

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 2
Held Tuesday 4th February 2014 at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs. Councillor G Acomb was elected Chairman and J Garbut as Vice Chairman.

Those attending were Councillors D Porter, I Biggins, A Monkhouse, R Allanson, twelve members of the public, Mrs N Baxter (press representative) and M Boden (Clerk).

Councillor I Biggins declared an interest in the allotments, item 7.1 Finance.

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 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 No 1 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 7th January. The minutes were proposed by Councillor A Monkhouse and seconded by Councillor R Allanson. All Councillors were in favour.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

No reports were received this month.

5 PLANNING.

No objections were raised to any of the planning applications.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

9/14 The repairs required to the kerbs in Maltongate were once again discussed. The Council thought it was short sighted of Highways to dismiss these repairs as non priority. In the Council's opinion the kerbing is in danger of falling into the Beck and reasoned that this is an area where an accident is imminent.

- 10/14 The Council asked that thanks be given to Mr and Mrs Donner for the hard work they had undertaken when surveying the parish footpaths. We now await a report/feedback from NYCC Public Rights of Way Team. Resolved.
- 11/14 The Clerk contacted Mr R Atkinson (stonemason) regarding the rubble left in the cemetery by some of his employees. He apologised for his workers act and had the offending stonework immediately removed. Resolved.
- 12/14 The lighting in the village was discussed. The Clerk had spoken to Mr P Gillmore regarding a definitive map showing who owns or is responsible for the lights. He intended to make a visit to Brook lane and hopefully resolve the problem left due to the removal of the lights.
- 13/14 A letter of complaint had been received regarding the lack of lighting in the car park. This complaint has been forwarded to Parks.
To alleviate this ongoing problem RDC has been contacted by Councillor Acomb and they agreed that a power source could be taken from an existing post in the car park and connected to a new fitting. Parks have agreed to install a new column, dig the trench for the cable and make the relevant electrical connections.
- 14/14 The situation regarding the allotments was debated. Councillor G Acomb pointed out that at no time had an increase in the rent been proposed and that it would remain at its present rate of £27.00.
The water rate situation would be discussed at the Council meeting in March and a decision made whether or not the allotment holders would contribute to these expenses.
Once again it was suggested that the allotment holders formed a co-op and pay the Council an annual rent, then the running of the allotments and how they dealt with expenses etc. would be down to them.
- 15/14 No objections were raised appertaining to the proposed work on the trees in Thornton Le Dale. Resolved.
- 16/14 A complaint was received from a parishioner regarding the obstruction and state of the path in Chestnut Avenue. The Clerk had frequent contact with Highways and in their opinion the correct notification and procedure was followed in closing the path and the builders are in order to do so. The inclement weather has added to problems but these cannot be laid at the door of the contractors. Resolved.

7 FINANCE

- 1 A slight amendment was suggested to the intended cemetery proposals and the Clerk was asked to submit the new documentation, for approval, in March.
- 2 All Councillors agreed the expenses for January and the Chairman duly countersigned the cheques.

3 The allotment situation was discussed early in the meeting, minute No. 13/14 but a possible contribution, by the allotments holders, to the water payments will be placed on the agenda for March.

4 The matter of a newly installed boiler was put forward but due to a shortage of information it was decided to place it on next month's agenda.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1 A lady in the village has volunteered to paint a lamppost on the bridge. The Council had no objection to this but, due to Health and Safety regulations, she must at all time keep her feet on the ground and not use steps, boxes or ladders.

2 Councillor D Porter has received a complaint from a resident in Aunums Close regarding the flooding at his property (photo supplied). The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding this problem.

3 It was suggested that applications for affordable housing should be placed on our web site.

A closed meeting was held after all members of the public had departed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2110 hrs.