

**MINUTES OF THE DARRAS HALL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 11 JUNE 2018
AT 19:00 HOURS IN THE ESTATE OFFICE**

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Present: Mr A Mate (Chairman)
Mr D Brown Mr A Tucker
Mr A Malhotra Mr I White
Mr A Pile Mr G Wright

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Hill, Mr S Savin, Mr J Scott, Mrs C Thompson and Mr M Welford.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 14 May 2018 were signed as correct.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:

There were no matters arising.

4. Planning Applications:

Please refer to Plans minutes.

5. Financial Report:

Mrs Duffy presented the Financial Report and informed the Committee that all was going to plan with the budget. Mr Mate reminded the staff that money has been included for computer updating and training so we needed to utilise this.

Mrs Duffy reminded Committee members that £75,000 was now available to invest and if anyone had good suggestions for this then please contact her.

With regards to GDPR policy, the website has informed residents that all email addresses have been destroyed and once our next mailsort is posted we will include our privacy policy. This will also be published on our website.

6. Letters Received and Any Other Business:

Vacant Committee Member

Mr Mate informed the Committee that Mr Myers, who had recently resigned from the Committee due to health issues, was now recovering and was keen to re-join the Committee in August 2018. This would obviously mean he would have to be officially co-opted until the next AGM. However, Mr Mate also pointed out that we have had some interest to join the Committee from a recently retired resident, Mr Back who would still like to volunteer his services. Mr Mate had an interesting meeting with Mr Back and following this he has provided a document regarding proposals to alleviate contractors parking their vehicles in an obstructive manner. Mr Mate will meet up with him to discuss this further and present to the Committee at a future date.

Lugano Planning Proposal – Dissington village

A further application has been received at NCC regarding the above and Mr Mate asked the Committee if he should reply verbatim as per the prior application. This was agreed.

Galliford Try – Bridlepath works

Mr Mate informed the Committee that Mr Norman of Galliford Try has now had his meeting with Tarmac who have agreed to supply all of the aggregate needed for the Bridlepath anytime onwards from 18 August. The contractors will be able to lay this with the Committee's supervision. Mr Pile asked if we could find out exactly what type of aggregate they are supplying. He also asked whether we have ascertained the footpath levels entering the Estate car park from the school grounds. Mr Mate said he would attempt to have a meeting with Mr Norman before the next meeting.

83 Runnymede Road

Mrs Woodall had circulated a letter from Dr McLeod regarding the above. The Committee agreed to reply informing Dr McLeod that the Committee are satisfied the plot is a quarter acre and that it is being kept tidy.

Poll on Website

Mr Mate suggested that, following recent complaints from residents regarding untidy gardens/hedges, that we run a new poll on the website. This would ask residents if they would like us to implement the Trust Deed regarding keeping land free from weeds etc.

6.1 **Sub-Committee Reports**

6.1.1 *Highways and Environmental*

Mr White informed the Committee that both he and Mr Mate had enjoyed a successful meeting with Mr Glen Sanderson and Martin King from NCC on 1st June 2018. They had been furnished with a list of completed and proposed roadworks on the Estate and the Committee were afforded the opportunity to prioritise the order of works. Various issues had been raised at this meeting including the issues with the culvert beneath Eastern Way which was going to be investigated.

Mr Mate felt that the liaison with the Council was a very positive step forward for the Committee and the Estate.

6.1.2 *Land and Property*

Mr Pile updated the Committee on the dumping of rubbish onto Grasslands behind 71 Middle Drive. Correspondence has been sent to the owner and this matter will be monitored.

23 Longmeadows – Mr Pile had noticed that the boundary of this property has moved out significantly onto estate owned land. The line of the boundary should be continuous with neighbouring properties. The Committee decided to ask Andrew Morgan, Solicitor, to write to the owner of this property.

91 Western Way – Following on from previous discussions on this matter, Mr Tucker has been in liaison with Mr Morgan. It has been agreed that the owner of 91 Western Way can ‘lease’ this land and a letter will be drafted by Mr Morgan to be sent from the Committee explaining the situation. Mr Tucker will provide a plan clearly showing the estate boundary and it was agreed that once this was complete the fence on the Western Way boundary would be repaired/replaced together with necessary tree works at this dwelling in the autumn.

Natural England have agreed to continue to fund the cutting of Grasslands and have already paid for the necessary tree works earlier this year.

7.1.3. Airport Representative

Nothing to report

8. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:**

Monday, 9 July 2018 at 19:00 hours in the Estate Office

Meeting Closed: 20:15 hours