

Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 25 September 2023 from 7.30pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2309/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, R Ferguson, J Hayes, D Dickinson, J McAllister (part), County Councillor A Murday (part) and the Clerk (M Pearson). Two members of the public attended (part).

2309/2 Apologies: Councillor P Ward due to holiday.

2309/3 Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations: None.

2309/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2023 were approved.

2309/5 Public Statements:

A parishioner asked regarding progress with the roadworks on Menwith Hill Road outside RAF Menwith Hill. It was noted that the delay in reopening the road is due to additional work needing to be done by third parties to move cables and pipes found under the road once it had been opened up. The road may be closed until the end of October 2023.

A parishioner asked whether the "do not cut" signs on the strip of land on Low Green dedicated to wildflowers can be removed, noting that it will need to be cut at least once a year; **Councillor Hayes agreed to discuss with the parishioner who put the signs in place.** The Council agreed to carry out a survey of parishioners via the Focus on Darley village newsletter to gauge opinions on the Low Green wildflower project; **Clerk to action.**

A request was made for a new Darley Memorial Hall / Parking sign at the corner of Main Street / Sheepcote Lane as it is faded; **Clerk to contact North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Highways.**

An invite was made for a representative of the Council to attend the Remembrance Service at Darley Memorial Hall on 12 November 2023. It was agreed that Chairman would attend the service and lay a wreath.

2309/6 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted:

C23/02351/FUL Demolition of existing double garage. General alterations and extensions to bungalow including single storey front extension, new entrance position with porch cover. Single storey side and rear extension. New small garden shed. Driveway within site increased in width by 600mm. Briars Darley APPLICATION PERMITTED

ZC23/02386/TPO Works to 1 no. Oak of Tree Preservation Order No. 05.1970 G2 ... Low Fold Silverdale Close Darley APPLICATION PERMITTED

b. Planning Applications considered:

ZC23/03225/FUL Demolition of existing 2 storey outbuilding (Office/garage/store). Construction of part single storey part 2 storey extension to the west, stair extension to the north and carport Menwith Hill Top Barn Menwith Hill

The Council welcomed the change in materials from the scheme put forward as planning application ZC23/02070/FUL NO OBJECTIONS

ZC23/03363/FUL Proposed first and ground floor infill extension to north and extension to existing store to east elevation to create new entrance porch Oak Barn Stumps Lane Darley NO OBJECTIONS

ZC23/02412/OUT Outline application for the demolition of an existing detached dwelling and separate garage and construction of a new detached dwelling and separate garage with access and layout considered (all other matters reserved). White House Stocks Green Main Street Darley NO OBJECTIONS

c. Planning Enforcement:

- (i) 22/00361/PR15 Doulton Lodge Darley ALLEGED BREACH: Untidy land and engineering operations (16/00062/FUL, 15/03092/AMENDS): It was noted that no further correspondence had been received since County Councillor Murday had asked NYC Planning Enforcement to consider other enforcement options on 1 August 2023. It was agreed that County Councillor Murday should be asked to follow up; **Clerk to action;**
- (ii) 23/00209/BRPC15 Primrose Bungalow Main Street Darley ALLEGED BREACH: Potential breach of dust mitigation and working hours conditions - 20/03435/DVCON Condition 16 and 17 (DISCON 20/03435/DVCON) was noted.

d. Other planning matters:

Information provided by NYC regarding amounts of commuted sums funding currently available, the allocation of funding in connection with the Darley Mill development and the methodology and map used by NYC to allocate funds was noted.

2309/7 County Councillor's Reports: County Councillor Murday reported the following:

Commuted sums: It was noted that Christ Church Community Centre has applied for funding towards the cost of its project to improve accessibility and he believed they had now secured the necessary funding.

Road-sweeping: County Councillor Murday noted that many local roads are in need of sweeping to clear debris from recent spells of heavy rain and agreed to discuss this with NYC Highways.

2309/8 Highways and footpaths

- a. *NYC new speed limit policy for North Yorkshire:* It was noted that NYC intends to implement a new policy on speed limits on both urban and rural roads and will undertake a series of reviews to identify necessary improvements.

