

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 19
Held Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 7-30 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors G Acomb (Chairman), J Garbut (Vice Chairman), I Biggins, P Charles, D Porter and five 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

Councillors R Allanson (illness), A Monkhouse (wheel chair out of commission) and J Sanderson (conflict of meetings). Mrs N Baxter could not attend due to the inclement weather.

Mr P Smith intended to give a brief outline of the broadband situation in our area. Unfortunately he was late returning home and could not attend. However he did send an email regarding what changes could be made and would help, if and when needed, to implement them.

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 17 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 6th January 2015 and No 18 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 13th January 2015.

Both the above minutes were proposed by Councillor I Biggins and seconded by Councillor P Charles. All Councillors were in favour.

The Clerk was asked if he would include more detail when recording planning applications in the minutes so it would better reflect the way the Councillors made their decisions.

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Councillor J Sanderson emailed a comprehensive report on matters that would be of interest to the parishioners of Thornton Le Dale. All Councillors and residents on the Clerk's email list received a copy. The Clerk was asked to contact Janet regarding the grit bins that are to be removed from our village, enquire who made this proposal and where in the village these bins are located.

5 **PLANNING.**

No applications this month

6 **CORRESPONDENCE**

12/15 The Clerk informed the Council that he had placed links to RDC, NYCC and Area 4 (Highways) on the web site so residents may complain/report any problems directly to the authorities. Councillor Porter asked if this information could be placed in the notice board in a large font size to make it easier for people with poor eyesight to read this information. Resolved.

13/15 A proposal had been made by a resident that to reduce the cost of upkeep in the cemetery that sheep could be introduced to save on grass cutting. It was pointed out that the area was rather small and it would be quite expensive for a prospective leasee to fence off. Irrespective of this Councillor Biggins said he would make enquires and report back at the meeting in March.

14/15 The new addition to the Standing Orders, regarding the recording of meetings by film, tape or phone, were accepted by the Council and would take effect forthwith. Resolved.

15/15 Delegated Powers, regarding spending in urgent or emergency situations, thus allowing the Clerk to spend up to £500 without prior authorisation of the Council, was agreed. The Clerk was asked to put the proposal in writing and the Council will, if they think the wording relevant, agree the matter at the meeting in March.

16/15 The Clerk received a response from NYCC regarding the repairs required to the bridge over the Beck in Maltongate. NYCC stated that they do not have any responsibility regarding the bridges and it is up to the house owners to make good any damage to them. The Clerk was asked to write to the residents regarding the above.

17/15 Councillor Porter put forward a proposal that a pedestrian footway should be marked out from the junction of Maltongate with Roxby Road to The Mount. All Councillors were in favour. Councillor Acomb pointed out that it should reflect the existing footway in South Lane. The Clerk will write to Highways putting forward this suggestion and its safety aspects.

18/15 Our grit spreading machine is not fit for purpose and the Clerk was asked if he would contact the company, who we purchased it from, and ask if they would refund the Council the purchase price.

19/15 Councillor Porter had some misgivings about the state of the Chestnut Tree in the "Park". The Clerk will contact PARKS and ask them to carry out a survey on the tree and assess if any work is required to bring it up to "Health & Safety" standards.

- 20/15 Councillor Biggins emailed the Clerk, earlier in the month, asking him to contact Highways regarding the gritting of roads within the village, in particular the areas approaching the school. Highways pointed out that the gritting in our area has been set and will not be altered. The Clerk has received numerous complaints regarding the gritting of roads and paths within the Parish and has forwarded these to Highways and NYCC or pointed the complainant in the direction of the proper Authority to which they may report their concerns. See minute No 12/15.
Councillor Acomb will contact RDC and find out what areas of the village, where gritting is concerned, that they are responsible for.
The caretaker, on Wednesday, worked in conjunction with some of RDC employees in gritting areas of the village.
- 21/15 The Tour De Yorkshire was discussed but the Council thought that until a definite route has been laid out and what plans will be made by RDC, NYCC and local businesses will implement, Thornton Le Dale should put this on the back boiler until nearer the time.
- 21/15 It was suggested that the Clerk should investigate areas of investment that would give the Council a better return on its capital. The Clerk will report back at the meeting in March.
- 22/15 Councillor Biggins reported that after an inordinate amount of time the finger boards had finally been erected. Resolved.
- 23/15 The Council asked if the Clerk could contact PARKS and ask if Mr Andy Wilson would attend one of its meetings to explain idiosyncrasies relating to the lighting in the car park.
- 24/15 Due to a possibility that the caretaker may resign in the coming year it was thought prudent that he (the caretaker) should forward to the Clerk a job description and also a list and location of the work he carries out in the village thus enabling the Council to advertise and effectively interview any potential candidates for the post.
If the caretaker retires, the candidate, who the Council thinks would adequately fill the post, must be self employed and have all relevant Health & Safety certificates and risk assessment paperwork.
- 25/15 The Clerk was asked to investigate whether the relevant planning and notification regarding CCTV cameras within the village had been met prior to their installation. He will report back as soon as such information is given by PARKS.
- 26/15 It has been put forward that the "Music on the Green" could once again be performed in the "Park" and the Council has been asked if permission would be granted. The Council stated that they would have no objection and if the organisers contacted the Clerk he would give them written permission for them to, once again, produce this enjoyable attraction.

- 27/15 It was suggested that an extra dog waste bin be placed near to the allotments in Peasland Road. The Councillors were in favour of this and the Clerk was asked to contact RDC and arrange for this to be implemented.
- 28/15 The Clerk was asked to arrange for the waste, in the allotments storage area, to be removed.

7 FINANCE

- 1 The Council thought that the allotment holders should be responsible for the control of vermin on their plots as the Council does not consider it prudent to pay for a pest control company to carry out this work. Resolved.
- 2 It was decided that the rent for the allotments will remain the same for 2015/16 and that the allotment holders would not be invoiced for the cost of water rates for 2014/15. Councillor Biggins did not participate in this vote due to a declared interest. Resolved.
- 3 The Council's contract with BT ends on the 16th August 2015. The Council decided that, due to the high cost, the contract would not be renewed and that it would be more cost effective to use a local hub at approximately £4 per meeting. Resolved.
- 4 Grit Bins. The cost of a new bin is £50 + VAT, and the cost to fill the bin would be £75 + VAT. The Clerk is to contact Michelle Tillotson regarding the cost of purchasing salt etc. in bulk and what savings we would make.
- 5 All Councillors agreed to the expenses for January and the Chairman duly counter signed the cheques.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2105 hrs.