

Thornton Le Dale Parish Meeting

Held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute six parishioners attended.

The Chairman, Councillor J Garbutt, gave an overview of the work carried out for the good of the Parish in 2015/16 and answered queries put forward by the public.

He mentioned the challenges and frustrations that the Council and parishioners had had due to the Agencies and Authorities dragging their feet when the Parish Council had requested important work to be carried out.

For example:-

Failure to carry out work on the steel railings in Maltongate, the wooden fence close to the bridge and the Environment Agency not carrying out its intended and promised work in the Beck.

Regarding the clearance of weed from the Beck, due to the Environment Agency's reluctance to carry out this urgent work to prevent flooding, the PC carried out this work at its own expense.

We have also had to wait for months to have RDC and NYCC to supply grit bins, litter bins and replacing signs in the village (Farnamby Close sign still not replaced and the grit bin not yet supplied).

We have had numerous issues regarding parking and held meetings to enable the parishioners to air their views and invited representatives from the Police, Parks and the Deputy Head of parking to answer questions put forward by the residents. As of yet we do not appear to have moved forward on these concerns.

The Cherry Trees intended to replace the removed trees in Chestnut Avenue has not yet been carried out but should be completed within the next few months.

We have seen a recent blip in the crime figures in our district but we have been assured by the Police that this is not the trend.

Concerns have been voiced regarding Fracking in a location close to our Parish. The Parish Council will closely monitor the intended Fracking in our vicinity and do all we can for the regards of our villagers where the Council has an input. These concerns will be on the minds of villagers and the Council for many years to come.

On a positive note the Contract for grass cutting has been given to Mr S Hough and as of this time it appears to be a vast improvement on the previous contractor.

The churchyard, with the help of the Community Service Group, looks far better than when the Parish Council took it over although we have concerns regarding the intended new path through the churchyard and who will be responsible for its upkeep.

The Council has dealt with a large increase in the number of Planning Applications resulting in a significant increase in the amount of development in the village. We have diligently studied these applications and voiced the Council's and residents' opinions to the Planning Committees regarding our observations.

The Councillors have carried out sterling work on village bodies and I thank them for the work they have done while serving on these Committees.

On the whole the Parish Council has worked well as an organisation and met its challenges and I thank you, the Council, and the residents that continue to attend our meetings and show an interest in the work carried out by the Council for the good of the village and its parishioners.

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

The meeting closed at 1920 hrs.