

Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 28 April 2025 from 7pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2504/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, J Hayes, R Ferguson, D Dickinson, J McAllister, County Councillor A Murday (part) and Clerk (M Pearson). No members of the public attended.

2504/2 Apologies: Councillor P Ward due to holiday.

2504/3 Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations: None.

2504/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2025 were approved.

2504/5 Public Statements: None.

2504/6 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted: None.

b. Planning Applications considered:

ZC25/00934/FUL Demolition of 2 no. existing stone/uPVC extensions. Addition of 3no replacement extensions including raised terrace. Construction of dormers, timber pergola and porch. Alterations to fenestration and replacement of solar panels. Greenbanks Station Road Darley NO OBJECTIONS

ZC25/00991/FUL Proposed demolition of workshop and associated building and erection of 1 no. dwelling, conversion and extension of existing barn to form 1 no. dwelling, change of use of holiday accommodation to form 1 no. dwelling; extensions and alterations to the existing farmhouse and the wider development of the site to provide parking and landscaping including change of use of adjoining agricultural land. Holly House Farm Darley

The Council agreed that it should ask for the materials used to be sympathetic to the existing buildings and surrounding area throughout and for new rooflights to be "conservation-style" rooflights but had NO OBJECTIONS to the planning application. NO OBJECTIONS

c. Other planning matters: *Empty property, Silverdale Close:* It was noted that the North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Private Housing Standards team visited on 17 April 2025 and is of the view that, although incomplete, the property is free from vermin and appears to be structurally safe. It intends to contact the owner to outline concerns over the empty property but is of the view that there is no breach of legislation at present. It is not intending to take any further action at this stage.

2504/7 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE): North Yorkshire Boundary Review

It was noted that LGBCE has published a proposal for North Yorkshire and is now consulting to 9 June 2025. It was noted that, in respect of changes to the existing Pateley Bridge & Nidderdale division of NYC, the proposal includes:

- the addition of three parishes (Hartwith cum Winsley, Bishop Thornton, Shaw Mills & Warsill, and Clint cum Hamlets); and

- the removal of two parishes (Thornthwaite with Padside and Thruscross). These are to join the Wharfedale division.

It was agreed that the Council would consider a response to the consultation at its next meeting (19 May 2025); **Clerk to add to next agenda.**

2504/8 Highways and footpaths: No urgent issues were reported.

2504/9 Village Maintenance: No urgent issues were reported.

2504/10 Reports:

a. Nidderdale Strategic Partnership relaunch: It was noted that Helen Flynn, Chief Executive Officer of Nidderdale Plus, had contacted the Council to confirm that there is a proposal to relaunch the Nidderdale Strategic Partnership (NSP) group with a meeting arranged for 20 May 2025 (10am-1pm, venue to be confirmed) to discuss how it may operate. It was agreed that Councillor Welch should attend the meeting on behalf of the Council; **Councillor Welch to attend.** It was noted that, following the NSP meeting (2-4pm), there will also be a Nidderdale Business Forum meeting to discuss re-forming the Nidderdale Chamber of Trade.

b. No other meetings or events were discussed.

2504/11 Finance

a. Receipts and Payments noted: Receipts: Deposit account interest to 31 March 2025 £65.26, HMRC VAT repayment to 31 March 2025 £1,375.59. Payments: Eon Next - Cmas lights April 2025 £17.76, Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) subscription to 31 March 2026 £468.

b. The budget for April 2025 was noted. It was clarified that the budget item for "Special projects" currently includes an amount of £800 previously agreed to cover the cost of starting the pollinator project on Stocks Green, Darley, and a balance (£2,100) to cover projects which may be identified during the financial year.

c. It was agreed that membership of the YLCA for the year to 31 March 2026 should be renewed at a cost of £468.

d. It was agreed that a printed copy of the Darley and Menwith 2024/25 "A year in the life of our community" report should be included in the June/July *Focus on Darley* village newsletter at an expected cost in the region of £80;

Clerk to action.

2504/12 Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *Campaign for the Protection of Rural England North and East Yorkshire*: It was noted that the organisation has asked the Council for help to recruit new trustees. The Council agreed that information regarding recruitment should be added to the Council website; **Clerk to action.**
- b. *Nidderdale Plus – Citizen’s Advice service*: It was noted that Citizen’s Advice has been providing three free appointments at Nidderdale Plus Community Hub in Pateley Bridge once a month for several years but that the service is now potentially under threat. The Council agreed to help promote awareness of the service through its website and on its noticeboards; **Clerk to action.**

2504/13 Items for Information and next Agenda: None.

2504/14 Date of next meetings: 19 May, 23 June, 28 July (provisional), 22 September (provisional), 27 October (provisional).

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