

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 16
Held Saturday 13th December at 1100 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1100 hrs with Councillors G Acomb (Chairman), D Porter, I Biggins, P Charles and R Allanson. Councillor Garbut arrived at 1105 hrs.

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.

5 PLANNING.

The Council agreed by a majority decision that the planning application No 14/00980/MFUL be accepted.

The Council agreed by a majority decision that the planning application No 14/01282/FUL be accepted.

Councillor G Acomb registered an interest in planning application 14/00980/MFUL and 14/01282/FUL.

The Council agreed by a majority decision that the planning application No. NYM/2014/0671/FL be accepted.

The Councillors discussed the proposal by NYCC that specific areas of the lighting within the village be turned off at midnight to 0500 hrs. It was also debated whether the remainder of the lights in the village should fall into line with this. The Clerk was asked to contact RDC regarding this matter asking what would be the cost of carrying out this work and would it benefit the parishioners by a reduction in our special charges.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 1200 hrs

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 15
Held Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 7-30pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors G Acomb (Chairman), J Garbut (Vice Chairman), D Porter, A Monkhouse, I Biggins, P Charles, J Sanderson, Mrs N Baxter (Press Correspondent) and four 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 R Allanson due to illness.

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 13 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 4th November 2014 and Council Meeting No 14 (Planning) held in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th November 2014.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Garbut. All Councillors were in favour.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

A report from Councillor J Sanderson was circulated to all Councillors and hard copies made available to the public.

5 PLANNING.

No objections were raised regarding Planning Applications NYM/2014/0769/FL, NYM/2014/0764/FL and NYM/2014/0796/FL.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

120/14 Councillor Monkhouse put forward a recommendation that the unused land in the "U" of Roxby Garth bungalows be used as a car park. The Council thought the idea had some merit and asked the Clerk to write to Yorkshire Housing regarding this matter.

121/14 Concerns were raised regarding the inordinate amount of dog faeces throughout the village in particular in the lower part of Farmanby Close and the new path between the car park access road and Dog Kennel Lane. The problem is difficult to deal with and all that can be done is to ask residents to be vigilant and report offenders to RDC.

Councillor Monkhouse also asked if it would help if more dog poo bins were placed in strategic areas in the village. Councillor Acomb said that if the dirt was placed in a plastic bag then all refuse bins may be used. Resolved.

122/14 The Council received a letter from the PCC stating that they would not contribute to the cost of felling the tree in the churchyard. Their reasoning was that the PCC had no available funds but would reconsider if the Council's finances were in the red at the end of the financial year.

The Council felt offended by this letter and wondered how a working relationship between the PCC and the Council, regarding the upkeep of the churchyard, could continue.

Many of the parishioners have made comments regarding the churchyard and how well it looks since the Council took over.

123/14 Councillor Porter queried minute No 112/14 regarding the public's concerns appertaining to parking within the village.

The Clerk had received an email from SBC, in reply to his letter, stating that the area near to the Vintage Car Showrooms did not come under the remit of SBC parking officers but is an unrestricted area therefore a police matter.

The Clerk asked that if this is so why Parking Officers had placed tickets on vehicles parked in that location. No answer was forthcoming from SBC. The Council asked the Clerk to write again asking the same question.

124/14 Mrs Histron wrote a letter to the Council voicing her concerns regarding parking in the vicinity of the Alms Houses. The Clerk forwarded her letter to the Highways Division. Mrs Histron has since received a reply from Mrs Farnham regarding this matter. Resolved.

125/14 A temporary road closure was received from Highways. Notice of this was placed in the notice board. Resolved.

126/14 Councillor Biggins queried the removal of AOB from the Agenda and thought that the Standing Orders stated that AOB should be included. He could not point the Clerk to the area he referred to at that time but the Clerk said he would look it up. The section referred to was Section 15 l which states that "Any other business specified in the summons", the summons being the Agenda therefore it refers to items on the Agenda and not as a section on the Agenda relating to AOB.

The Clerk has since taken advice regarding AOB and the following is an extract from an email appertaining to AOB.

Re AOB decisions made under AOB are unlawful and against the Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12 para 10.2.b requiring the business to be discussed to be detailed with the summons.

127/14 Councillor Biggins asked why questions from the public were not entered in the minutes. The Clerk explained that if the question warranted dealing with immediately then the Council would ask the Clerk to resolve the problem by contacting the relevant authority and then details of this would be entered in the following month's minutes.

If the query was of a minor nature then it would be placed on the Agenda for the following month to be discussed in detail by the Council.

A member of the public may contact the Clerk or Councillors either by letter, verbally or email to have items placed on the Agenda. Resolved.

128/14 Councillor Biggins reported a light (yellow 5) out in Castle Garth and asked for it to be reported. He also volunteered to help with the installation of the finger boards within the village. Councillor Garbut said he would contact the Caretaker and Councillor Biggins and arrange a time to put them in place. Resolved.

129/14 Councillor Porter asked why a Cherry Tree had been planted in the cemetery without the Council being informed. The Clerk stated that he was given to understand that he was responsible for all the work, burials, placing of benches and any planting within its grounds. He pointed out that if he had to wait for a decision from the Council regarding interments then very few funerals would take place. Councillor Porter said that a decision had been made by the Council about two years previously that no Cherry Trees would be planted in the cemetery. The Council decided that Councillors would inspect the area where it was planted and assess if it was a suitable location. The Clerk pointed out that the Caretaker also thought the area chosen was ideal. To be placed on next months agenda.

130/14 The Clerk received an email from Mr Webb, regarding the overgrown hedges at Beck Hall, restricting access in Priestmans Lane, informing the Council that a contractor would be on site within the next couple of weeks to remove the shrubbery. Resolved.

131/14 Councillor Garbut has received a consultation document regarding Pickering Library proposals to reduce the service. John was asked if he would contact the Library Services and ask for more questionnaires and he would then ask his customers to complete the relevant document and forward them to the Library Authority. Resolved.

132/14 A letter was received from the EA regarding the Council's concerns regarding the build up of weed, sand and gravel in the Beck. They thought at the present time the Beck did not require work by the EA to be carried out. They thought the winter rains would increase the flow in the Beck and remove any excess silt etc.

133/14 Parks have contacted the Clerk assuring the Council that everything is being done to carry out work on the lighting in the car park. They allege that it is out of their control and is due to a contractor failing to carry out the work.

134/14 The Council decided that the gravestones in the churchyard and cemetery should be inspected on a biannual basis to ensure they are secure. Councillor Porter agreed to undertake this duty with the assistance of the caretaker. Resolved.

7 FINANCE

- 1 It was decided to discuss the Precept in January's meeting when further details of income and expenditure are received.
- 2 All Councillors agreed with the expenses for November and the Chairman duly counter signed the cheques.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2120hrs.