

## Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 24 February 2025 from 7.30pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

**2502/1 Present:** Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, J Hayes, R Ferguson, D Dickinson, J McAllister, P Ward, County Councillor A Murday (part) and Clerk (M Pearson). No members of the public attended.

**2502/2 Apologies:** None

**2502/3 Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** Councillor McAllister declared an interest in planning application ZC24/03603/FUL as a neighbour to the site and took no part in the vote.

**2502/4 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2025 were approved.

**2502/5 Public Statements:** None.

### **2501/6 Planning**

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

ZC24/04173/FUL Erection of lean to side extension to Garage. Erection of new external stone skin to be built around the outside of the existing man made stonework. Addition of solar panels to garage and alterations to fenestration  
Milner Mount Farm Darley Carr Darley APPLICATION PERMITTED

ZC24/04265/TPO Felling of 1no Maple tree under Tree Preservation Order 70/00005 White House Stocks Green Main Street Darley APPLICATION PERMITTED

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

ZC24/03603/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling to be replaced by a self build single dwelling – AMENDED DETAILS  
Highfold Cottage Darley NO OBJECTIONS

ZC24/03651/DVCMJ Revised Section 73 application for changes to the new build dwellings featuring solar panels or air source heat pumps with enlarged accommodation providing additional bedrooms to those permitted as part of planning permission 20/05216/FULMAJ for the 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 through the variation of condition 2. Darley Mill Darley Carr Darley NO OBJECTIONS

The Council noted that the planning application includes a draft deed of variation which is intended to change the Section 106 commuted sums contributions associated with the development. It was agreed that North Yorkshire Council (NYC) should be asked whether it is possible for the community to help decide how best to allocate the money and that NYC should be asked to provide details of the revised allocation to the Council once made; **Clerk to action.**

**c. Planning Enforcement:** It was noted that NYC Planning Enforcement believed that they cannot take action in respect of planning enforcement 22/00361/PR15 Doulton Lodge Darley ALLEGED BREACH: *Untidy land and engineering operations (16/00062/FUL, 15/03092/AMENDS)* as the original planning approval still stands and has lawfully commenced. NYC Planning Enforcement noted that a number of incomplete planning applications have subsequently been received in relation to the property.

It was also noted that the site owner had copied correspondence with NYC to the Council confirming that he believes a complete planning application has now been submitted.

**d. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan:** It was noted that there have been no further updates from NYC since the last meeting and that there have been no additions to the map showing sites submitted following NYC's Call for Sites.

#### **e. Other planning matters:**

(i) *Empty property, Silverdale Close:* It was noted that NYC Planning Enforcement has looked at this property a number of times and does not believe that there is anything that can be done from a planning perspective to bring it back into use. NYC Private Housing Standards has acknowledged receipt of the request but has not responded as yet.

(ii) *Community-Led Housing Schemes in Nidderdale:* Councillor Welch attended a meeting on 13 February 2025 to receive information on how development of affordable housing in Nidderdale might be possible utilising NYC and Central Government funding. It was agreed that Sarah Hart, of Community First Yorkshire, should be invited to attend the next Council meeting to provide details; **Clerk to invite Ms Hart and add to next agenda.**

**2502/7 County Councillor's report:** County Councillor Murday noted the following:

NYC public lavatory policy consultation: NYC has drawn up a draft policy document for management of the public lavatories under the auspices of the authority. This has been circulated to parish clerks.

NYC budget for 2025/26: The budget setting meeting was held recently. The locality budget is to be cut from £10,000 to £5,000 for each division. The council tax rate is to rise by 4.99%. Various departmental budgets have been asked to make savings.

Average and fixed speed cameras: Some fifty parish councils have officially signed up as signatories for the campaign "Average and Fixed Speed Cameras – North Yorkshire". County Councillor Murday asked whether this is something that the Council would like to consider supporting.

Home to School Transport policy: It is not clear whether the change of policy will lead to a saving and it may increase the number of car journeys (i.e. if transport is no longer provided to the school a child attends under the new policy).

## **2502/8 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE): North Yorkshire Boundary Review**

It was noted that NYC had replied to the Council regarding the process it undertook to put forward its response to the North Yorkshire Boundary Review consultation. NYC believes it has acted appropriately in relation to its role in the process and followed normal practice for a boundary review. The Council thanked NYC for its response.

