

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 7
Held Tuesday 3rd June 2014 at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors G Acomb (Chairman), J Garbutt, D Porter, R Allanson, I Biggins, P Charles, A Monkhouse, M Boden (Clerk), N Baxter (Press Correspondent) and six 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 arrived later due to a conflict of meetings.

3 MINUTES

Resolved. That the minutes of the following meetings, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby accepted as a true record of the proceedings thereat:-

Full Council Meeting No 5, 6 and the Annual Meeting held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 1900hrs. An amendment was requested by Councillor D Porter, regarding the cutting of grass, after which all Councillors were in Favour.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor R Allanson.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Councillor J Sanderson provided a full and comprehensive report regarding RDC and NYCC activities. A copy of this report was forwarded to all Councillors and made available to all who attended the meeting.

5 PLANNING.

No objections were raised for any of the four planning applications.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

54/14 At the request of the Council the Clerk contacted the Forestry Commission regarding the cost of entering Dalby Forest. They stated that vehicles will be charged at the daily rate regardless of the occupant being a resident of Thornton Le Dale or not but an annual pass is available for £42; however access on foot, horseback or cycle is free of charge. Resolved.

- 55/14 It was put forward to the Council that a wreath should be provided by the Council on an annual basis. All Councillors and the public present at the meeting were in favour of the proposal. Councillor I Biggins asked if Councillor D Porter could continue in presenting the wreath as he has done so for a number of years. Once again all were in favour. Resolved.
- 56/14 The requested information regarding the VAS signs was provided by Highways and submitted to all concerned. Resolved.
- 57/14 A request from Mr M S Mycroft was emailed to the Clerk regarding the silting of the Beck. The Clerk has given him as much information as he can and pointed him in the direction of the Environment Agency for any further update appertaining to his concerns. Resolved.
- 58/14 The Clerk has been in constant contact with Yorkshire Water regarding the blocked drain in the High Street. YWA sent an investigating team to ascertain the problem and after rods and cameras had been used found that a part of the sewer had collapsed. They are now in the process of repairing the sewer/drain. Resolved.
- 59/14 The churchyard situation was discussed and it was thought that the proposal by the PCC, regarding a wildflower garden, was not cost effective for the Council and if they, the PCC, wish to proceed with this idea they should take over the grass cutting and upkeep of the area concerned.
- 60/14 The Clerk, Councillor D Porter and the caretaker held a meeting at the Churchyard with the Scarborough Community Officer regarding what help his group could give to Thornton Le Dale. Stephen thought that this year he may be able to cut the grass in the churchyard once but next year he would pencil us in for a ten day period and then be able to address grass cutting and tree pruning in the churchyard, painting the hand rails outside of the Church and if any time left over address the problem of weeds outside of houses and pathways throughout the village. The only cost to the Council would be for consumables i.e. paint, petrol and Strimmer cable.
- 61/14 Once again problems regarding the Pelican Crossing has arisen. Four more near misses have occurred. The Clerk has reported all these occurrences to both the Police and Highways. The Highways Department have stated that they will repaint the yellow lines throughout the village. This will at least highlight the area approaching the crossing and hopefully draw the attention of drivers coming from Whitbygate of people crossing the road. In the view of the Council only additional traffic lights in Whitbygate will alleviate this problem.
- 62/14 I informed the Vicar that no work would be carried out on the trees in the churchyard without first informing her or Parks.

7 **FINANCE**

- 1 The question asked was should the Council purchase a defibrillator? The Council does have a trained person, Councillor R Allanson, who is registered to operate a defib but would he be available at short notice to use the machine, where should it be kept and is there qualified personnel at the location where it is kept?
The Clerk was asked to contact the Red Cross to ascertain whether they would provide the Council a defibrillator free of charge. If so we can then respond to the above questions.
- 2 The questions put forward by Councillor Garbut regarding the costs of running the Institute clock and the indemnity insurance was debated. It was concluded that the Council should pay towards these expenses and would finalise the matter at the next meeting when Councillor Garbut provides estimates of these costs.
- 3 It was agreed that the Council invoice the PCC for the removal of the dangerous tree in the churchyard. The Clerk was asked that in future he asks the Council to OK any expenditure prior to work being carried out.
- 4 A resident of Aunums Close asked that the Council pay £27 towards the cost of a brown bin to accommodate grass after they have cut the verge outside of their homes. Six of the Councillors (one abstained) disagreed with this proposal due to its potential of setting precedence and all other residents then asking the Council to supply brown bins.
- 5 A parishioner of Thornton Le Dale requested that the Council contact Highways for the removal of a sign close by her house. After a long discussion the Council thought that the sign should not be removed on the grounds of health and safety. The Clerk was asked to write and inform the lady of the Council's decision.
- 6 The Council has recently had the grass cut in the right of way between Castle Garth and Roxby Road. The Clerk was asked to write to the occupants of one of the houses, alongside the right of way, informing them that they would no longer be permitted to park on the Council land.
- 7 Councillor Biggins asked why the grass has not been cut around Beck Isle. Councillor Acomb was given to understand that RDC cut this area and part of Dog Kennel Lane but only six times per year. He was liaising with Mr J Napthine at the weekend to discuss what areas of grass he should cut and whether these areas should be included in his contract.
- 8 Mrs N Firth asked the Council to pay for certain electrical work in the Village Hall. The estimate for the work was £1,000.00 plus VAT. The Council agreed to this and would pay the contractor on submission of an invoice. Resolved

- 9 The Clerk had received two quotes regarding the damaged paths in the cemetery. The Council favoured the lowest estimate and asked the contractor to proceed ASAP.
- 10 It was decided that, due to the cost, a further notice board should not be placed on the outer Institute wall. Resolved.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to contact the Police/Highways regarding the damaged cones in Castle Garth and have them replaced.

It was thought that a barrier should be placed outside of the entrance to the playing field to prevent children from running out of the gates and into the road. It would also prevent drivers from using the entrance as a means of turning and causing potential accidents.

A disabled parking bay should be made available outside of the Post Office. The Clerk will contact Highways regarding this.

If it is possible could a spare seat/bench be placed in Castle Garth? The Clerk will contact the caretaker regarding this.

Who owns the pathway to “Thatched Cottage”. Clerk to investigate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2120hrs.