

Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 31 March 2025 from 7.30pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2503/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), D Dickinson, P Ward, J McAllister, R Ferguson, A Robertshaw, County Councillor A Murday (part), Sarah Hart (Nidderdale Community Led Housing Officer) (part) and Clerk (M Pearson). Three members of the public attended (part).

2503/2 Apologies: Councillor J Hayes due to a prior engagement.

2503/3 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.

2503/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2025 were approved.

2503/5 Community-Led Housing Schemes in Nidderdale: Sarah Hart, Nidderdale Community Led Housing Officer, gave a presentation explaining how community-led housing projects can be run and funded and giving some background on current opportunities being explored in Nidderdale. A number of useful resources relating to community-led housing were provided; **Clerk to circulate to Councillors.**

2503/6 Public Statements: Three parishioners spoke to highlight a problem with cars parked opposite the entrance to Nidderdale Hill View, Darley: vehicles parking opposite the junction make it difficult to exit Nidderdale Hill View safely and increase the chances of an accident. County Councillor Murday agreed to discuss the matter with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Highways. The Council agreed it would write to residents living around Stocks Green, Darley, asking them not to park directly opposite the junction; **Clerk to action.**

2503/7 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted:

ZC25/00028/FUL Proposed single storey side and rear extension with raised patio and attached lean-to timber frame store side extension. Alterations to fenestration and erection of boundary fence. Greenlea 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

ZC25/00696/FUL Alterations and extensions to garage including addition of solar panels (REVISED SCHEME) Milner Mount Farm Darley Carr Darley

NO OBJECTIONS

c. Planning Enforcement: 24/00241/PR15 1 Dales View Darley **ALLEGED BREACH: Erection of fence:** It was noted that NYC Planning Enforcement confirmed on 14 March 2025 that they are aware that the fence at the front of the property has been removed and are reviewing the position regarding the fence at the side of the property.

d. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan: It was noted that NYC intends to publish an 'Issues and Options' document seeking views on the new local plan for North Yorkshire and the priorities and issues it can help to address in May 2025. It was noted that there have been no additions to the map showing sites submitted following NYC's Call for Sites (available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning-policy/north-yorkshire-local-plan) in Darley and Menwith Parish.

e. Other planning matters:

- (i) *Empty property, Silverdale Close:* It was noted that NYC Private Housing Standards is yet to respond.
- (ii) *Planning application ZC25/00847/TPO Felling of 1no Sycamore tree (T1) under Tree Preservation Order 05/1970 G23 1 Pine View Darley:* It was noted that a response was submitted by Clerk on 18 March 2025 in line with delegated authority (i.e. the Council neither supports or objects to the application but recommends that the advice of the NYC Arboricultural specialist is followed).
- (iii) *Commuted sums allocation, Darley Mill development:* It was noted that the revised Section 106 agreement figures for planning application ZC24/03651/DVCMAJ were included in the deed of variation and that the recent changes to the proposed scheme result in an increase of £6,258 in commuted sums funding to £57,216. It was noted that there is no opportunity to revisit the allocation of the funding to community resources made by NYC.

2503/8 County Councillor's report: County Councillor Murday noted the following:

Repair of road signs with Darley and Menwith Parish: Following recent discussions with the team responsible for repairing street signs, broken signs at Daleside Park and Low Lane should now be fixed as a priority.

B6451/Menwith Hill Road speed limit changes: A Road Traffic Order to implement a 40mph speed limit on some of the roads around RAF Menwith Hill has been published in draft, with an opportunity to object until 10 April 2025.

Fixed speed cameras in North Yorkshire: A campaign calling for fixed speed cameras in North Yorkshire has the support of over 50 local councils.

Affordable housing: Anyone on the waiting list for affordable housing in the former Harrogate Borough Council area may need to reapply to NYC (www.northyorks.gov.uk/housing-and-homelessness/finding-home/finding-home-harrogate/apply-affordable-homes-harrogate-area).

2503/9 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE): North Yorkshire Boundary Review

It was noted that LGBCE intends to consult on its proposal for North Yorkshire between 1 April 2025 and 9 June 2025 but that the proposal had not been published as of 31 March 2025.

It was noted that three further responses from parish councils had been received:

- Bewerley Parish Council prefers that each parish council submits its own response but with information shared in order that these are the strongest possible;
- Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council will wait to see the LGBCE proposal before considering how best to respond; and
- Birstwith Parish Council is not in favour of a joint parish council submission at this stage.

2503/10 Candidates for election to join the Nidderdale National Landscape Joint Advisory Committee: The Council agreed to vote for Jackie Kerr for parish council representative; **Clerk to notify Nidderdale National Landscape.**

2503/11 Highways and footpaths:

- a. *Traffic Regulation Order: Menwith Hill Road and B6451, Menwith Hill - 40 mph Speed Limit:* The order and the opportunity to object until 10 April 2025 was noted.
- b. *Call held with NYC Highways in March 2025:* It was noted that, due to illness and holidays, a call was not held in March 2025 but that it was hoped that one would be held in early April 2025.
- c. It was noted that the road surface near the Holme, Darley, had been repaired in places but that some potholes remained.
- d. It was noted that posts have been erected outside the new development on Stumps Lane, Darley.
- e. It was reported that a number of verges have been damaged as a result of vehicles being parked on them and agreed that in the next Focus on Darley newsletter the Council would ask that parishioners generally park considerately and with care; **Clerk to action.**

2503/12 Village Maintenance: None.

2503/13 Reports:

- a. *Darley and Menwith Parish Assembly 2025:* It was noted that the Parish Assembly will be held in the main hall at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley, from 8pm on Monday 28 April 2025, with an ordinary meeting of the Council being held from 7pm in the meeting room.
- b. *Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Harrogate Branch meeting, 9 June 2025:* It was noted that Councillor Ferguson is unable to attend and agreed that Clerk would attend in his place.

2503/14 Finance

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted:* Receipts: None. Payments: M Pearson - Clerk salary to 31 March 2025 £1,085.19, TP Jones & Co LLP - Payroll services year to 31 March 2025 £85.92, Dacre Parish Council - Share of Clerk training costs £17.55, M Pearson - Clerk allowances and expenses to 31 March 2025 £104.97, Eon Next - Cmas lights March 2025 £17.76, Darley Memorial Hall CIO - Hire of meeting room to March 2025 £120.
- b. The budget for March 2025 was noted.
- c. *Expected results for the year ending 31 March 2025:* It was noted that the expected result is a surplus of approximately £2,050, with reserves carried forward of approximately £27,400.

2503/15 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *North Yorkshire Council - Changes to Bin Collection Days in the Harrogate Area:* It was noted that NYC is planning to move to collections on Tuesday – Friday only from 21 April 2025 and that parishioners should be notified of any changes prior to this by letter and text.

2503/16 Items for Information and next Agenda: None.

2503/17 Date of next meetings: 28 April (7pm followed by the Parish Assembly 2025 from 8pm), 19 May, 23 June, 28 July (provisional).

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