- b. *Speed of vehicles on Stumps Lane*: It was noted that concerns had been raised that vehicles were travelling at unsafe speeds, leading to a fear that vehicles may hit homes and buildings aside the road. It was thought the problem had been exacerbated by extra traffic from the road closure on Menwith Hill Road. Clerk confirmed that North Yorkshire Police had advised that a report by made via its "Tell us about a speed concern" website (www.northyorkshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/community-speedwatch/community-speed-watch/tell-us-about-a-speed-concern/) and that if a large number of reports are received it increases the chances of action being taken; **Clerk to circulate details to Councilors.**
- c. *Upgrading two stiles on "Footpath 1", Darley*: It was agreed that the Council should contact the relevant landowners to discuss whether they would be happy to improve accessibility; **Clerk to action.**
- d. *Blocked gullies on the B6451*: It was noted that these have not been cleaned and agreed that County Councillor Murday should be asked to help; **Clerk to action.**
- e. *Blocked culvert and road depression on Menwith Hill Road*: It was noted that further investigation/jetting has not been carried out and agreed that County Councillor Murday should be asked to help; **Clerk to action.**

2309/9 Village Maintenance

- a. *Low Green, Darley*: It was noted that the Parish Caretaker thought additional cutting of the grass (in between NYC cuts) was impractical and that the cost of picking up (and disposing of) grass following each NYC cut would be £220 plus VAT. It was noted that James Spencer (Live Wild and Grow) appeared interested in a larger project covering all of the areas for which the Council arranges grass-cutting. Noting that the contract for Parish Caretaker is to be renewed from 1 April 2024, it was agreed that the tender should include an option regarding picking up Low Green grass-cuttings and that Live Wild and Grow should be invited to tender; **Clerk to action.**
- b. *Wooden bus shelter on Low Green*: It was agreed that the shelter should be redecorated and that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to quote for this; **Clerk to action.** The kind offer of a parishioner to carry out the work was noted but it was agreed that, due to insurance considerations, the Council could not accept the offer; **Councillor Robertshaw to action.**
- c. *Replacement grit containers for Low Green, Darley and Valley Road, Darley*: It was agreed that new containers should be purchased and installed; **Clerk to action.**

2309/10 Reports:

- a. *Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group (NSNG)*: It was noted that NSNG has now folded. The Council agreed that Councillor Robertshaw would attend new Safer Nidderdale meetings to be run by Nidderdale Plus; **Clerk to confirm with Nidderdale Plus.**
- b. *Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) Harrogate Branch meeting, 16 October 2023*: Noting that many people are struggling to find appropriate contacts within the new NYC organisation, it was agreed that the Council would put this forward as an issue for discussion at the meeting; **Clerk to action.**
- c. *Remembrance Day Parade and Service, Pateley Bridge, 11 November 2023*: It was agreed that Chairman would attend and lay a wreath; **Clerk to confirm with Bewerley Parish Council.**
- d. *Attendance of PC Mike Spittlehouse at a future Council meeting*: The Council welcomed the offer and suggested that PC Spittlehouse is asked to attend the Council meeting on 30 October 2023, and that this meeting should start at 7.15pm to accommodate a talk and questions; **Clerk to action.**
- e. It was noted that Darley in Bloom will hold an antiques evening at Darley Memorial Hall on 2 November 2023.

2309/11 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted*: Receipts: None. Payments: Eon Next Christmas lights (August) £5, Glasdon UK Limited - Bench for corner of Crake Lane / B6451 £600.04, Eon Next Christmas lights (September) £25.38, Vision ICT - Web-hosting services to October 2024 £290.26, M Pearson Clerk salary to 30 September 2023 £916.56, M Pearson Clerk allowances and expenses to 30 September 2023 £101.97, Focus on Darley - Grant towards printing costs 2023/24 £300.
- b. The budget for September 2023 was approved.
- c. The renewal of the contract with Vision ICT for web-hosting services to October 2024 at a cost of £241.88+VAT was approved; **Clerk to action.**
- d. The purchase of two Remembrance wreaths from the Royal British Legion at an expected cost of £20 each was approved; **Clerk to action.**
- e. The purchase of replacement defibrillator pads for the device at Hookstone Memorial Hall, Thornthwaite, at an expected cost in the region of £45 plus VAT was approved; **Clerk to action.**
- f. The purchase of replacement grit containers for Low Green and Valley Road at an expected cost in the region of £110+VAT each was approved; **Clerk to action.**

2309/12 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (NYPFCC) - Commissioner announces NEW funding to help prevent and tackle serious violence in York and North Yorkshire*: **Clerk to circulate.**
- b. *Nidderdale Plus - New Nidderdale Plus Community Fund for local not-for-profit organisations*: **Clerk to circulate.**
- c. *YLCA: Training Programme October – December 2023*: **Clerk to circulate.**
- d. *NYPFCC - Chief Constable Lisa Winward Announces Forthcoming Retirement*; **Clerk to circulate.**

2309/13 Items for Information and next Agenda: None.

2309/14 Date of next meetings: 30 October (7.15pm earlier start time), 27 November, 29 January 2024, 26 February 2024, 25 March 2024, 29 April 2024, 20 May 2024.

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