

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 July 2020 from 7.30pm

In order to comply with Government advice, this meeting was held by conference call

2007/1 Present: Cllrs S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, N Nicholas, E Butler, J McAllister, D McQueen, D Dickinson, Borough Cllr Tom Watson (part) and the Clerk M Pearson. One member of the public attended.

2007/2 Apologies: County Cllr Stan Lumley.

2007/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations: Cllr S Welch declared an interest in Item 13c as Treasurer of Darley in Bloom and took no part in the discussion or vote. Cllr A Robertshaw declared an interest in Planning Application 20/02087/FUL as a neighbour to the site and took no part in the vote.

2007/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2020 were approved.

2007/5 Public Statements: None.

2007/6 Coronavirus pandemic

- a. It was noted that no emergency decisions had been made since the last meeting (29 June 2020).
- b. It was reported that the assistance required from the Community Support Scheme (CSS) is reducing but that significant demand remains for delivered lunches.

It was agreed that consideration should be given as to how the CSS volunteers might be encouraged to become involved in other local organisations going forward. It was agreed that this might take the form of a separate organisation which would help raise awareness of local organisations seeking volunteers amongst those CSS volunteers who are interested.

It was noted that the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund is seeking applications for grants of £500+ for organisations needing support as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic from 4 August – 29 September 2020 (<https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/knabs-ridge-wind-farm-community-fund/>); **Clerk to liaise with Focus on Darley to help publicise.**

No other actions were considered necessary.

- c. No further revisions were recommended to the risk assessment concerning Parish Council involvement in the CSS.

2007/7 Planning

a. **Planning Decisions** noted:

20/01022/FUL Erection of stables, store and tack room. Stocks Green Barn Main Street Darley
APPLICATION PERMITTED

20/01499/CLEUD Certificate of Lawfulness for the stationing of a static mobile home. The Caravan Mount Bark Farm Darley
CERTIFICATE GRANTED

b. **Planning Applications** considered:

20/02087/FUL Erection of 1 No. dwelling (Plot 1) in lieu of dwelling approved under Ref 18/01636/FUL. Stumps Lane Caravan Park Stumps Lane Darley

A member of the public spoke to explain the reasoning behind the withdrawal and re-application.

The Council recognised that permission was given for a dwelling on Plot 1 under Planning Application 18/01636/FUL, and it did not object at that stage. The current application represents a down-sizing of the original dwelling, which the Council welcomed.

However, the Council noted that the site is now outside the adopted Settlement Development Limits in the HBC Local Plan and confirmed that it would now object to a totally new application for a dwelling on this site. The Council therefore NEITHER SUPPORTED NOR OBJECTED TO this application.

NEITHER SUPPORTS NOR OBJECTS

20/02285/FUL Erection of stable block. Land Comprising Field At 420555 459760 Station Road Darley
NO OBJECTIONS

c. **Planning Enforcement:**

20/00332/PR15 Corner Cottage Menwith Hill Road Thornthwaite ALLEGED BREACH: Use of residential property (former holiday cottage) as an Air BnB (14/00488/FUL) was noted.

d. Other planning matters:

- (i) The approval of the Harrogate District Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) on 8 July 2020 was noted. CIL is expected to affect developments within the district from October 2020 onwards.

2007/8 County and Borough Councillors' Reports:

Borough Councillor Watson updated that the July HBC Overview and Scrutiny Commission heard from North Yorkshire Police representatives, who confirmed that 20,000 101 calls were made to North Yorkshire Police since March 2020, with 78% being answered within 5 minutes. Recorded crime in the quarter to 30 June 2020 was 30% lower than in the previous year. North Yorkshire Police issued 15,900 fixed penalty tickets relating to the Coronavirus pandemic regulations, mainly to visitors from outside of North Yorkshire. Seventy-six were issued in the HBC district.

HBC has installed sanitising stations within Harrogate district. Twenty-three public conveniences maintained by HBC have now reopened. However, two have not opened due to their small size (Victoria Multi-storey Car Park and Oatlands).

Approximately 19,000 people were furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme in the district (out of approximately 79,000 workers). Reallocation of duties meant that HBC did not need to furlough any employees.

The Harrogate Convention Centre is being used by the NHS at present. When this use ceases, a significant upgrade to the building is being considered.

Within Darley and Menwith Parish, new street signs at Stocks Green and South View have been installed.

