

Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 22 May 2023 from 8pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2305/2/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, J McAllister, P Ward, R Ferguson, D Dickinson, County Councillor A Murday and the Clerk (M Pearson). No members of the public attended.

2305/2/2 Apologies: Councillor J Hayes due to work commitments.

2305/2/3 Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations: Councillor McAllister declared an interest in Item 6d. as a neighbour to the site.

2305/2/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2023 were approved.

2305/2/5 Public Statements: None.

2305/2/6 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted:

ZC23/01558/PNE Replace the existing substation Barton Croft Main Street Darley

PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that clarification had been sought from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) regarding the location of the substation but that an answer had not been received to date; **Clerk to add to future agenda.**

23/01062/FUL Proposed single-storey extension to rear elevation. Overwood Silverdale Close Darley

APPLICATION PERMITTED

b. Planning Applications considered: None.

c. Planning Enforcement: 23/00133/BRPC15 Volta House Farm Day Lane Darley **ALLEGED BREACH:** Potential breach of planning consent with regard to treatment plant at Volta House (21/05316/DISCON) was noted.

d. Other Planning: Correspondence from a parishioner regarding 23/00080/BRPC15 Field House Darley **ALLEGED BREACH:** Potential non-compliance with approved plans (21/04926/FUL) was noted to confirm that North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Planning Enforcement had visited the site and reviewed the dimensions of the building and that Vicky Perkin, NYC Chief Planning Officer, had been asked to look at the planning application process (with concerns expressed by the parishioner regarding differences between the building constructed and the approved planning application and generally querying the approval of the application given its impact on the neighbouring property).

2305/2/7 County Councillor's Reports: County Councillor Murday reported the following:

Youth Council: The second meeting of the Nidderdale Youth council is being held later this month.

Threatened closure of Pateley Bridge Children's Centre: County Councillor Murday has had discussions with the relevant executive councillor and with Nidd Plus about how NYC might maintain and develop a walk-in children's and mothers' centre at St Cuthbert's School in Pateley Bridge.

Locality Grants: The next round of locality grant funding is now open for applications.

Tree felling on Main Street: County Councillor Murday received via the Chairman a complaint from a parishioner regarding felling of trees on Main Street, Darley, a couple of weeks ago. After investigation the action taken by NYC and the contractor was found to be standard management of Ash Dieback-affected trees. It was noted that in case of Ash Dieback, the landowner is responsible for the costs of removal of the tree and the cost of a suitable replacement tree.

NYC Consultation on Public Transport: County Councillor Murday highlighted that NYC has launched a consultation on public transport with a closing date of 17 July 2023. The consultation – called Let's Talk Transport – will help form NYC's Travel Plan due to be published in 2024. The consultation can be accessed via the following web link: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/current-consultations/lets-talk-transport>.

2305/2/8 Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) - Resolutions for debate by Member Councils and Parish Meetings to the YLCA Joint Annual Meeting 2023: The Council agreed not to make a submission to the YLCA.

2305/2/9 Highways and footpaths:

a. Overgrown footpath: Councillor Dickinson reported that the footpath from Green Lane, Darley, towards Darley Beck is overgrown with nettles and it was agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to trim this as soon as possible: **Clerk to action.**

- b. *Main Street / Stumps Lane junction road surface*: It was noted that no response had been received from NYC regarding the condition of the road surface around the junction and any remedial work planned; **Clerk to follow up.**

2305/2/10 Village Maintenance

- a. *Repair of wall at Fringill*: It was noted that Stone Walled had straightened and repaired the wall.
- b. *Request to cut additional areas of grass at the West end of village*: The Council agreed that the Parish Caretaker should add four additional strips of grass (outside Doulton Lodge and around Hollywell House) to the regular village grass-cut at an additional cost of £50+VAT per cut; **Clerk to notify Parish Caretaker.**
- c. *Ash Dieback*: The recent felling of trees on Main Street, Darley, was noted and it was agreed that information regarding this matter should be included in a future Focus on Darley village newsletter; **Clerk to action.**

2305/2/11 Reports

- a. *North Yorkshire Council Area 6 Highways workshop, 12 April 2023*: Clerk noted that the call was hosted by Chris Blackburn, NYC Highways Customer Communication Officer. Mr Blackburn offered to assist with ongoing and new issues as they arise. This included arranging for the gullies in and around Darley to be cleaned and jetted recently.
- b. *Charity of Isabel Day, 10 May 2023*: Chairman confirmed that this was the annual general meeting of the charity. The charity will now consider applications from local organisations (i.e. benefitting Darley and Menwith and Thornthwaite with Padside parishes) for grants in the region of a few hundred pounds.
- c. *HM King Charles III Coronation events*: It was noted that events included a ceilidh on Saturday 6 May 2023 attended by around one hundred people and a cream tea on Monday 8 May 2023 attended by around one hundred and sixty people.
- d. *Darley Playing Fields Association (DPFA)*: Councillor Ward noted that DPFA is looking into the possibility of acquiring some land in order to expand the facilities to include a multi-user pitch. Discussions are being held by NYC Planning regarding the proposals. The possibility of moving the changing rooms in order to provide more space for an indoor café is also being considered.

2305/2/12 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted*: Receipts: NYC Precept Part 1 £7,875 Payments: Stone Walled – Repair of wall at Fringill £300, J Dowson – Internal audit for 2022/23 £50; Information Commissioner's Office – Data Protection Fee 2023/24 £35; Eon Next cmas light (May) £5.
- b. The budget for May 2023 was approved.
- c. *Planning training course*: The Council agreed that Clerk could attend a YLCA training course (The Government's Planning Reforms – What Local Councils need to know) on Wednesday 24 May 2023 at a cost of £25; **Clerk to register.**

2305/2/13 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Farming for Resilience Events: Northern Protected Landscapes*: The Council agreed that details of these events should be put on the Council website; **Clerk to action.**
- b. *Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company - Nidderdale Bus Service Update Summer 2023*: The Council agreed that the timetables should be put on the Council website; **Clerk to action.**
- c. *North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner: Commissioner Zoë introduces new format for holding Chief Officers to account on behalf of the public*: Ten online meetings will be held each year and these will be attended either by the Chief of North Yorkshire Police or of North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service; **Clerk to circulate.**
- d. *Nidderdale Plus: News from Nidderdale Spring 2023*: **Clerk to circulate.**
- e. *Retirement of PC Bill Hickson in June 2023*: It was noted that PC Bill Hickson will retire next month and that a replacement will be announced shortly.
- f. *YLCA training course programme July – September 2023*: **Clerk to circulate.**

2305/2/14 Items for Information and next Agenda: Councillor McAllister noted that applications from local organisations for grants of up to £3,200 from the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund should be received by 30 May 2023. It was noted that micro-grants (up to £500) are available all year. Information is available at www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/knabs-ridge-wind-farm-community-fund/.

2305/2/15 Date of next meetings: 26 June, 31 July, 25 September, 30 October, 27 November.

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