

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 9
Held Tuesday 6th August 2013 at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors P Mills (Chairman), J Garbutt, I Biggins, D Porter, R Allanson, A Monkhouse, the Clerk M Boden, the press officer Mrs N Baxter and 3 members of the public.

Councillor G Acomb arrived shortly after the meeting opened due to a previous commitment.

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

County Councillor J Sanderson due to a conflict of meetings.

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 2nd July 2013 at the Hill Memorial Institute.
Proposed Councillor D porter seconded Councillor J Garbutt.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR J Sanderson.

Just a couple of things to report –

Part of Thornton Dale has now gone live with the high speed broadband you will have to alter your contract to access this.

I am getting more complaints regarding the weed in the beck. I suspect this has increased since EA men have started to take the top off the weed.

I have had questions raised on the subject of “Fracking” once again, probably since it has been highlighted in the news recently. I have asked RDC officers to prepare a “View” on this with further information. I believe CPRE have a draft stance in preparation.

The Service Centre at Northallerton seems to be a great success for reporting pot holes, lighting etc. So much so that they are now preparing Parish Portals to address the wider picture. Please use this as it gives a full audit trail and a time frame.

5 PLANNING.

No objections were raised relating to Planning Applications but the Clerk pointed out that there was a discrepancy between the Design & Access Statement to that of the plans for NYM/2013/0520/FL 26 Aunums Close.

On the plans it was depicted as an en-suite; in the Design & Access Statement it was described as a garden room. The Clerk queried Parks about this and they admitted a mistake had been made and they will come back to him after it has been clarified.

Councillor Porter declared an interest and did not vote on Aunums Close.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

45/13 Mr A Marsden put forward a proposal appertaining to the access of water for the allotment holders' plots and restructuring of the pipe work to, hopefully, alleviate the problems regarding leaks. The Council debated this item for a considerable time but in view of the Councils' finance, at this period of time, they did not think this proposal should proceed. Resolved.

46/13 Councillor Porter raised the question of the VAS signs. They did not appear to have been on location for the specified time of six weeks and only one was seen when there should have been two. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

47/13 The litterbin ordered from RDC and paid for in July has not yet appeared. Councillor Acomb will follow this up.

48/13 Listing of Pinfold – Maltongate.

The Clerk received a letter from Mr C M France, (Director of Planning) stating that he has passed the details to Mr Ed Freedman who will contact English Heritage to progress this matter further.

49/13 The Chairman has had discussions with various people within the NYMP regarding the build up of silt in the Beck.

The Environment Agency has stated that due to the lack of funds it is not possible for them to dredge the Beck but will continue to remove weed from the relevant areas.

Councillor Mills has approached the Environment Agency for permission to allow the removal of the silt by Thornton Le Dale Parish Council. A reply is expected, from the Agency, within two months.

A quote has been obtained for the removal of the silt by a local contractor; this equates to approximately £2000.00 but excludes the cost of finding a place to lay the dredged material. The silt is of good farming material and hopefully one of the local farmers would take it. All Councillors in Favour.

50/13 The "Village Information Panel" was discussed and the Council thought that they should ask for a larger copy of the plan to enable all concerned to see it more clearly and make a better judgement on it. Councillor Mills will deal with this request and also asked that any suggestions regarding the plan be made as soon as possible.

- 51/13 The drive leading to the substation situated between 70 and 71 Farnaby Close is overgrown. The Clerk was asked to contact the Electricity Board and ask them to clear it.
- 52/13 The Clerk was asked to find out what is happening to the Planning Application regarding the Alms Houses and the building site in Archway Lane.
- 53/13 Mr David Smith from Parks had a discussion with Councillor Monkhouse regarding the disabled parking in the local car park. He has taken on board all Allan's suggestions and will come back to us on this matter. He also noted that more lighting was required in the car park. This had already been agreed with him previously.
- 54/13 The Chairman had a meeting with Reverend J White, representative of the PCC, to discuss the upkeep of the churchyard. Rev White put forward a proposal that part of the churchyard should be a wild flower area and left to nature thus reducing the amount of land that the Council would have to maintain. They agreed that the grass would be cut on an as need basis. The chairman confirmed that he had the above and other minor details in writing.

7 FINANCE

- 1 The National Salary Awards were discussed and the Council agreed to its recommendations. Resolved.
- 2 It was decided to purchase two copies of the 4th edition of the Good Councillors Guide. Resolved.
- 3 The request by RDC relating to a future shortfall in the precept was debated and it was decided by all Councillors that the Precept must be increased to cover this loss. The Clerk is to write to RDC informing them of the Council's decision.
- 4 The invoices for July were agreed and the Chairman counter signed the relevant cheques.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to contact the relevant departments to rectify the following problems:-

- 1 The Highways Division regarding the state of the pavement/path from Thornton Le Dale heading towards Pickering. It is full of cracks, holes and overgrown. Mothers with pushchairs and disabled people with scooters have great difficulty in negotiating this path. An accident is a foregone conclusion if this is not rectified.
- 2 The Police to ask if they could place cones, outside areas where local activities

would take place, to stop parked cars causing problems with the flow of traffic and blocking pavements. The main concern is outside of Mathersons when car auctions take place.

The meeting closed at 2115 hrs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd September 2013 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.