2007/9 YLCA: Local Government Association (LGA) Consultation on a New Code of Conduct for local Authorities

The Council welcomed the proposal to update the Code of Conduct, particularly with regard to public social media posts, and agreed that the opportunity should now be taken to address the issue of sanctions which can be imposed in case of breach by councillors (such as bullying) rather than defer to a later, separate consultation.

It was agreed the sanctions currently proposed by LGA did not appear to have sufficient "teeth" to be effective and that much more significant sanctions are required. It was agreed that the process by which a principal authority can impose those sanctions should be transparent.

The Council agreed that a response should be made to LGA, with a copy of the submission to Yorkshire Local Councils Associations; **Clerk and Chairman to action.**

2007/10 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner: AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund:

The Council agreed that a potential project could be to seek the introduction of 20 mph speed limits outside Darley Community Primary School in order to protect children and young people specifically; **Clerk to investigate further.**

2007/11 Highways and footpaths

- a. *Blocked drains and gullies on Main Street and Sheepcote Lane, Darley:* A problem with water issuing from a ditch near the School onto Main Street has been reported the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Highways department; **Clerk to update at next meeting.**

Blocked drains on Sheepcote Lane have also be reported with a request for these to be cleaned; **Clerk to update at next meeting.**

- b. *Repair of road surface of Sheepcote Lane, Darley:* It was noted that NYCC has recently patched some of the potholes on Sheepcote Lane but that the surface remains poor. NYCC is seeking funding for more substantial repair.
- c. It was noted that further work is to be carried out on the B6451 between the Wellington Inn and the junction with Low Lane and Crake Lane to install new water pipes from 30 July – mid-September. A contra-flow system will be used to manage traffic.

The Council agreed that an update should be sought in relation to the planned relocation of the 30 mph speed limit zone on Stumps Lane following the completion of the development on the East side of the road; **Clerk to action.**

It was noted that there is a large wasp nest hanging from a tree on the footpath alongside the River Nidd near Pyefield House Farm.

No other highway and footpath issues were noted.

2007/12 Village Maintenance

a. *Request for more areas of wildflowers within the Parish:* A request by a parishioner to increase the number of wildflower areas within the Parish was noted. It was agreed that Darley in Bloom should be asked for its view on potential sites within the parish for additional wildflower areas and the implications for the Council (e.g. work required to create such areas, ongoing maintenance) of such areas. The matter should then be considered further at a later meeting; **Clerk to action.**

b. It was noted that HBC staff had reported domestic waste being added to the public waste bin on Stocks Green. This led to it being over-flowing and a potential health hazard; **Clerk to obtain further details from HBC.**

c. No other village maintenance needs were noted.

2007/13 Finance

a. Receipts noted: Bank interest £5.62; Payments noted: M Pearson Clerk Salary July £264; npower cmas lights July £5.00; TP Jones – Payroll services to June 2020 £27.

b. The budget for July 2020 was approved.

c. A request from Darley in Bloom for a grant of £500 to help deal with a severe budget shortfall caused by the Coronavirus pandemic was approved on a one-off basis. The Council thanked Darley in Bloom for the work it carries out; **Clerk to action.**

d. No further issues were raised.

2007/14 Correspondence received by the Clerk

a. *North Yorkshire Police Localised Crime Report for Darley and Menwith Parish June 2020:* It was noted that in the period 22 June – 15 July, a theft of jewellery from a residence in Darley and Menwith Parish was reported.

b. *RAF Menwith Hill:* It was noted that, in lieu of the Civic Leaders Briefing planned for June 2020, a Community Newsletter has been produced by RAF Menwith Hill; **Clerk to circulate to Councillors.** A limited event to open a new Serenity Park area is planned for September (to be confirmed).

2007/15 Items for Information and next Agenda:

It was agreed that a short meeting should be held on 17 August in order to deal with planning applications and urgent matters only.

It was noted that Darley Playing Fields Association is beginning activities again, starting with some friendly football matches.

Darley Memorial Hall is now being used once a week by the Nidderdale Gym Club for a Summer Camp. A cinema screening is planned for October.

Christ Church Community Centre has also reopened with dance sessions taking place during the summer. It is hoped that the library will reopen one day a week but volunteers are needed to help with this.

2007/16 Date of next meetings: 17 August; 28 September; 26 October; 30 November; 25 January 2021; 22 February 2021.

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