

**Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on  
30 September 2019 from 7.30pm in Darley Memorial Hall**

**1909/2/1 Present** Cllrs S Welch, D McQueen, E Butler, A Robertshaw, J McAllister, County Cllr S Lumley (part), Borough Cllr T Watson (part) and the Clerk M Pearson. One member of the public attended.

**1909/2/2 Apologies** N Nicholas due to visiting family; D Dickinson due to work commitments.

**1909/2/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.

**1909/2/4 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2019 were approved. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September were approved with one change – Cllr Robertshaw's apologies were due to visiting family.

**1909/2/5 Public Statements:** None.

**1909/2/6 Planning**

**a. Planning Decisions noted:**

19/03073/TPO Felling of 1 Sycamore tree within G4 of Tree Preservation Order 05/1970. Laburnum House Farm Darley  
APPROVED

19/02802/FUL Erection of two storey and first first floor extensions including dormer windows. Erection of single storey/link extension, installation of rooflight and alterations to fenestration. Conversion of out building to additional living accommodation. Claremont Darley Head Darley  
APPROVED

18/05181/OUTMAJ Outline Application for the erection of upto 60 dwellings with access considered Land Comprising OS Field 2843 Walker Lane Darley  
REFUSED

19/01989/FULMAJ Erection of 29no. dwellings with associated parking, landscape and access (revised scheme). Land Comprising Field At 420416 459403 Sheepecote Lane Darley  
REFUSED

The Clerk reported that he had spoken at the HBC Planning Committee Meeting, along with members of Darley Action Group Against Major Development, concerning the latter two applications. The Case Officer had recommended refusal and this was unanimously agreed by the members. The main reasons for refusal were that the proposed sites both lie beyond the existing and proposed development limit for Darley and that the environmental harm to the landscape of the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty caused by these major developments would outweigh the potential social benefits of housing provision.

**b. Planning Applications considered:**

19/04027/FUL Demolition of garage and erection of replacement garage. Walker House Main Street Darley  
NO OBJECTIONS

19/04052/DVCON Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for repositioning of houses of planning permission 18/04355/RG3 - Demolition of garages and erection of three dwellings with associated parking (revised scheme). Garage Blocks Valley Road Darley  
NO OBJECTIONS

**c. Planning Enforcement:**

19/00518/BRPC15 Heck Gill Manor Heck Gill Lane Darley ALLEGED BREACH: Non matching windows in extension (15/04484/FUL) was noted.

19/00515/PR01 Land Comprising Field South Of White House Main Street Darley ALLEGED BREACH: Felling of protected tree in neighbouring garden by developer (17/02008/FULMAJ) was noted. The Planning Enforcement Officer later confirmed no breach of planning had occurred: the tree had been cut in accordance with the approved planning application and following advice of the Harrogate Borough Council arboriculturalist.

19/00468/BRPC15 Silverdale Farm Silverdale Close Darley ALLEGED BREACH: Height of new dwelling (16/05471/FUL; 19/01437/DVCON): The Planning Enforcement Officer confirmed that from measurements taken to date, no breach of planning had occurred.

19/00545/BRPC15 Land Comprising Field At 421065 459328 Stumps Lane Darley ALLEGED BREACH: 1. Raising land levels - possible drainage issues; 2. Non-provision of drystone wall (16/01705/FULMAJ) was noted.

### **1909/2/7 County and Borough Councillors' Reports:**

County Cllr Lumley confirmed the refurbishment of County Hall, Northallerton is under way, with a number of obsolete buildings being demolished. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2020.

County Cllr Lumley has chaired a number of meetings looking at road safety, engaging with North Yorkshire Police, the "20's Plenty" and "95 Alive" groups to help formulate North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) policy in this area. He has also chaired a meeting considering climate change and in particular how NYCC policy should be adapted to make climate impact a consideration in decision-making.

The UCI World Championships cycling event has recently finished. Hosting a successful international event of this stature should provide significant value to the area and in particular the hospitality sector, although it is appreciated that not all businesses have benefited. NYCC has employed an independent company to assess the economic impact of the event and the findings should be available before the end of the calendar year.

