

## Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 January 2020 from 7.30pm in Darley Memorial Hall

**2001/2/1 Present** Cllrs S Welch (Chairman), E Butler, J McAllister, N Nicholas, D Dickinson, A Robertshaw, Borough Cllr Tom Watson (part) and the Clerk M Pearson. No members of the public attended.

**2001/2/2 Apologies:** Cllr D McQueen due to work commitments; County Cllr S Lumley.

**2001/2/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.

**2001/2/4 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2020 were approved.

**2001/2/5 Public Statements:** None.

### **2001/2/6 Planning**

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

19/04748/FUL Erection of stables, store and tack room. Stocks Green Barn Main Street Darley.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

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

19/05292/FUL Demolition of workshop and erection of 1 no. two storey extension and installation of access ramp; extension to garage to form carport with alteration to fenestration and installation of electric vehicle charging point. The Barn, Crake Lane, Darley.

NO OBJECTIONS

#### **c. Planning Appeals:** None.

#### **d. Planning Enforcement:**

17/02008/FULMAJ *Land Comprising Field South Of White House Main Street Darley:* A parishioner has raised concerns that the drainage tanks installed on the site may have been damaged during construction of the houses and has asked the Planning Enforcement Officer to check.

#### **e. Planning update:**

18/00661/FULMAJ *Conversion and extension of Mill Building to form 9 Residential Units, erection of storage building/car port, 4 dwellings, detached garage and other external works including car parking (Revised scheme).* *Darley Mill Darley:* Discussions are understood to be ongoing between the developer and Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) Planning regarding elements of conservation but work on the project is expected to start in the near future.

19/00180/FUL *Erection of single and two storey extensions, alterations to fenestration and demolition of conservatory and existing extensions. (Revised Scheme).* *Sheepcote Cottage Sheepcote Lane Darley:* A parishioner has raised concerns that vehicles associated with the development are obstructing the highway and damaging the verges around the site; **Clerk to notify North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Highways.**

### **2001/2/7 County and Borough Councillors' Reports:**

Borough Cllr Watson confirmed that HBC is in the process of agreeing its draft budget for the next financial year (1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021). It is expected that spending will need to decrease relative to the current year. Since 2010 HBC has lost access to approximately £8m of Central Government grants. It has been announced that the New Homes Bonus grant will be phased out by the financial year 2023/24.

HBC Overview and Scrutiny Commission is reviewing bus service provision within the district. Following a recent meeting, ideas from other Yorkshire districts regarding best practice are being considered.

HBC is part of the Harrogate Street Aid partnership, an initiative to raise money to help people sleeping rough on the streets of Harrogate. Donations can be made in Marks & Spencer, Oxford Street, Harrogate or online at [www.harrogatestreetaid.co.uk](http://www.harrogatestreetaid.co.uk). Over £2,000 of donations have been collected since October.

The lighting column on Main Street opposite Walker Lane is to be replaced by the end of January.

### **2001/2/8 Updates for information**

- a. *VE Day 75 Celebration, 8 May 2020:* Cllr Nicholas updated that a steering committee meeting has been held to help plan the event. The event, to be held on Darley Playing Fields from 1.30pm to 7.15pm, will have space for those attending to set up picnics, as well as an area for children's games. It will have 1940's themed live entertainment and organised games throughout the event.

It is hoped that a member of the armed services (US or UK) might be present to read the formal Cry For Peace at 7pm. It was agreed that invites be sent from the Council to RAF Menwith Hill, Army Apprentice College and Royal British Legion; **Chairman and Clerk to action.**

Anyone wishing to join the committee or who can help with items required for the day (including marquees, sound and stage equipment and/or sponsorship) please contact Cllr Nicholas (01423 781 387 or by email: [nn520712@googlemail.com](mailto:nn520712@googlemail.com)).

- b. *Planned closure of the Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks:* Dacre Parish Council has become aware that the closure of the Grange Medical Centre as a doctor's surgery may now have been brought forward to Spring 2020 (it may remain as a dispensary only). The resident dentist may also not be able to remain in the building after that time.

Borough Cllr Watson confirmed that it was not clear to what extent the bodies expected to have scrutiny of a branch closure (such as the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NYCC and HBC) had been informed of the plans of Nidderdale Group Practice. Borough Cllr Watson has contacted HBC Scrutiny of Health Committee to object against the closure and to ask that the matter be considered as a matter of urgency.

It has been recommended that Parish Councils in affected areas write to all appropriate agencies and committees as identified by Cllr Watson to raise the profile of the proposed closure, register an objection and to seek assurances that the required procedures have been adhered to. The Council agreed that this should be done urgently; **Clerk to draft.**

- c. *Parking at Darley Community Primary School:* Clerk confirmed that North Yorkshire County Council will carry out a survey at the school in the week commencing 20 January in order to identify any road safety issues; **Clerk to update at next meeting.**

#### **2001/2/9 Highways**

- a. The Council agreed to monitor the development of NYCC and HBC schemes for installing charging points for electric vehicles and to consider further once it is clear how it can help; **Clerk to monitor.**
- b. It was noted that a survey had been carried out of Sheepcote Lane in January to establish the condition of the road surface and the cost of repairing the whole lane. A date for the resurfacing of Main Street has not been confirmed.

