

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 12
Held Tuesday 5th November 2013 at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

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

Prior to Councillors discussing items on the agenda Mr Bernie McLinden (PARKS) answered questions from the public and Councillors appertaining to their concerns and possible consequences due to the lack of adequate lighting in the village car park.

Councillor Mills put forward that at one point, in discussions with PARKS, it had been agreed that the suggested improvements to the lighting would go ahead albeit over a period of two or three years.

Mr McLinden pointed out that the situation regarding finance had changed over the past month or so and PARKS budget, from the Government, would be drastically reduced in the coming financial year resulting in voluntary and possible compulsory redundancies, therefore all projects had to be revaluated because of this. One of those included in the re-appraisal was the lighting in Thornton Le Dale car park.

Mr McLinden agreed that a reasonable income was raised from the car park but it did not cover the upkeep and running costs therefore, due to this, any extra expenditure would be difficult to approve.

A suggestion was put forward that only one light was erected in the short term and Thornton Le Dale put forward a sum of money to carry this out. Mr McLinden agreed that the idea had merit and, when an assessment of costs had been carried out, thought that PARKS may be able to help in this situation.

Councillor G Acomb will contact his colleagues at RDC and address the feasibility of the project and costs taking into account the running of a new underground power cable from an existing power source to the new lamppost and the cost of the new fixture. *To be placed on the agenda for December.*

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 No 11 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 1st October 2013.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor I Biggins. All Councillors were in favour.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR J SANDERSON.

Highways

Area 4 office has a new trouble shooter “Sharon” who is working very hard to improve long standing communication issues. There has been a restructure at Area 4 and we are in the process of implementing the long awaited bounce back for emails. Sharon will be inviting all PC’s to be testing this – probably 1st December. I have been assured that winter grit / salt has been replenished.

Public consultations by NYCC

There are currently two public consultations which can be accessed throughout the NYCC web site at www.northyorks.gov.uk

1. Waste – possible charges to none household waste.
2. Alterations to bus services – I believe the PC responded to this item.

Gas

Viking – The Ebberston Common application was approved by NYMNP and NYCC have now received the application for the new pipeline to Knapton.

Thornton Beck – silt

A group has been formed to deal with this issue. I attended a very productive meeting last month and another is planned for 18th November. In view of the problems and expense of dredging the back, I have suggested that this PC is invited to send a representative to this. ***Councillor P Mills will attend.***

5 PLANNING.

The four submitted planning applications were discussed and approved.
Application No. 13/01033/FUL was withdrawn

6 CORRESPONDENCE

74/13 The Clerk reported the damage to the railings and kerbstones in Maltongate to NYCC on the 14/10/13. The damaged railings have been repaired but the kerbstones have not yet been replaced.

The damage to railings and kerbstones in this area is an ongoing problem due to the narrowness of the road and the only apparent solution is to place double yellow lines and add a further restriction to stop disabled parking in this location.

The Clerk was asked to write to NYCC requesting that the Parish Council receive a report on any work that has been carried out within Thornton Le Dale on a monthly basis. Clarification should also be given by NYCC when reported work is not carried out or only partially completed and not solely from workers on site. Resolved.

- 75/13 The request for the public to enter into a consultation regarding changes in the way NYCC deal with the collection of waste was placed on the notice board. Decisions by NYCC will be made, based on this consultation, after 22nd December 2013. Resolved
- 76/13 The request by RDC for a survey of village facilities was completed. No changes had occurred since the previous survey in 2011. Resolved.
- 77/13 The repair or replacement of the damaged road sign at the Southern end of Roxby Road is the responsibility of RDC. This has been reported by the Clerk but as the sign has not yet been replaced the Clerk will bring this once again to RDC's attention.
- 78/13 If the resident requesting signage relating to their B & B contacts NYCC they will be happy to oblige them after payment of the applicable fee. The Clerk has forwarded all details regarding this matter to Councillor A Monkhouse. Resolved.
- 79/13 Beck side re-enforcement. The placing of large stones to prevent removal by children/adults, back-filling with smaller stones to minimise the use for "damming" and topsoil to make good undulating areas. A quote has been received for this work (£2,120 + VAT). Councillor Mills will discuss this matter with PARKS and hopefully come to some arrangement with them regarding the cost. Regardless of these discussions the matter could have serious repercussions within the village and it must be addressed. *Read Thornton Beck – Silt in Councillor J Sanderson's report.*
- 80/13 Both temporary road closures have been placed in the notice boards. Resolved.
- 81/13 The work in Castle Garth has been completed but the grass verges are in a deplorable state and need substantial work on them to return them to their former state. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways/RDC to resolve this matter.
- 82/13 The Clerk was requested to write to the Post Office senior directors (should the on-going internal appeal process be unsuccessful), emphasising the need of the village community to retain all services currently offered at the Post Office to be transferred to its new location in the 'Network Transformation' process.

- 83/13 The four circular walks around the village have been completed. New booklets are to be printed showing the routes and will also include Ordinance Survey maps of the area. Councillor J Garbut, Mr P Smith, Mrs D Rajab and all other volunteers must be congratulated for all the hard work they have put in.
- 84/13 The Pinfold situation was discussed and the PARKS solicitors thought that the information put forward was appropriate and robust enough to carry the project forward.
- 85/13 The telegraph poles in Brook Lane have been removed: these poles held the lighting fixtures in this road therefore leaving it inadequately lit.
- 86/13 Councillor G Acomb will contact his colleagues at RDC and obtain a survey of the lights we own within our village.
- 87/13 The grit bin that was ordered early in the year to be placed in Roxby Road has not yet arrived. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

7 FINANCE

- 1 All Councillors agreed with the expenses for October and the Chairman duly counter signed the cheques. Resolved.
- 2 It was agreed that the Clerk should attend a course on the upkeep and legal aspects of cemetery management.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Will the Clerk contact:-

Highways to have the disabled road signs re-marked outside of the Alms Houses.

Query the reasons that one of the sites of the VAS signs could not be used.

NYCC A builder carrying out work in Archway Lane is using the road to store materials and also has a skip on that road without any warning lights.

The meeting closed at 2145hrs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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