A further £15.1m contract has been awarded to improve digital infrastructure in the county. The project will see 180km of new fibre laid to 370 public sector sites, including council offices, schools and health authorities' buildings, across 16 North Yorkshire town areas, with benefits likely to include reduced travel through online meetings and online consultations and increased sharing of education resources.

Information will be available on the proposed new route for the A59 at Kex Gill at Skipton Town Hall (1.30pm – 7pm, 1 October), Humberstone Bank Farm, West End (1pm – 7pm, 2 October) and The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate (1pm – 7pm, 3 October). County Cllr Lumley confirmed that the proposed route has been carefully chosen to avoid protected marshland and taking into account the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Site of Special Scientific Interest requirements.

Borough Cllr Watson confirmed that figures supplied to the Harrogate Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee by North Yorkshire Police have confirmed a significant increase in violent and sexual offences relative to 2018, whilst thefts of vehicles and bicycles and burglaries are down.

It is appreciated that there are still some issues with the waste & recycling collections – anyone experiencing problems should contact Borough Cllr Watson.

Changes are being considered to the process by which bus service providers obtain permission to reduce service levels. To encourage greater scrutiny, consultation is being considered (including with Parish Councils).

### **1909/2/8 Updates for information**

- a. *Request from Yorkshire Water for Double Yellow Lines, Opposite Nidd Lane, Main Street, Darley:* Clerk confirmed that Yorkshire Water had been notified of the decision of the Parish Council. This had led to a request to move a section of wall erected as part of the adjacent development.

The Parish Council agreed that Yorkshire Water should be referred to the landowner on this matter; **Clerk to action.**

- b. *Planned closure of Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks:* Cllr McAllister and Clerk attended the Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group meeting on 4 September. Two doctors and the Practice Manager of Nidderdale Group Practice attended to answer questions relating to the planned closure and provide background on the process to date. This included confirmation that the planned changes are driven by a need to improve efficiency (rather than financial motives), that there is no intention to reduce the opening hours or number of appointments available and that vulnerable patients will receive the care they need (via home visits if necessary). The Nidderdale Group Practice is not in favour of allowing a takeover of the Grange Medical Centre

by another provider (e.g. a national umbrella organisation) as they do not see this as being in the best interest of patients. There are no plans to help with improving patient transport to the other surgeries (other than seeking volunteer drivers).

Borough Cllr Watson confirmed that feedback he had received from electors was wholly against the change and that there was a concern that the change would lead to serious parking issues in Birstwith (on the road outside the surgery). A leaflet has been circulated to Nidderdale residents including a petition against the closure.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation, with Cllrs Nicholas and Butler to work with Dacre Parish Council and Harwith cum Winsley Parish Council.

#### **1909/2/9 Highways**

- a. Clerk confirmed that blocked ditches at the East end of Main Street had been reported. Following inspection these have been flagged for clearing by North Yorkshire County Council.
- b. Please see 1909/2/7 above regarding the Kex Gill information events.
- c. It was noted that the Parish Council has continued to request confirmation of when the resurfacing of Main Street, Darley will take place; **Clerk to update at next meeting.**

#### **1909/2/10 Footpaths**

- a. A report has been received regarding overhanging shrubbery on the footpath on Main Street near Silverdale Close; **Clerk to investigate.**
- b. No other footpaths issues were reported.

#### **1909/2/11 Village Maintenance**

- a. A request to cut back trees obscuring the view from the junction of Low Lane and B6451 was approved; **Borough Cllr Watson to discuss with the landowner.**
- b. No other essential village maintenance needs were reported.