It was also noted that of the eleven parish councils contacted in January 2025 regarding a possible joint response to the next consultation (on the LGBCE proposal), three had responded in a substantive way:

- Dacre Parish Council agreed to consider a joint submission depending on the proposal put forward by LGBCE;
- Bewerley Parish Council and Pateley Bridge Town Council prefer that each parish council submits its own response but with information shared in order that these are the strongest possible. They also suggest encouraging parishioners to participate in the consultation process.

It was agreed that the Council would formulate a response at the appropriate time and share with other Councils.

## **2502/9 Highways and footpaths: Call held with NYC Highways on 7 February 2025:** The following was noted:

- *Hardgroves Hill:* Darren Griffiths, NYC Senior Engineer, Traffic Engineering, has been asked to look at whether anything can be done to improve safety on this stretch of the B6451;
- *30mph B6451 Darley Beck to Wellington Inn:* Clerk requested Darren Griffiths to look at this possible speed restriction at the same time if it falls within his area of expertise;
- *Stumps Lane development:* It was noted that the boulders on the verge outside the new development have been removed and that the roadside verge above the development has recovered;
- the next call is scheduled for 5 March 2025.

**2502/10 Village Maintenance:** It was noted that the Parish Caretaker has been asked to look at a broken drainage pipe at Fringill and provide an idea of cost to replace and fix it. It was noted that a parishioner had reported that the pavement outside a property opposite Low Green, Darley, was obstructed by overgrown foliage; **Clerk to investigate.**

## **2502/11 Reports:**

- Invitation to Nidderdale Museum 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 14 March 2025:* It was agreed that any Councillors interested in attending should notify Clerk no later than 28 February 2025.
- Invitation to RAF Menwith Hill Spring Reception, 13 March 2025:* It was agreed that any Councillors interested in attending should notify Clerk no later than 28 February 2025.
- Digital Switchover - BT and Nidderdale Plus Digital Champion drop-in session:* It was noted that there will be an event 10am – 4pm on 19 March 2025 at Summerbridge Methodist Church, Summerbridge, and that all are welcome.
- Darley Playing Fields Association (DPFA):* It was noted that DPFA is currently considering how best to manage the operation of the barrier at the playing fields. DPFA intends to buy a four-seater see-saw for the playground.
- Darley in Bloom events:* It was noted that there will be a Darley in Bloom Gardeners' Question Time event at Darley Memorial Hall on 28 March 2025 (7-10pm) and that the Darley Open Gardens is planned for 29 June 2025.

## **2502/12 Finance**

- Receipts and Payments noted:* Receipts: None. Payments: Eon Next cmas lights (February 2025) £17.76, Pura Technologies - Cardiaid service contract to February 2027 £370.80.
- The budget for February 2025 was noted. It was agreed that the budget for special projects should be reviewed in light of the approaching year end (31 March 2025); **Clerk to action.**
- It was agreed that Ms June Dowson should be appointed as Internal Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2025.

## **2502/13 Correspondence received by the Clerk:**

- North Yorkshire Council - Garden Waste Licences for 2025:* It was noted that these are now available at a cost of £49 for the year ([www.northyorks.gov.uk/garden-waste](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/garden-waste)).
- Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Training opportunities April – September 2025;* **Clerk to circulate.**
- North Yorkshire Council - Sports Facilities Research:* It was noted that a third party is conducting analysis on sports facilities within the county and noted that Darley Playing Fields Association and Darley Cricket Club have been made aware of the survey. It was agreed that Christ Church Community Centre, Darley Memorial Hall, Hookstone Memorial Hall, and Nidd Valley Physio would also be made aware of the survey; **Clerk to action.**
- North Yorkshire Council – Request for feedback on winter maintenance to 5 March 2025;* **Clerk to circulate.**

**2502/14 Items for Information and next Agenda:** It was agreed that a discussion regarding speeding-related matters (e.g. the speed camera campaign, vehicle activated signs and speed limits) should be held at a future meeting; **Clerk to add to future agenda.**

**2502/15 Date of next meetings:** 31 March (please note change of date), 28 April, 19 May, 23 June, 28 July (provisional).

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