

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 3
Held Tuesday 5th March at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors P Mills (Chairman), G Acomb, J Garbutt, I Biggins, R Allanson, D Porter, A Monkhouse, the Clerk, the press representative and 19 members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A substantial number of allotment holders attended the meeting to ask various questions regarding the allotments. As many queries as possible were answered by the Chairman but due to a comment made by Councillor D Porter regarding the Tenancy Agreement being illegal there was not much more the Council could do until this is resolved.

The Council agreed to arrange a date to discuss further matters with allotment holders regarding their concerns particularly where rents and water charges are involved. It was suggested that the plot holders could pay the Council a set annual rent for the allotment and they would then be responsible for the water rates. This will be discussed at a future date.

It was explained that the Council intended to return the ditch running alongside the cemetery and the allotments to its original state, at a considerable cost to the Council, to help drain the allotments and the cemetery.

The Council had allocated an item in finance to discuss rent and water rates. Mr Marsden stayed for this debate but the remainder of the plot holders left.

1 NOTICE OF MEETING

Resolved. That notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with schedule 12 para 10(2) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

2 APOLOGIES

None

3 MINUTES

Resolved. That the minutes of the following meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby accepted as a true record of the proceedings thereat:-
Full Council Meeting held Tuesday 5th February 2013.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

A short report from County Councillor J Sanderson was emailed to all Councillors, the press representative and copies made available to the public.

5 PLANNING.

Three applications were made and no objections were raised.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 14/13 Councillor J Garbutt has found a more preferable and safer site to keep the two gazebos and therefore will not require storage facilities offered by the Council. Resolved.
- 15/13 The broken seat in Roxby Road and Castle Garth will be removed by Councillor Biggins. Resolved.
- 16/13 Councillor G Acomb reported on the meeting of the Parish Plan that took place 19th February. Ref: Sheltered/Affordable Housing. There was no need for Thornton Le Dale Parish Council to put forward any views on the matter at this time because the questionnaire will include an area where parishioners can make comments on this and other subjects. Resolved.
- 17/13 The railings on Chestnut Avenue opposite Brook Lane are in a deplorable state and need urgent repairs or renewal. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Division about this matter.
- 18/13 The Council discussed purchasing two extra salt bins from the County Council. The Clerk was asked to investigate the price.
- 19/13 The Council had agreed to install two VAS lights in the village. There would be four places that they would be placed rotational in these locations. There would be two at each end of the village. If parishioners wish to view these sites the Clerk will email you maps of them. Resolved.
- 20/13 The discontinuance of burials at All Saints Church was not resolved and the Clerk will investigate some of the concerns of the Council. This item will be referred forward to another meeting.
- 21/13 The upkeep of the churchyard will shortly become the responsibility of the Council. It was thought that it may be far cheaper to carry out this work by ourselves rather than ask the RDC to maintain it. Councillor Porter will look into the costs.
- 22/13 Problems have arisen regarding water drainage in the ditch running parallel to the western boundary of Aunums Close. It appears to be caused due to the infill of the ditch after the Sanctuary Housing was completed last year. The Clerk was asked to contact Sanctuary Housing and ask if they would provide a means of this water to reach the ditch on Westgate.
- 23/13 There has been no further progress relating to extra lighting in the car park. The Chairman will meet with Mr D Smith from Parks and further discuss this matter. This will be placed on next month's agenda.

- 24/13 The railings have being damaged and kerb stones pushed into the beck by a van backing out of a driveway in Maltongate. The driver was challenged but he was not aware of the bump. The Clerk will report this to the Highways Division with the company's details.
- 25/13 A six foot section of the dry stone wall between the two becks on Chestnut Avenue and opposite Brook Close has collapsed. The Clerk will report to Mr D Smith at Parks.
- 26/13 The Council discussed the excess water at the cemetery and allotments and intended to return the ditch running alongside these two sites to its original state and hopefully resolve this problem.

7 FINANCE

- 1 The Council debated the increase of rents and the water rate appertaining to the allotments.
It was decided to leave the rent at £27.00 per plot and the Council would pay for half of the water rates resulting in each plot having to pay £3.50 for its water. All Councillors were in favour.
- 2 We have received one estimate for the removal of the two cherry trees in Chestnut Avenue. The Clerk will obtain another before the meeting in April.
- 3 It was decided to accept the quote from effective Pest Management and the Contract would be for a fixed term of three years to be reviewed in February 2016. Resolved
- 4 The Winter Grant of £250.00 arrived two days after this meeting. We are now in the process of purchasing a grit/salt spreader. Resolved.
- 5 All invoices were agreed and the cheques duly signed. Resolved.
- 6 The offer for the lease of Bull Field was accepted. Resolved.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The light in Brook Lane is out. Councillor G Acomb will report it.

Can the Clerk contact RDC and complain about the amount of dog waste in the village and enquire if it is possible to have a Dog Warden make periodic visits to Thornton Le Dale.

The kerb in Castlegarth has been damaged. Will the Clerk contact Highways about this matter.

There are concerns about cars blocking access to garages on Castlegarth and also illegal parking on Roxby Road and Pickering Hill. Will the Clerk report these incidents to the Police

The Clerk is investigating the wording of the Allotment Lease and will report back ASAP.

The Clerk will put further questions to the Land Registry regarding our land within the village.

Who owns the piece of land on Pickering Hill up to the new houses? Clerk will investigate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd April 2013 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting ended at 2140 hrs.

Signed by the Chairman 2nd April 2013.