#### **1909/2/12 Reports / Meetings / Events**

- a. *Cake and a Cuppa 1 August*: Cllr Welch confirmed that this was a very successful event with over 100 people attending and a number of new volunteers helping run the event. Money was raised for the Riding for the Disabled Association and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Given the success, it is likely to be an annual event.
- b. *Darley Playing Fields Association AGM 5 August*: Cllr McQueen confirmed that Andy Makin has replaced Andy Johnston as chairman of the association. A number of successful training camps were held for children this summer and this is hoped to encourage participation in league football teams within Nidderdale. Obtaining assistance with the cost of maintaining the playground had been discussed and an approach to Darley and Menwith Parish Council for an ongoing grant may be made.
- c. Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group 4 September: Cllr McAllister confirmed that in addition to the Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks, the Nidderdale Health and Wellbeing Fair in Pateley Bridge (12 October, 10am-12pm), parking problems in Dacre Banks and the latest Nidderdale Crime statistics were also discussed.  
In order to help reduce fraud, it is recommended that when paying over the telephone for goods and services, a credit card is used in preference to a debit card. Credit cards typically provide more protection for consumers.
- d. Menwith Hill Clerks Briefing 10 September: Clerk confirmed that in addition to a tour of the base and a radome, a briefing was given for clerks from nearby parishes and towns. It is likely that a planning application will be submitted in the next few years for a reconfiguration of the front gate to the base to improve security.
- e. The upcoming Darley Memorial Hall AGM (15 October, 7.30pm) was noted. It was agreed that Cllr Welch would attend in place of Cllr Nicholas.
- f. Chairman and Clerk will attend Harrogate Borough Council Parish Briefings on 1 October and 2 October respectively.

#### **1909/2/13 Finance**

- a. Receipts and Payments noted: Receipts: £7,125 Harrogate Borough Council Precept pt 2; Payments: £5 npower – electricity for Christmas Lights (August); £237.38 Clerk Salary August; £270 Vision ICT – Website hosting to October 2020; £345.28 Clerk Salary September; £96.66 Clerk Allowances, admin and travel; £5 npower – electricity for Christmas Lights (September); £27 TP Jones – Payroll services to September 2019.

- b. The budget to September 2019 was approved.
- c. It was agreed that a wreath would be purchased for the Remembrance Day Parade at Pateley Bridge on 11 November 2019 (£20) and that Cllr Welch and Clerk would attend. In connection with setting the budget in November for 2020/21, it was agreed that information would not be specifically sought from local organisations regarding grants for possible projects.

**1909/2/14 Community Resilience Plan:** It was agreed that the plan created in 2013 should be reviewed and updated. It was agreed that appropriate paid additional hours be available to the Clerk for this project. **Clerk to progress with Cllr Welch and Cllr Butler.**

**1909/2/15 Review of Parish Council policies:** The following policies were agreed and adopted:

- Security Incident Policy; and
- Email Policy; **Clerk to publish final revised policies on the Parish Council website.**

**1909/2/16 Correspondence received by the Clerk**

- a. *Yorkshire Local Councils Association:* A consultation of proposed reforms to permitted development rights to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage was noted. The proposed changes are focused on allowing equipment and masts to be built under permitted development rules and in some cases without prior notification to the planning authority; **Clerk to circulate link to consultation to Councillors.**
- b. *Harrogate Borough Council:* It was noted that a submission has been made of the Harrogate Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government as a step in implementing the Levy. The first developments subject to the regime are likely to be those constructed in mid-to-late 2020; **Clerk to circulate FAQ document to Councillors.**
- c. *D. Rayner:* Mr Rayner requested information regarding possible locations for textile recycling banks for the charity Scope. It was agreed that local organisations with buildings may be better placed to assist: **Clerk to forward request to local organisation contacts.**
- d. *National Association of Local Councils:* A Policy Consultation Independent Review Into Local Government Audit was noted; **Clerk to circulate a link to the consultation to Councillors.**

**1909/2/17 Minor Items for Information and next Agenda:**

- i. An update from the Darley and Menwith Safe Speed working group will be given in October. This is expected to include results of speed surveys carried out in Darley in September (Cllr Robertshaw).
- ii. Update re possible village celebrations re VE Day will be given in November, as village meeting has been organised for 7 November to discuss (Cllr Nicholas).

**1909/2/18 Circulation papers:** YLCA White Rose Updates for August and September 2019 were circulated.

**1909/2/19 Date of next meetings:** 28 October; 25 November; 27 January, 24 February.

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