, J Hayes, County Councillor Andrew Murday and the Clerk (M Pearson). No members of the public attended.

2304/2 Apologies: Councillor D Dickinson due to work commitments.

2304/3 Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations: None.

2304/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2023 were approved.

2304/5 Public Statements: None.

2304/6 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted:

22/04768/TPO Works to TPO - 05/1970 G34 4sync1ash - Lateral reduction of 1no. Syc (T2 on plan) (see email).
Works to TPO - 05/1970 G35 4sync - Lateral reduction of 1no. Syc (T1 on plan) (see email). Herdwick Cottage
Sheepcote Lane Darley PART APPROVED AND PART REFUSED

23/00805/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension to rear. Demolition of
existing detached garage to rear and erection of garage extension to side. Alterations to fenestration. Little
Timble Darley PERMISSION GRANTED

b. Planning Applications considered:

20/02088/FUL Erection of 1 No. dwelling (Plot 2) in lieu of dwelling approved under Ref 18/03851/FUL.
REPUBLICISED. Stumps Lane Caravan Park Stumps Lane Darley

The Council agreed that it should resubmit its previous response (given in August 2020): "The Council recognised that permission was given for a dwelling on Plot 2 under Planning Application 18/003851/FUL, and it did not object at that stage. The current application represents a down-sizing and relocation of the original plot, which the Council welcomed.

However, the Council noted that the site is now outside the adopted Settlement Development Limits in the HBC Local Plan and confirmed that it would now object to a totally new application for a dwelling on this site. The Council therefore **NEITHER SUPPORTED NOR OBJECTED TO** this application."

NEITHER SUPPORTS NOR OBJECTS

23/01062/FUL Proposed single-storey extension to rear elevation. Overwood Silverdale Close Darley
NO OBJECTIONS

c. Planning Enforcement: An update on 22/00361/PR15 Doulton Lodge Darley *ALLEGED BREACH: Untidy land and engineering operations (16/00062/FUL, 15/03092/AMENDS)* received on 30 March 2023 confirmed that Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) was seeking advice from its solicitors concerning what enforcement action is possible regarding this matter. Due to exceptional workload restraints and understaffing, Mr Cullen was unable to confirm a timescale for a decision. It was confirmed that Mr David Potts is now the planning enforcement officer dealing with the case.

2304/7 Highways and footpaths

- a. Request from North Yorkshire Police – Consultation regarding proposal to reduce the speed limit on the B6451 outside RAF Menwith Hill:** The Council understood that the purpose of the proposed reduction to 40mph would be to improve safety around the Nessfield Gate but queried whether the stretch indicated on a plan supplied by North Yorkshire Police was correct. The Council agreed that it would not support a reduction in speed limit on the B6451 outside RAF Menwith Hill due to doubts regarding the lack of enforcement of such a limit and concerns as to whether the proposal met the relevant criteria (noting similar requests for the reduction of speed limits on other roads had previously been refused). It was also noted that the Nessfield Gate is being used on a temporary basis while the main gate on Menwith Hill Road is remodelled; **Clerk to notify North Yorkshire Police.**
- b. Closure of section of Menwith Hill Road to allow completion of work on new entrance to RAF Menwith Hill:** It was noted that there is a planned closure of Menwith Hill Road between the B6451 and Cold Cotes Road/Stumps Lane from 2 May 2023 to 21 August 2023. Diversion is expected to be via the A59.
- c. Issues reported to North Yorkshire Council Highways following the Council meeting in January 2023:** It was noted that County Councillor Murday had obtained an update from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Highways and that an order has been placed for the gullies on Main Street, Darley to be cleared of chippings. The engineer dealing with the works taking place on Main Street and Stumps Lane has also been asked to arrange any necessary work and road-sweeping.
- d.** It was noted that NYC Highways has been asked to clear the gullies on the B6451 from Hardgroves Hill to Darley Beck as many of these are full of silt.

2304/8 Village Maintenance

- a. *Request from Darley Playing Fields Association (DPFA) for the Council to register the DPFA defibrillator at the playing fields on British Heart Foundation "The Circuit" online database and carry out monthly checks:* The Council agreed to register the device and carry out regular checks; **Clerk to action.**
- b. *Further correspondence regarding verge outside Monteverdi:* It was noted that the parishioner had queried whether voles thought to be causing damage to the verge were protected and indicated that they were no longer willing to maintain the verge. The Council agreed that ownership of the verge should be determined as a first step and County Councillor Murday agreed to assist with this from a NYC perspective; **Clerk to pass on relevant details.**
- c. *Impact of garden bonfires within Darley village:* Correspondence with a parishioner regarding smoke nuisance caused by repeated bonfires was noted. It was agreed that the Council would include a reminder in the next Focus on Darley asking parishioners to be considerate with fires; **Clerk to action.** It was noted that NYC Environmental Health can assist with smoke nuisance if a report is made using its online form (<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/environment-and-neighbourhoods/pollution/air-quality/bonfires>).

2304/9 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted:* Receipts: Deposit account interest to 31 March 2023 £17.84 Payments: Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) – Subscription to 31 March 2024 £432, YLCA – Councillor Hayes New Councillor Training Course £66.80, Zurich Municipal – Insurance for the year to 31 May 2024 £501.71, Darley Memorial Hall CIO – Grant towards car park costs 2023/24 £500.
- b. The budget for April 2023 was approved.
- c. *Financial result for the year ending 31 March 2023:* It was noted that there was an expected deficit of £1,331 for the financial year.
- d. *Insurance for the year to 31 May 2024:* Renewal with Zurich Municipal at a cost of £501.71 was approved.
- e. *Subscription to YLCA for the year to 31 March 2024:* Renewal at a cost of £432 was approved.
- f. *Darley Memorial Hall CIO annual grant:* Payment of a grant of £500 towards the cost of providing public use of the Darley Memorial Hall car park for 2023/24 was approved.

2304/10 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *Yorkshire Local Councils Associations: Resolutions for debate by Member Councils and Parish Meetings to the YLCA Joint Annual Meeting 2023:* It was noted that this will be added to the agenda for the ordinary meeting of the Council; **Clerk to circulate.**
- b. *Yorkshire Local Councils Associations: Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Consultation on Infrastructure Levy:* A consultation to 19 May 2023 was noted; **Clerk to circulate.**

2304/11 Items for Information and next Agenda: County Councillor Murday highlighted that Nidderdale Plus is holding a number of *Coffee, Click and Connect* sessions, including sessions at Darley Methodist Church on Thursdays 10am – 12pm (details are available at <https://www.nidderdaleplus.org.uk/digital-champions/>).

2304/12 Date of next meetings: 22 May - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30pm, Ordinary meeting 8.00pm

These minutes are published subject to their approval at the next meeting of the Council