

## Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 February 2020 from 7.30pm in Darley Memorial Hall

**2002/1 Present** Cllrs S Welch (Chairman), E Butler, J McAllister, D Dickinson, A Robertshaw, County Cllr Stan Lumley (part), Borough Cllr Tom Watson (part) and the Clerk M Pearson. No members of the public attended.

**2002/2 Apologies:** Cllr N Nicholas due to family illness and D McQueen due to work commitments.

**2002/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.

**2002/4 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020 were approved.

**2002/5 Public Statements:** None.

### **2002/6 Planning**

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

19/04409/TPO Selective pruning of 2 no. Oak Trees withing Tree Preservation Order 05/1970. Low Fold Silverdale Close Darley. **APPROVED**

19/05180/FUL Erection of 1 no dwelling (Plot 2) (Revised Scheme) Stumps Lane Caravan Park Stumps Lane Darley **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

19/05178/FUL Erection of 1 no dwelling (Plot 1) (Revised Scheme) Stumps Lane Caravan Park Stumps Lane Darley **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

19/05182/FUL Erection of 1 no dwelling (Plot 3) Stumps Lane Caravan Park Stumps Lane Darley. **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

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. **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

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

20/00425/FUL Demolition of agricultural building; Erection of agricultural building. Springfield Farm Langer Hill Lane High Birstwith. **COUNCIL SUPPORTS**

#### **c. Planning Appeals noted:**

19/00084/NREFPP Conversion of existing garage to form a holiday cottage. Erection of carport and porch. Replacement of UPVC conservatory with an oak frame structure and alterations to doors and fenestration. Three Wells Farm Menwith Hill **SPLIT DECISION**

The appeal against the refusal of permission for conversion of existing garage to form a holiday cottage was dismissed. The other elements of the planning application were approved.

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

*17/02008/FULMAJ Land Comprising Field South Of White House Main Street Darley:* There have been delays in completing the installation of land drains and further flooding from the site into neighbouring properties has been reported during the recent storms. The developer has been urged to complete the work, test the new drains and to help properties affected by water running of the site.

Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) Planning Enforcement confirmed that maintaining the drainage tanks installed on the site should be the responsibility of the management company or a utility company if adopted.

The developer has also been asked to restore the verges on Main Street and Walker Lane damaged by site traffic. The developer has offered a donation to Darley in Bloom in light of the impact on the village.

*20/00093/BRPC15 Sheepcote Cottage Sheepcote Lane Darley* ALLEGED BREACH: Alleged clear glass in first floor window (East elevation) (19/00180/FUL; 19/01524/FUL) was noted.

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

It was noted that the Inspector's Report into the Harrogate District Local Plan has been received by HBC and that the final plan will be presented to Cabinet and Council in early March for a decision to adopt. The Darley site allocation for 88 houses off Sheepcote Lane has been deleted from the plan.

## 2002/7 County and Borough Councillors' Reports:

County Cllr Lumley updated that Karl Battersby will take over as North Yorkshire County Council's (NYCC) Corporate Director of Business and Environmental Services in Summer 2020.

NYCC expects the North Yorkshire Rural Commission to report back on its rural services review (covering farming, food and the environment, economy and jobs, education, schools and training, housing, transport and accessibility of digital broadband and mobile services) at a meeting in March.

NYCC has launched a Salt of the Earth scheme to recognise volunteers in the county. Nominations can be made by email ([SaltOfTheEarth@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:SaltOfTheEarth@northyorks.gov.uk)).

The Tour de Yorkshire returns from 30 April to 3 May. Full details are available at [letour.yorkshire.com](http://letour.yorkshire.com). The current Police Fire and Crime Commissioner is standing down at the next election (7 May 2020).

Borough Cllr Watson reported that the Knabs Ridge Community Fund is open for applications from 9 March – 18 May. HBC has been allocated initial funding to encourage the setting up of Community Land Trusts (further details available from Sarah Close ([communityhousing@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:communityhousing@harrogate.gov.uk))).

It has been confirmed that there is a planned closure of the Hampsthwaite surgery of the Church Avenue Medical Group based in Harrogate. This is currently being considered by the NYCC Scrutiny of Health committee and Harrogate & District Clinical Commissioning Group (H&D CCG).

## 2002/8 Updates for information

- a. *VE Day 75 Celebration, 8 May 2020:* Clerk updated that letters inviting members of the armed services (US or UK) have been sent from the Council to RAF Menwith Hill, Army Apprentice College and Royal British Legion (RBL). Responses are awaited.
- b. *Planned closure of the Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks:* The following was noted:
  - HBC has confirmed that NYCC Scrutiny of Health is the appropriate authority to consider the closure.
  - NYCC has confirmed that H&D CCG will investigate and carry out its assurance process in respect of the closure. NYCC expects a full public consultation to be carried out. The Scrutiny of Health Committee will discuss the closure at its briefing in July 2020 with a further discussion at a public meeting in either September / December 2020 (to be confirmed).
  - H&D CCG is understood to have advised Nidderdale Group Practice to carry out public and patient engagement in relation to the closure. A new questionnaire has not yet been circulated.
- c. *Parking at Darley Community Primary School:* It was noted that a recent survey by NYCC at the school did not identify any road safety issues and no further action is proposed. The Council agreed that NYCC should be contacted to confirm the location/scope of the survey carried out and to offer assistance if a further survey can be carried out; **Clerk to action.**

## 2002/9 RAF Menwith Hill Volunteering Projects 2020

Clerk confirmed that two projects have been suggested for RAF Menwith Hill staff to help with within the Parish by Darley Playing Fields Association: helping with the planned VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on 8 May or to help with the redevelopment of the area to the West of the football pitch (plans to be confirmed).

