

*THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL*

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 21  
Held Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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, A Monkhouse, Mrs N Baxter (press correspondent) and five members of the public.

Prior to the main items on the Agenda being discussed Mr Peter Smith gave a comprehensive outline of the broadband situation in our area recommending that we do not continue with BT when the current Contract expires in August. He explained that we had alternative access to broadband, one being paying on an as use situation the other being the use of a Councillor's access data. The Chairman thanked Peter for clarifying the broadband situation and attending the meeting.

# 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) and J Sanderson (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 19 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 was proposed by Councillor I Biggins and seconded by Councillor P Charles and meeting No 20 held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 was proposed by Councillor P Charles and seconded by Councillor J Garbut. All Councillors were in favour.

#### 4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Councillor J Sanderson emailed a 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.

## 5 PLANNING

Applicant: Mr B Walker NYM/2015/0105/FL

Address: 1 The Close

Application: Installation of 8 solar panels

All Councillors present were in favour of this application.

## **6      CORRESPONDENCE**

- 32/15 All Councillors attending endorsed Councillor G Acomb's nomination to continue as a Trustee on Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation. Resolved.
- 33/15 Amendments to the Standing Orders were accepted by the Council and placed on the web site. They would take effect immediately. Resolved.
- 34/15 The Relationship between the Institute and Parish Council was discussed and it was deemed "Not business of the Parish Council" although some Councillors were on the Institute Committee. Councillor P Charles was content with the answer he received regarding this matter. Resolved.
- 35/15 The Clerk was asked to re-phrase part of the description giving "Delegated Power" to the Clerk. To be placed on the Agenda in April.
- 36/15 Moving of public question time. Do we keep it at the start of the meeting or move it to the end? It was decided to keep "Public Question Time" at the beginning of the meeting. Resolved.
- 37/15 It was considered that the grit spreader was not fit for purpose and the Clerk contacted the manufactures and requested a refund. The following is a copy of an email received regarding the machine.

Dear Sir

We consider the unit is fit for purpose if the grit is dry and if the grit is wet it will not work. This is the same for other manufacturers. It is a problem with their grit not our spreader. White grit works best but will spread red grit if dry. So we would not refund as we sell 1000's a year throughout Europe without spreading issues.  
Resolved.

- 38/15 The Clerk contacted Highways regarding the location of the grit bins that are to be removed. No information was given regarding these bins, nor who had authorised the removal or the criteria used to assess the reason for the removal. The Clerk was asked to re-contact Highways regarding this matter.
- 39/15 The Village and Traders Forum will write to the Clerk regarding the return of Music on the Green this summer to run from the 19th July to the 23rd August inclusive.  
The Clerk was authorised by the Council to agree with the use of the Park for these performances when the Traders Forum contact him. Resolved.
- 40/15 Some Councillors voiced concerns regarding work that had been carried out in the car park by "PARKS" in particular the lack of a Planning Application for the new light. It was decided that the Clerk would contact the relevant Ranger at "PARKS" and ask if he would attend the meeting in April to address these concerns.

- 41/15 The Clerk was asked to write to “PARKS” and “The Estate” regarding the safety aspects of the footpath from the car park to the top wood. One side of this path is fenced but the other is not. On the unfenced side there is a substantial drop thus pedestrians and wheelchair users are susceptible to injury if they slipped over the edge.
- 42/15 Councillors asked if the scope of work carried out by the Caretaker could be reduced or carried out by the Community Service Group. The Clerk was asked to provide all Councillors with a copy of the Caretaker’s job description and place it on next month’s Agenda. The Clerk will contact SBC Community Service Group and ask if one of their group organisers could meet with the Clerk and Councillor Porter to discuss what work they could carry out in the village.
- 43/5 Councillor J Garbut will try and access details from archives regarding Land Registry of land in Thornton le dale /pinfolds /folds. To be placed on April’s Agenda.
- 44/15 A copy of the Clerk’s Contract of Employment was submitted to all Councillors and also placed on our website. Resolved.
- 45/15 The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr Nigel Thomlinson regarding the work he has carried out in the village in his role as Caretaker. Resolved.
- 46/15 It was considered unreasonable that dead Christmas trees had been left in the Park for such a considerable time. The Clerk is to contact the relevant Committee regarding this problem.
- 47/15 The bridge to the Old Post Office is damaged and requires repair. Councillor J Garbut will forward the name and address of the owner so the Clerk can contact him.
- 48/15 Councillor Garbut put forward his intention to attend the National Park planning meeting on the 19th March to express the Parish Councils' objection to the Dalby Forest barrier proposal. Councillor Porter asked what his remit would be. John stated that he would reiterate the Councillors objections which are “The proposed access to and exit from Dalby Forest would cause major problems to the residents, their visitors and delivery vehicles.” The Council were content with this proposal. Resolved.

## **7 FINANCE**

- 1 An investment account was discussed and it was thought to be a good idea. The Clerk suggested that it should be considered in the new financial year when he will have reasonably accurate figure of our finances.
- 2 A new dog bin has been ordered for Peaslands Lane near to the allotments. The cost will be in the region of £180.00. Resolved.

- 3 Request for a grant towards the Ukulele Band was to be placed on next month's Agenda when more information is available.
- 4 All Councillors agreed to the expenses for February and the Chairman duly counter signed the cheques.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2115 hrs.