

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 8
Held Tuesday 2nd July 2013 at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors P Mills (Chairman), G Acomb, D Porter, A Monkhouse, R Allanson, M Boden (Clerk), Mrs N Baxter (press officer) and six members of the public.

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

Councillor I Biggins, County Councillor J Sanderson and Councillor J Garbutt. John stated that due to another commitment he would be delayed. He joined the meeting at 2020 hrs.

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 4th June 2013 at the Hill Memorial Institute.
Approved Councillor D Porter seconded by Councillor A Monkhouse.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

A short report from Councillor Sanderson was forwarded to all Councillors and a printed copy made available to the public and press.

5 PLANNING.

Councillor D Porter declared an interest in the Almhouses applications.
There were no objections to any of the applications except for NYM/2013/0389/FL.
Mr D Nassy, 28 Castle Road, Thornton Le Dale. All Councillors present objected to this application for the following reasons:-

1 The dormer appeared to be too large and would obstruct light from entering a neighbour's conservatory and another's solar panels.

2 The garage wall is alongside the retaining wall of Mr Leisman's property and he is concerned that when excavating the foundation more damage will occur to this wall.

3 The Council did not think that the structure was in keeping with the present houses in this location.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 36/13 Motorists are ignoring the “Keep Clear” sign outside the playing fields in Roxby Road and parking directly in front of the gates. The Council asked the Clerk to contact “Highways Division” to see if double yellow lines could be placed in this area: this would then come under the jurisdiction of a Traffic Officer.
- 37/13 The yellow lines on the Road in Maltongate require remarking. They don’t appear to meet the legal requirements of the Road Traffic Act. Also cars reversing out of the parking area outside of Wardill Bros shop are turning incorrectly and proceeding up a one way street against the flow of traffic. The Clerk will contact “Highways Division” regarding both these matters.
- 38/13 The Clerk carried out all his requested duties (“see Any Other Business” in June’s minutes) except for the seat damaged by a lorry. This is still ongoing.
- 39/13 Councillor A Monkhouse gave a comprehensive report on the disabled parking in our car park. The main points he put forward were as follows:-
1 Signage was poor for the location of the disabled bays.
2 There are no ticket machines close by to the disabled parking area.
3 He was not happy that disabled people must pay parking fees.
The Clerk will contact Parks regarding Councillor A Monkhouse’s concerns.
- 40/13 Councillor P Mills is meeting with various members of Parks regarding grants to resolve the matter of our pinfolds and the Beck Isles situation. He will report further on these matters next month.
- 41/13 The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Mrs N Firth, has put before the Council concerns she has about a member of the public using the rear of the Village Hall for access and stating that work that is being carried out is at the request of the Parish Council. It was pointed out that at no time has the Parish Council countenanced such work. Councillor D Porter will meet with the Secretary and Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to put forward a suggestion to alleviate this problem.
- 42/13 The Village Hall requires help to bring the property to a reasonable standard. The Councillors offered ideas to obtain grants, the number of quotes required to fulfil legal requirements, to use the Council’s representatives to give feedback to the Council and when all is in place to come back to the Council to see how they can help financially. Councillor Mill’s emphasised what a loss to the village it would be if the Hall had to close.
- 43/13 Councillor Mills had a comprehensive discussion with the Rector of the Benefice of Thornton Le Dale the Rev’d Dr J M White. Dr White has agreed that the churchyard should be brought to an acceptable state prior to the Parish taking over. An agreement will be drawn up and agreed by both sides before the main work will begin. The caretaker will do the first cut ASAP and the Council will hire a strimmer from Mr C Olsson to carry out the initial work.

- 44/13 The Council received a grant of £5,000.00 to help with the following improvements to Thornton Le Dale:
- 1 The introduction of new circular walks throughout the village and a brochure depicting these routes.
 - 2 Refurbish existing paths and local areas.
 - 3 New signs throughout the Parish

Peter Smith has been very active in the above and the Council thank him for all his work.

7 FINANCE

- 1 The financial statement for July was approved and the cheques were counter signed by Councillor Mills.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1 Traffic problems at the junction of Roxby Road and Castle Garth.
Cars are continuing to park on the corner of both roads so that it is difficult for traffic to pull out or see what vehicles or pedestrians are approaching. It has effectively turned this junction into a hazardous area for all who use it. The Police have been informed of the situation and will investigate the matter further. It was put forward that the Clerk shall contact “Highways Division” and investigate the installation of double yellow lines.
- 2 The manhole covers opposite to Dog Kennel Lane have not been replaced correctly and are a danger to the public. Clerk to contact GPO.
- 3 Numerous potholes have appeared in Roxby Road and need repairing.
Clerk to contact Highways.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th August 2013 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2115 hrs.