

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 8
Held Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors G Acomb (Chairman), D Porter, R Allanson, I Biggins, P Charles, A Monkhouse, M Boden (Clerk) Mrs N Baxter (Press Correspondent) and nine 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 Garbutt arrived a little late, 1950 hrs, for which he apologised.

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 7 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 3rd June 2014.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor R Allanson. All Councillors were in favour.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

A short report was made by Councillor Sanderson. All Councillors received an email of this report and copies were made available for distribution to the public.

5 PLANNING.

Only one application was made this month by Mr & Mrs Webster and all Councillors were in favour.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

63/14 The Council received a letter from NYCC stating that no further grass cutting would be carried out by them in 2015 except where overgrown grass/vegetation would become a safety issue. This would mean a substantial rise in our precept unless alternative funding or volunteer groups could help.

- 64/14 RDC has asked for volunteers as carers and drivers for their community transport system. This facility will transport local people to hospital, Doctors surgeries and local areas for a nominal sum. Details are available on the notice board and at Wardill Bros. Resolved.
- 65/14 It was asked that a letter be placed on the notice board and on our website requesting residents to keep the front of the paths abutting their houses clear of weeds etc. thus reducing the work that our caretaker carries out and improves the look of the village. Resolved.
- 66/14 Apparently, according to Mr D Alger, the path and garden leading to the front of the Thatched Cottage is owned by the Parish Council.
- 67/14 We have received numerous complaints regarding the Pelican Crossing and the road markings throughout the village. This is the latest communication received from Sharon Fox (Highways). She also stated in another communication that the road markings will be repainted in the village.

I forwarded your email to our Senior Signals Engineer who has replied as follows:-

'I'll get the crossing checked however there isn't much that can go amiss with timings at a Puffin.

We could increase the length of time between the vehicle red being lit and the green man appearing, however this would not stop inattentive drivers turning once the green man was lit. Aiming a signal head into the junction would help when the vehicle red light was lit, however it would have the opposite effect when the signals are on green, as drivers may think that they have a 'green' to pull out onto the A170 without giving-way.

There is a 'Signals ahead' warning sign a little way into Whitbygate on the approach to the junction, and increasing its size to make it more conspicuous would help. A second sign at the junction would also highlight the crossing. I will try to draw up a suitable design.

We must of course also ensure that the give-way and zig-zag road markings are always in a good condition.

I'll get back to you on this asap.'

I will be in touch in due course to provide an update.

- 68/14 The Council asked the Clerk to write to the Playing Fields Association supporting the need for upgrade/repairs to the skate board area in the playing field. All Councillors agreed with Councillor J Garbutt that it was a well used facility and gave the youths of the village a place for them to meet and to use up some of their excess energy. Resolved.

- 69/14 Councillor D Porter brought up the problems concerning the Beck particularly relating to a build up of weed and vegetation. Councillor G Acomb pointed out that the EA will be carrying out a survey of the Beck within the next three weeks therefore it would be prudent to wait until we have this report and what EA will do to improve the flow of water through the Beck before we take any action on our behalf. Resolved.
- 70/14 From 4th August NYCC will be charging for the disposal of hardcore, rubble and plasterboard delivered to household waste recycling centres in North Yorkshire. Payments will be decided by a member of staff on arrival at the site. Resolved.
- 71/14 A Community Infrastructure Levy will be made on new developments within RDC area. This will include houses, supermarkets and retail warehouses. The charges will be per square metre and vary as to the type of building. Resolved.
- 72/14 Local Plan Sites. I have spoken to Ms Rachael Mark regarding a meeting for the discussion of this work and how sites are performing against selection criteria to date. I have asked if she would provide us with three dates in August, preferably in the afternoon, and the time when she can visit us. She will provide this information prior to our meeting in August so we can choose an appropriate date.
- 73/14 An area of Chestnut Avenue will have a Prohibition of Waiting Order to allow the display of traction engines on Friday 1st August 2014. Resolved.
- 74/14 A meeting of the YLCA will be held in Walshford on the 19th July. One of the items to be discussed was fracking but it was considered to be only a small part of the meeting and it was thought more cost effective to ask for the details appertaining to the fracking to be forwarded to the Clerk rather than ask the Clerk and one other Councillor to attend. Resolved.
- 75/14 Third Energy UK Gas and Moorland Energy does not intend to run the gas pipeline through Thornton Le Dale. Resolved.
- 76/14 At the request of Councillor Porter the Clerk was asked to contact the Queen regarding the cost of Thornton Le Dale residents having to pay the same as daily visitors to enter Dalby Forest. It was considered by the Council that a reduction should be made in favour of the parishioners.

7 FINANCE

- 1 Councillor G Acomb held a meeting with Mr J Naphine regarding the cost of cutting the grass in the village. The Clerk had come to an agreement with Mr Naphine, in 2012, that the cost would be fixed for a three year period until April 2015.

While Councillor Acomb discussed the grass cutting Mr Naphine stated that if any extra areas were included he would have no choice but to increase his price.

Mr Naphine was asked to quote for cutting the grass in the churchyard and the price given was £300 plus VAT.

At the moment we are considering other ways of carrying out this work.

- 2 A closed meeting was held to debate the Right of Way between Roxby Road and Castlegarth. The results will be made at a later date after a meeting with Mrs Brooks.
- 3 It was agreed that the Council would pay for the running of the parish clock and liability insurance. Resolved.
- 4 Councillor Porter queried the legality of the Council paying the VAT for work to be carried out in the Village Hall.
The Clerk contacted SLCC, YLCA, SBC and HMRC and they all agreed that we are complying with the letter of the law. Resolved.
- 5 All Councillors agreed to the expenses for June and the Chairman duly countersigned the cheques. Resolved.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1 The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding trees overhanging the small 30 mph repeater signs at Church Hill, High Street to Wilton Road.
- 2 Concerns are still being raised regarding the lack of lighting in the car park. The Clerk will contact Parks regarding this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th August 2014 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2140hrs