

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 4
Held Tuesday 1st April 2014 at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

Prior to the opening of the meeting Mr Paul Charles signed the “Declaration of Acceptance of Office” document and given copies of the “Code of Conduct”, “Standing Orders”, “The Good Councillor’s Guide and “The Register of Members Financial and other Interests”. He then took up his role as Councillor when the meeting opened.

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors G Acomb (Chairman), D Porter, J Garbut, I Biggins, P Charles, R Allanson, A Monkhouse, and five members of the public. Councillor Paul Charles was welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.

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 (conflict of meetings) and the Press Officer, Mrs N Baxter (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 3 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 4th March 2014.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor R Allanson and seconded by Councillor A Monkhouse. All Councillors were in favour.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

No reports forthcoming for this month.

5 PLANNING.

All planning applications were passed.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

28/14 The Christmas Tree Lighting Committee offered to donate a tree to be placed outside of the Alms Houses in Chestnut Avenue to enable them to hang lights

on over the Christmas period. The offer was much appreciated by the Council but it was thought that the tree would have to be a substantial size and very expensive to purchase to enable it to support the power cable from the Alms Houses. Therefore in view of the information given to the Council they reluctantly declined the offer. The Clerk was asked to write to the Committee and thank them for the offer.

- 29/14 A great number of the benches within the village are not securely fastened to the ground thus enabling them to be thrown in the Beck, turned over, more easily damaged or even stolen. Councillor P Charles was asked if he could obtain estimates (three if possible) for the securing of these benches.
- 30/14 The Clerk was asked to make the Council's views known concerning the Mineral and Wastes Joint Plan on the NYCC web site.
- 31/14 A new latch is on order for the cemetery gate and will be installed when it is received. Resolved.
- 32/14 The question of trees to replace the three Scots Pines in the cemetery was discussed and it was decided to replace them with Lilac Bushes. Mrs Grewer is to be advised that if she so wishes she may plant lilac bushes and place a plaque nearby to commemorate her Uncle Orrah.
- 33/14 After receiving written confirmation by the Practice Manager that we may place a grit bin outside of the surgery in Thornton Le Dale, the Clerk was asked to make arrangements to carry out this work ASAP.
- 34/14 The Clerk was asked to write to Highways regarding the Council's concerns regarding the Pelican Crossing at the junction of Whitbygate and the A170 through the village. The Council did not feel the letter from Highways was a reasonable response. They thought that the least Highways could do would be to take a look at the road markings in the area and possibly update them.
- 35/14 It was agreed that the Duck Race in aid of the "Save the Children" Charity would take place on the 24th August 2014. The Village Hall Committee will run a similar exercise in 2015. Resolved.
- 36/14 Mr Peter Smith was asked to address the Council in May regarding a commemorative path/walk in the village. Resolved.
- 37/14 Complaints have been made regarding the pathway/flagstones outside of the Hill Institute in Maltongate and those leading to the bridge over the Beck. Another matter raised was the damaged kerbstones in Maltongate. This has been an ongoing situation for a considerable time and the Council do not think that Highways reasoning is correct when they say it is not a priority. The Clerk will write to Highways about these concerns.

- 38/14 The access fee to Dalby Forest is exorbitant for residence of Thornton Le Dale. The Clerk will write to the Forestry Commission asking for a reduction for residents and also ask the YLCA for their opinion.
- 39/14 The manhole cover in the High Street comes off in heavy rain causing a potential lethal accident. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Councillor Sanderson regarding this matter.
- 40/14 The Clerk has asked the caretaker to have a look at a possible hazard in the cemetery due to tree roots causing damage to the path. The Clerk is waiting for feedback from the caretaker.

7 FINANCE

- 1 It was decided to put out tenders for the upkeep of the two clocks in the village. The Clerk will contact the relevant companies.
- 2 All Councillors agreed to the expenses for March and the Chairman duly countersigned the cheques.
- 3 The Clerk will purchase “No Parking” signs to place, where they are required, in the village.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1 The Council thought it prudent to have the grass cut prior to the Easter Bank Holiday. The Clerk spoke to Mr Napthine about this matter and also regarding a small part of the hedge in the cemetery that requires cutting. Councillor Acomb will give John the exact details.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2045 hrs.