

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 13
Held Tuesday 3rd December 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, D Porter, A Monkhouse, J Garbut, R Allanson, two members of the public, Mrs N Baxter (Press Representative) and M Boden (Clerk).

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 due to conflicting 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 No 12 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 3rd December 2013.

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

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

No reports this month

5 PLANNING.

All the planning applications were discussed but only four of the five approved the exception being planning application No NYM/2013/0776/FL. The Council thought that the granting of an extension to the opening hours of the Pizza Parlour would cause undue disturbance to the local residents and an increase in the amount of litter in the area.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

88/13 A proposed new walk through the village was discussed but, due to the present financial climate affecting Parks and our Council, it was decided to place it on the back boiler until April 2014. Resolved.

89/13 The notice of a temporary road closure in Rectory Lane was placed in the notice board and it was noted that Morrison's had given a verbal apology for the state of Formanby Close after work carried out over the August Bank Holliday. They asked that if we were not satisfied with the state of the area, after completion of the installation of a new water supply in Rectory Lane, then we should contact them and they would address any complaints received. Resolved.

90/13 A new email address is to be used when contacting the Highways Division. This is due to the amount of complaints being forwarded directly to the senior officers. The Councillors were not enthusiastic with this idea; they all thought that the best way forward, when a complaint is made, should be to the people concerned and not to a generic email address which will probably delay any remedial work being carried out. Area4.kirbymisperto@northyorks.gov.uk Resolved.

91/13 Mr D Griffiths stated that the new VAS site located on Pickering Road had been placed in the wrong location and would be immediately moved. He also said that the reason the site in Maltongate could not be used was due to overhead power lines being too close to where the sign would be placed. Resolved.

92/13 Mr Richard Marr of Highways sent the following email on the 18th November 2013 concerning the work required in Maltongate.

My Inspector is going this morning to look at the kerbs and railings you describe below, along with the ones damaged on Friday. He will also look at Castle Garth and report back. We have the contact details of the contractor working there so we can discuss any remedial work with them.

I can tell you that we will look at the parking restrictions on Maltongate next year to see if any changes are warranted. Funding for changes to Traffic Regulation Orders is limited so we will need to be convinced that changes are necessary.

As for the monthly report on highway activities, I am afraid this is not possible at the moment. However, the County is looking to develop a "Parish Portal" where Parish Councils can report issues online, then track the progression of their issues in a similar way to how you can track parcels on the Royal Mail's web site.

We are currently developing a list of Parish Councils who would be willing to help in the development of this facility and I have asked that Thornton le Dale is asked whether they are willing to be involved in this.

We will be monitoring these areas to see how Highways deal with these problems.

93/13 The Clerk was asked to contact NYCC to purchase a salt bin and have it placed opposite lamp post No. 11 in Roxby Road. Councillors P Mills and D Porter will contact NYCC and decide where the second bin will be placed.

94/13 A question was raised regarding the removal of pews from the Parish Church. It was discussed but it does not come under the Council's remit and is solely the decision of the PCC. Resolved.

95/13 A copy of the new Parish Plan survey was given to the Council to be reviewed. Due to the size of the "Questionnaire Results" it was decided that a copy of the document would be circulated round the Councillors and then discussed at the meeting in January 2014.

96/13 **Councillor J Garbut declared a personal interest in this item.**

The Council decided that the proposed move of the Post Office should go ahead. The opening times are far better and the only two restrictions would have little or no effect on the local community. The Clerk was asked to write a letter in support of this proposal. Resolved.

97/13 The Chairman informed the Council that the finger boards pointing out the new walks in the village had arrived and would be in place in the near future.

98/13 Some concern was shown regarding the lack of signing for the location of the tip. Councillor G Acomb will contact the relevant authority.

99/13 Councillor G Acomb had spoken to RDC regarding the tapping into an existing power source in the car park and connecting to a new lamppost yet to be installed. RDC had no objection to this. The Chairman will now speak to PARKS regarding the installation of this light.

Councillor I Biggins suggested that we should follow the example set by the managers of the local tip. They have installed halogen lamps at a price considerably less than the quote that PARKS have submitted.

100/13 Councillor G Acomb attended a meeting regarding the problems and expense of dredging the Beck. They all agreed that the fast flow of the Beck needs to be reduced and they were unsure of where the extra silt was coming from; no resolutions were put forward. Further meetings will take place on this matter.

101/13 The Clerk was asked to contact NYCC via Councillor J Sanderson regarding the removal of lights in Brook Lane.

102/13 Councillor G Acomb had contacted RDC for a survey of the lights within our village. The survey will take place but when it takes place or when we will get the results is unknown.

7 FINANCE

1 All Councillors agreed with the expenses for November and the Chairman duly counter signed the cheques. Resolved.

- 2 The Clerk asked that the Council review the costs of burials in the cemetery. This was agreed and the Clerk will put forward a revised list of costs for February's meeting.
- 3 The Clerk circulated a copy of the Bank Reconciliation, suggested Precept 2014/15 and a forecast for the coming year. The Chairman pointed out that we had added expenditure in the coming year in the form of the upkeep of the Churchyard, help towards the Village Hall, problems with flooding in the Beck a possible reduction of the subsidy for grass cutting and the caretaker's payments.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor D Porter informed the Clerk that the lights in Maltongate and Castle Garth are the responsibility of Thornton Le Dale Parish Council.

Will the Clerk contact:-

Highways regarding the state of the road in Archway Lane. The difference between the existing road and the new tarmaced area is approximately 1 inch higher and represents a trip hazard.

Two lights are still out even after repeated reporting. No 350075 in Church Lane and No 5 in Castle Garth.

A complaint was made regarding the lack of information on the refuse bins appertaining to the collection date and times. Councillor G Acomb will look into this matter.

The meeting closed at 2115hrs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th January 2014 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.