

Thornton Le Dale Parish Meeting

Held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute
Ten parishioners and the press officer attended.

The Chairman Councillor G Acomb gave an overview of the work carried out for the good of the Parish in 2013/14 and answered queries put forward by the public.

He mentioned that the Parish was working closer with Parks and the Environment Agency to improve the flow of water through the Beck and also the upkeep of the walls and railings throughout the village. The Parks, after numerous requests from the Council, will later in the year, install lighting in the car park to alleviate concerns from users of this facility and try to keep it ice free in the winter.

The Parish Plan is now complete and all associated with it should take pride in its production.

The VAS signs are now up and running but as yet we have little or no feedback regarding the reduction of speeding.

The two new grit bins have been installed and if we have inclement weather in the winter months, with the help of the caretaker and the spreader purchased last year, we should have safer pathways.

The Clerk has continued to liaise with the Dog Warden asking him to make more frequent visits to the village but it is always pure luck if he finds an offender.

Another expenditure that we will be responsible for is the churchyard: now it is closed it has become the responsibility of the Council to keep it in a reasonable state of upkeep. We are looking at attempting to carry out this work ourselves as the cost of using RDC is prohibitive. We also have concerns regarding the phasing out of the Grass Cutting Grant which will leave us £ 2,877.04 worse off.

Members of the public voiced concerns regarding the state of the Beck, illegal fishing, lack of signage at the tip, the amount of grass/weeds growing on footpaths, kerbs and alongside houses, the junction at Whitbygate and the A170, parking on the grass verges and around the school area, yellow lines throughout the village requiring remarking and the problems with parking on Pickering Hill when auctions are being held. Also mentioned was the state of some of the allotments. The Clerk and Councillor Biggins have agreed to carry out two visits per year and inspect the area.

The Clerk and Council will address these problems in the fullness of time and hopefully resolve these concerns.