

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 11
Held Tuesday 1st October at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors P Mills (Chairman), G Acomb (Vice Chair), A Monkhouse, R Allanson, D Porter, I Biggins, J Garbut, Mrs N Baxter (Press Representative), M Boden (Clerk) and four 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 J Sanderson who is on vacation.

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 10 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 3rd September 2013.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor G Acomb and seconded by Councillor A Monkhouse. All Councillors were in favour.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR Janet Sanderson.

Fracking

I attended a very emotive and unbalanced meeting in Pickering on this subject presented by the Green Party. I would suggest anyone interested in this topic reads the report by Balcombe Parish Council – please email me for a copy.

Superfast

Broadband

Despite what you hear in the news, we are getting on with this and superfast is now available in Thornton Dale.

Details of this can be found at <http://www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com>

Please note that you will have to change your contract, my personal BT bill was increased by less than £1 and was well worth it!

Silt in the Beck

I have had some good reports about the state of the beck since the removal of the silt. This was a topic brought up at the recent joint Thornton Dale Ward PC meeting.

The Environment Agency is trying to identify the source of the silt to prevent further silting up.

I will be meeting with the EA and Forestry Commission mid-October to discuss this matter with residents.

Bus consultation

All PC's have been informed about this consultation; I would appreciate any feedback on this matter.

Joint TD Ward meeting

This was a very lively and interactive meeting. Elizabeth Walton attended representing the Forestry Commission. Topics discussed were –Viking Ebberston Common Well Head.

Landing Strip proposed for South Moor (Now rejected by NNYMNP)

5 PLANNING.

Three planning applications were put forward for September and no objections were raised.

The planning application NYM/2013/0520/FL (26 Aunums Close) has been withdrawn.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

62/13 The form from NatWest requiring all signatorys to complete (to help stop money laundering) was completed and the Clerk posted it the following morning. Resolved.

63/13 The matter of the Pinfold was once again raised. Councillor Porter gave an overall view of why and how the Pinfolds were used and originated. Councillor Mills will be meeting with Mr C France in the very near future and he will discuss the Council's concerns regarding this matter.

64/13 A complaint regarding the irresponsible parking within the village was received by a parishioner. The Clerk was asked to contact the relevant authorities regarding this matter and hopefully it may be resolved.

65/13 Complaints have been received regarding the replacement gatepost in Car Park Drive. The land concerned is privately owned and it is solely by the goodwill of the owner that residents are allowed to access this area. Parks spoke to the owner, prior to the installing of the fence, and he thought the replacement was adequate. Resolved.

66/13 After the rally, in Dalby Forest, complaints were made regarding the excessive noise from vehicles within Thornton Le Dale. The Chairman has been assured by the organisers that the problem will not have arisen from the rally drivers but from the inconsiderate followers. The Clerk will forward the complaints to the Rally Co-ordinators asking that they contact the complainants personally.

- 67/13 A reduction of bus services has been proposed by NYCC. The Clerk was asked to respond. This was the response made by the Clerk on behalf of the Council.

At our Council meeting on the 1st October 2013 the Council discussed the proposed reduction of bus services in North Yorkshire and all Councillors and the public present were totally against such a proposition.

The roads within our district are the arteries we require for supply and the buses are the blood that provides the needs to keep our communities alive.

Without a good bus service we would lose a fair proportion of visitors, villagers would not be able to visit the local markets, many of the elderly would be isolated, workers without private transport would be severely restricted in their hours of work or, even worse, lose their jobs altogether.

The impact on our locality would be disastrous and we cannot envisage the results of any or even a minor reduction in services.

- 68/13 The allotment situation was discussed and it was decided that Mr A Marsden's suggestion that he put forward in August should be accepted. This was as follows:-

Could I suggest a total removal of ALL pipes from the allotments above the official ones in place and then a replacement of water pipes to half way up every other path, that way everyone should be near water and the integrity of the system should be assured. If you require it I can arrange for the removal of the old pipes and taps and digging the trenches for the new ones by members of the Allotment Association. I can get the proper water piping cheaply, the only things we would need from the PC is the cost of the pipes and a plumber to just connect them up. I would suggest this is done between November and February. Could you please "float" this to the PC for their views. In addition to this the pipe would not need to be too deep as the system is turned off and drained during winter, reducing any risk of frost damage.

- 69/13 Councillor Biggins will investigate the overgrown state of some of the allotments. He will find out the number of each of the plots not conforming with the rules regarding keeping them in a reasonable condition and report back to the Clerk who will then contact the relevant holders asking why they have not kept the site in a good condition and advise them of the consequences of not doing so.

- 70/13 Allegedly, according to NYCC and RDC, two of our street lights require replacing in their entirety. These standards are of the old fashioned style and all Councillors were against having them replaced with modern lampposts. Councillor Mills will speak to Parks asking them for their advice.

71/13 The new walks through the village are nearly complete and should be finished in the next week or two. The Clerk has registered with Ordinance Survey Mapping and may now, legally, download copies of their maps for publication in any brochures that the Council print.

72/13 Questions were asked regarding the pipeline that has been proposed to run through Thornton Le Dale from the Viking Gas Plant. Councillor Acomb informed those present that a time table had not yet been set and he will inform the Council when any update is received.

73/13 Councillor Mills gave a comprehensive report regarding the proposed new lighting in the car park. PARKS have received two quotes to upgrade the lighting and are waiting for a decision to be made regarding 1 the cost and 2 the number of lights to be installed. Peter is meeting with an officer from PARKS in the near future and will report back as soon as information is available.

7 FINANCE

1 It was decided that the Council would not take up the option of paying three years in advance for a reduction of 15% in costs to Smiths of Derby for the annual overhaul of the village clocks. The Clerk had already negotiated a reduction in payments for the next three years and it was decided that the Council should stay with this current plan. Resolved.

2 Councillor Acomb had investigated the cost of digging a trench in the allotments to replace existing piping. The quote he received was £350 to £400. Resolved.

3 The insurance quote was discussed and all were in favour of continuing with Came & Co. Resolved.

4 All Councillors agreed with the expenses for September and the Chairman duly counter signed the cheques. Resolved.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to contact:-

Parks regarding the removal of a tree

RDC Lamp No 8 is unlit in Church Lane

The hedge at the rear of three properties in Church Lane is overgrown. This hedge is preventing residents using the path in High Street.

Parking on the footpath near to Bridge Foot Guest House at the topside of Chestnut Avenue

Morrison's regarding the disgraceful state they left the road in Farmanby Close after completing work for Yorkshire Water

BT regarding the broken receiver in the phone booth

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th November 2013 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.