It was agreed that help with the restoration of paths within the Parish following recent storm damage might also be a feasible project, provided that this can be done in conjunction with NYCC Public Rights of Way; **Clerk to investigate and update at next meeting; suggestions then to be passed to RAF Menwith Hill.**

**2002/10 April Parish Council meeting and Parish Assembly:** It was agreed that the Parish Council meeting and Parish Assembly scheduled for 27 April should be brought forward a week to 20 April to help manage the availability of Darley Memorial Hall; **Clerk to update website.**

## 2002/11 Darley and Menwith Safe Speed Group / Community Speed Watch

Feedback received following the announcement of the Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme in the Village Newsletter suggests that a significant number of parishioners are opposed to the scheme. In light of this, the Parish Council resolved not to support the CSW scheme and it was agreed that this should be fed back to the Darley and Menwith Safe Speed Group to consider (at a meeting if sensible). It was agreed that progress with Vehicle Activated Signs in other parishes would be monitored and may be re-considered in the future **Clerk/Cllr Robertshaw to action.**

## 2002/12 Footpaths and highways

- a. Storm damage to footpaths: Recent storms have damaged fences and a gate on the path by the River Nidd (these have been reported but are considered a low priority). The bridge at Fringill Beck was also washed away and is scheduled by NYCC Public Rights of Way to be repaired.

A path closure is in place from the bottom of Station Road to the bottom of Nidd Lane pending its replacement. It was noted that the extent of the closure should be shortened (the section from the bottom of Nidd Lane to the path back to Silverdale is okay); **Clerk to notify NYCC Public Rights of Way.**

Further damage to the path alongside the river near the Sewage Works Pumping Station at Dacre was noted; **Clerk to report.**

- b. A drain on Sheepcote Lane outside the Memorial Hall is blocked; **Clerk to report.**

The surface of Sheepcote Lane has also deteriorated in the recent storms; **Clerk to report.**

A junction traffic sign on the B6451 above the Wellington Inn needs repairing; **Clerk to report.**

A parishioner has complained about dog-fouling in the Parish, particularly along Walker Lane. It was agreed that a reminder for owners to pick up after their animals should be made in the next Village Newsletter, with assistance from HBC Environmental Protection Dog Wardens if required; **Clerk to action.**

### **2002/13 Village Maintenance**

- a. It was agreed that the review of the resilience plan should be discussed with Ian Spiers, the HBC Emergency Planning Manager in order to establish how best to help parishioners with the resources available within the Parish. **Chairman, Cllr Butler and Clerk to action.**
- b. It was confirmed that two noticeboards have been fitted at the Darley Village Shop. One is for Parish Council use and the other a general village noticeboard, administered by Darley Playing Fields Association.

### **2002/14 Reports / Meetings / Events**

- a. *Darley Playing Fields Association*: Update to be provided at next meeting.
- b. *HBC Parish Consultation*: The event, attended by Councillors and Clerks from Parish Councils in the Harrogate District, was attended by Clerk; **Clerk to circulate copies of the questions and responses.**
- c. *HBC / Yorkshire Local Councils Association training*: The event was useful and included a reminder that lawful decisions of Parish Councils can only be taken if the matter is specified on an agenda in advance.
- d. *YLCA Branch meeting*: Update to be provided at next meeting.
- e. It was noted that there is a Gardeners' Question Time with experts from RHS Harlow Carr at Darley Memorial Hall, 7.00pm 26 March. Open Gardens in Darley is on 5 July.

### **2002/15 Finance**

- a. Receipts and Payments noted: Receipts: None. Payments: £36 Renewal of Parish Online mapping software to 24 February 2021; £237.38 Clerk Salary February; £6 npower – electricity for Christmas Lights (February); £109 Society of Local Council Clerks Subscription to 28 February 2021 (to be shared with Dacre Parish Council); £388.84 Clerk – Reimbursement of cost of purchase of noticeboards.
- b. The budget to February 2020 was approved.
- c. The reappointment of Mrs J. Dowson as internal auditor for the year ending 31 March 2020 was agreed.
- d. A request for a contribution of £200 towards to the cost of a community event to be hosted in Darley by RAF Menwith Hill in May 2020 was agreed. The Chairman took no part in the vote; **Clerk to action.**
- e. The renewal of the Clerk's SLCC membership for the year to 28 February 2021 was approved.
- f. The Clerk's attendance at the SLCC Training Day on 28 March at a cost of £35 plus associated travel costs was approved.
- g. No other financial matters were discussed.

### **2002/16 Correspondence received by the Clerk:**

- a. *Yorkshire Local Councils Association*: YLCA has launched a new website which Councillors can access; **Clerk to circulate log-in details.**
- b. *HBC County Lines Parish Briefing*: HBC has invited Councillors to a briefing on how "County Lines" drug dealing affects North Yorkshire and the local district on 16 March; **Clerk to confirm attendances to HBC.**
- c. *HBC Parish Council/Community Group – Bulb / wildflower scheme*: It was agreed that Darley in Bloom should choose these for the Parish and that this should be notified to HBC; **Chairman to action.**

**2002/17 Minor Items for Information and next Agenda:** A request to add contact details for local businesses on the Parish Council website will be considered at the next meeting; **Clerk to add to next agenda.**

**2002/18 Circulation papers:** It was agreed that the YLCA White Rose Update (now weekly) should be circulated to Councillors by email; **Clerk to action.**

**2002/19 Date of next meetings:** 30 March, 20 April (with Parish Assembly), 18 May (with Annual Meeting), 29 June.

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