

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No. 10
Held Tuesday 3rd September 2013 at 7-30 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors P Mills (Chairman), G Acomb, Ian Biggins, R Allanson, A Monkhouse, D Porter, M Boden (Clerk) Mrs N Baxter (Press Representative) and three members of the public. Councillor J Garbut arrived shortly after the meeting opened.

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 apologised due to a conflict of her other duties.

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 No 9 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 6th August 2013.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor J Garbutt and seconded by Councillor Ray Allanson. All Councillors were in favour except for Councillor Porter because he was under the impression that the minutes were not a true record of the meeting.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

No reports from County or District Councillors were forthcoming this month.

5 PLANNING.

At a planning meeting of the Council held on the 20th August 2013 no objections were raised against the following applications: Ref No. NYM/2013/0513/FL (Councillor J Garbutt declared an interest therefore did not vote) and 2 applications under the following Ref. No. 13/00899/FUL.

Those in attendance were Councillors P Mills, G Acomb, J Garbutt, A Monkhouse, D Porter, R Allanson, J Sanderson, the Clerk M Boden and three members of the Public.

Applicant: Mrs D Rajab

Address: The Forge, Thornton Le Dale

Application: To allow the opening hours, at "The Forge" to extend until 9pm from 1st October to 31st March.

Applicant: Mrs S Harris
Address: Larkfield, South Lane, Thornton Le Dale
Application: Certificate of Lawfulness

No objections were given by the Council to any of the above applications.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

54/13 Councillor D Porter brought up the following items :-

The lack of lighting in the car park.

This is an ongoing project and Parks are dealing with it as soon as possible.

The recent vandalism against vehicles parked over night in the car park.

This is a matter for the Police and not the Council. There is a notice stating that vehicles should not be parked over night at that location. Resolved.

He requested an update on the Pinfold situation.

This is being investigated, on our behalf, by Parks and as soon as the Council receives any information regarding this matter it will be forwarded to all concerned.

The lack of a waste container at the corner of car park drive and Maltongate. This has been replaced. Resolved.

55/13 The Clerk contacted the Electric Board appertaining to the drive leading to the substation of Farnaby Close regarding how badly it is overgrown. The Electric Board has now dealt with the situation. Resolved.

56/13 The Clerk was contacted by Mr J Brown, from RDC, offering to replace the broken bin on the Green. The Clerk was positive the Council would accept this offer but would need to put it to the Council at the next meeting which was on the following night. The Council gladly accepted the offer and the Clerk contacted Mr Brown on Wednesday morning giving him the Council's decision. Resolved.

57/13 The Council asked the Clerk to request the following information from Mr D Griffiths regarding the installation and information obtained from the VAS signs.

1 They were quite concerned that he did not reply to one of the questions put to him, by the Clerk, in the previous email, concerning the short period of time the VAS sign was installed and why there was only one on location and not two.

2 They would appreciate feedback from him, on a regular basis, regarding the information gleaned from the VAS signs and the Rumble Strips regarding the speed of vehicles travelling through the village and, since the installation of these signs, is there any indication of a reduction in speed through the village.

3 A further query was put forward regarding the cost to Thornton Le Dale Parish Council if we purchased the VAS signs outright.

58/13 The issuing of the allotment agreement to all plot holders was discussed. It was decided that the document should be forwarded to all concerned and after they have had time to peruse it, and discuss it with their other colleagues, a meeting will be called to allow them to put forward their opinions/points of view.

59/13 Councillor A Monkhouse was concerned with the following.
The Morrison's Utility Services had carried out work in Farmanby Close on behalf of Yorkshire Water over the Bank Holiday period. They dug two large holes and very dirty muddy water ran down the road. They did not clean up the site afterwards, leaving a disgusting stain on the road, gutters and pavements. This was on a Bank Holiday when the village was full of visitors. These actions detract from the beauty of the village and discourage further visits from members of the public.
The Clerk was asked to respond to these concerns.

60/13 Councillor A Monkhouse
A gatepost on the side of car park drive (road to village car park)) about fifty yards in from Maltongate, on the right hand side, there is a gate into the woods, and the right hand gatepost has been badly vandalised.
The big oak fence post has not been replaced (like for like!), but instead the whole gate has been totally removed and replaced by a scrappy little fence and a 'GAP'.
It looks ridiculous and dogs in the wood are now running straight through the gap into the road. He saw one dog narrowly miss a passing car and its owner, who was walking the dog through the wood, gave him a colourful mouthful about what 'kind & thoughtful ' person' had replaced a gate with a 'gap' on her regular dog walking route?
The Clerk was asked to contact Mr David Smith at Parks regarding this matter and suggest that a Kissing Gate be installed.

61/13 The use of water and the standard of the piping in the allotments were discussed. Councillor Biggins thought the cost of digging a small trench to accommodate the piping would be prohibitive. Councillor Acomb said he would investigate the cost and report back at the next meeting.

7 FINANCE

1 The invoices for the month of August have been submitted to all Councillors and agreed. The Chairman then counter signed the cheques. Resolved.

2 Councillor Porter asked why only the Chairman and Vice Chairman received the full accounts each month. I pointed out that this was incorrect and all Councillors received them. When I asked what accounts he had received last month he stated that he only had the monthly expenditure and nothing more.

I informed him that all the Councillors had received a copy of the annual accounts up to and including August 2013. I could not supply Septembers due to my not yet receiving the bank statements for that month.

He then repeatedly asked (four times) what rules was I going by. I told him I did not understand what he meant. The Chairman asked what David was alluding to and told him he was entitled to any of the accounts he wanted. I pointed out that he, and all other Councillor's, were receiving them.

I then stated that every time he comes out with something stupid.

He then said that I should not speak to him like that because I (the Clerk) am a public servant. I pointed out that so was he.

He then demanded that I minute this altercation.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

- 1 Kerbstones in Maltongate near Three Gables opposite the Ginger Pig have been pushed into the Beck.
- 2 Request a monthly reading of the water meter at the allotment.
- 3 The kerb at one end of Castle Garth has been repaired but further down more work is still required.
- 4 The light, No 51 in Castle Garth (NYCC), is still out after a period of approx five months and the light at the corner of Maltongate and Roxby Road requires cleaning. The glass fitting is allowing little or no light to pass through.
- 5 Once again ask Highways Department to put double yellow lines outside of the Playing Fields to stop inconsiderate parties parking in an inappropriate manner that could cause serious accidents.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting Closed at 2100 hrs.

A closed meeting then took place.