#### **2001/2/10 Footpaths**

- a. NYCC Public Rights of Way inspected the bridge over Fringill Dike at the end of November 2019. It was concluded that the bridge had settled on an angle but was stable. The bridge will be replaced in the long term but was considered safe at present.
- b. No other footpath issues were noted.

#### **2001/2/11 Village Maintenance**

- a. No essential village maintenance needs were discussed.

#### **2001/2/12 Reports / Meetings / Events**

- a. Darley Playing Fields Association: Cllr Nicholas confirmed that the next meeting is 21 January.
- b. Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group: Cllr Robertshaw confirmed that in addition to the planned closure of the Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks, updates were given on the Fire Service and Police crime statistics (71 crimes up from 63 crimes last quarter).
- c. Wider Meeting of the Nidderdale Strategic Partnership: Cllr Nicholas attended the meeting which included updates from Sustrans on the Nidderdale Greenway project and discussions regarding Nidderdale bus services.
- d. The Chairman attended a Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Joint Advisory Committee Executive meeting at which the planned realignment of the A59 at Kex Gill was discussed. Funding is being sought by the AONB as part of the project to help minimise the impact on wildlife and current users of the affected land.
- e. The New Year's Eve event at the Darley Memorial Hall was reported to be a great success, with around £3,000 being raised for local groups.

#### **2001/2/13 Finance**

- a. Receipts and Payments noted: Receipts: £394.78 NYCC – Contribution to grass-cutting; £7.26 Bank interest; Payments: £237.38 Clerk Salary December; £90 D Hinds Christmas Lights repair and maintenance December; £5 npower – electricity for Christmas Lights (December); £6 npower – electricity for Christmas Lights (January); £91.52 Clerk Allowance, admin, travel expenses to December; £237.38 Clerk Salary January; £27 TP Jones Payroll services to December.
- b. The budget to January 2020 was approved.

- c. A proposal to purchase of equipment (six hi-visibility jackets, a speed gun and two portable signs) for £289.50 plus VAT for use by the newly-established Community Speed Watch Scheme group was deferred. This was to allow feedback on the group to be considered following an update to be published in the next Darley village newsletter (Focus on Darley); **Clerk to update at next meeting.**
- d. A proposal to purchase fifty Darley and Menwith Parish Welcome Cards to be delivered to new residents in the Parish (expected cost in the region of £50) was approved and it was agreed that these cards be delivered to any newcomers to Darley; **Chairman to action.**
- e. Noting that the village notice board outside Darley Shop is deteriorating, a proposal for the purchase and installation of two new noticeboards (Parish Council and a general noticeboard) similar to those on Main Street, Darley was approved at an expected cost of £354 plus VAT plus installation). Darley Playing Fields Association may make a donation towards the cost of the general noticeboard; **Clerk to action.**
- f. It was noted that the renewal of the Clerk's Society of Local Council Clerks membership is due on 1 March and that approval of the expenditure (shared equally with Dacre Parish Council) will be added to the next agenda. The Council agreed that the Clerk should attend the HBC Parish Consultation (22 January) and HBC Parish Training (24 January) – travel costs to be shared equally with Dacre Parish Council.

#### **2001/2/14 Clerk Appraisal**

The following recommendations were approved:

- i. an increase of two hours per month to 22 hours per month as the regular payment from 1 April 2020;
- ii. a move to the next step on National Joint Council for Local Government Services payscale from 1 April 2020; and
- iii. to support the Clerk in undertaking ILCA (information for Local Council Administrators) Certificate.

#### **2001/2/15 Charity of Isobel Day (the Charity)**

- a. The Council agreed that Cllr McAllister should be put forward as the Parish Council nominated Trustee; **Clerk to contact the Clerk of the Charity to confirm.**

#### **2001/2/16 Correspondence received by the Clerk:**

- a. *Harrogate Borough Council:* A consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy Modifications to 31 January 2020 was noted; **Clerk to circulate details to Councillors;**
- b. *Yorkshire Local Councils Association:* A consultation on Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments was noted; **Clerk to circulate details to Councillors;**
- c. *Nidderdale AONB:* An initiative by the AONB and Yorkshire Dales National Park seeking to obtain International Dark Skies Reserve status was noted, together with a request for Parish Council support later in the year; **Clerk to monitor.**

**2001/2/17 Minor Items for Information and next Agenda:** It was agreed that **the following items should be added to the next agenda:**

- a. It was noted that 2020 is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of RAF Menwith Hill and that there are expected to be various celebrations during the year. These include:
  - i. the possibility of a volunteer project in the Parish during Spring / early Summer; **Clerk to advise local organisations and request suggestions for next PC meeting;**
  - ii. A possible Anniversary Concert in Darley Memorial Hall on 15 May, with free entry to local people and Base personnel.

**2001/2/18 Circulation papers:** Clerk magazine January 2020 was circulated.

**2001/2/19 Date of next meetings:** 24 February, 30 March, 27 April (with Parish Assembly), 18 May (with Annual Meeting).

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