

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 4
Held Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 7-30 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors J Garbutt (Chairman), G Acomb (Vice Chairman), S Crabtree, P Charles, M Sanderson, S Bell, D Porter and seven members of the public. Mrs N Baxter was not in the best of health and offered her apologies.

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

None

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 Meetings No 2 and 3 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 12th May 2015.

Minutes No 2 was proposed by Councillor G Acomb and seconded by Councillor S Bell. Minutes No 3 was proposed by Councillor G Acomb and seconded by Councillor S Crabtree. Councillor D Porter abstained; the remainder of the Councillors were in favour.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY & RDC COUNCILLORS.

None received this month.

5 PLANNING.

Applicant: Mr Martin Cooke NYM/2015/0300/FL
Address: Rear of Roxby Hill Farm, Pickering Road
Application: Construction of 2 semi-detached dwellings with associated detached garages, access and landscaping works following demolition of existing shelter.

All Councillors were in favour of this application but voiced reservations regarding the amount of extra traffic using the access road and where it connected to the main highway. The Clerk was asked to put these concerns to the Planning Committee when he completed the relevant form.

Applicant: Ms J Draycott NYM/2015/0319/FL
Address: The Old Farriers, Archway Lane
Application: Raising of roof height and enlargement of link between house and garage.
All Councillors were in favour of this application.

Applicant: Mr A Carter NYM/2015/0334/FL
Address: Trail Side, Dale View
Application: Construction of single storey rear extension
All Councillors were in favour of this application.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 74/15 Councillor Garbutt informed the Council that it had been put forward by a group of parishioners that a web site should be created for the benefit of the villagers. He asked the Clerk to draft a letter of support to enable them to obtain various grants. Resolved.
- 75/15 Councillor Porter attended the Police Liaison Meeting and was very disappointed with the results. He had gone to the trouble of asking Councillor Charles to download tickets to attend and only three other people attended and the information given to them was very poor.
- 76/15 Councillor Porter was not satisfied with RDC actions regarding reported lighting and signage in the village. Regardless of how many times the Clerk reported these faults nothing appeared to be repaired. He asked the Council that the Clerk should report these problems to the Local Government Ombudsman. All Councillors were in favour.
- 77/15 Concerns of Councillors and the public were voiced regarding the silt and weed in the Beck and the potential for causing flooding in the village. The Clerk will contact the Environment Agency regarding the above and ask for a representative to attend the next Council meeting. It was suggested that the local MP should be brought into the equation and put further pressure on the EA to carry out the work required.
- 78/15 The matter of the Pinfold was debated and it was thought that the Clerk should contact the Land Registry to find out if they, the LR, had informed the Council when the Affidavit was sworn out to enable the present owners to obtain this land, also if any other paperwork was available and held by them regarding this transaction.
- 79/15 Councillor Porter put forward a proposition that when a proposal was made all Councillors names should be minuted and how they voted; this was seconded by Councillor Charles. The remaining five Councillors were asked to vote on this proposition. Councillors Garbutt, Acomb, Sanderson and Crabtree were not in favour. Councillor Bell abstained. Resolved.

- 80/15 Complaints have been made regarding the upkeep of the cemetery in particular where parts of the ground had sunk. The Clerk said he would walk round the cemetery with the caretaker and assess how this problem could be resolved.
- 81/15 The Clerk was asked how purchasing of a grit bin for Herron Close was proceeding. He said he had been given information, that very day, by NYCC that due to some of the grit bins being made redundant it could be possible to obtain one free. He is now pursuing this offer and will report back at the next meeting. Councillor Sanderson suggested that all grit bins in the village should be listed and he asked if Councillor Porter would accompany him on this survey. Councillor Porter agreed.
- 82/15 Councillor Porter voiced concerns regarding parking outside of the Doctors Surgery. Where this parking was taking place was not in a restricted area and therefore it was the responsibility of the Surgery owners to ask Highways to make this a double yellow line area. Councillor Porter will inform the Surgery Manager of this. Resolved.
- 83/15 The Clerk had asked Councillor Charles to make an assessment of the state of the sheds in Bull Field. Councillor Charles did not consider it cost effective to repair them but thought that they would continue to be of some use for a number of years and did not require removal. Resolved.
- 84/15 Bus subsidy reductions have been made and notice to this effect and contact details have been placed in the notice board. Parishioners are asked to contact the relevant division on the web voicing their concerns. Resolved.
- 85/15 A notice regarding Health Information Day was placed in the notice board. These will be held at West Ayton and Snainton Surgeries. Resolved.
- 86/15 Councillors were asked to vote on whom they would wish to represent them on the NYMNPA Committee. They decided to send the Clerk their nomination by email. The final result was: Heather Ann Pettiford 3 votes, Ena Dent 1 vote and Samantha Martin-Turnbull 1 vote. Councillor Acomb did not take part in the proceedings due to a declared interest. Councillor Porter did not vote. The Clerk notified NYMNPA of the Council's decision. Resolved.
- 87/15 Councillor Bell attended a meeting of the Village Hall Committee. It being her first attendance she was on a learning curve but enjoyed attending. There were items on the agenda that she thought needed deeper thought but overall was pleased with the results. Councillor Charles was concerned that he had not been informed of the meeting although he has attended these meetings for quite a while.
- 88/15 The Clerk was asked to contact Parks regarding the large sign erected outside the funeral parlour and asked if a planning application should have been made.

- 89/15 Repairs to Summertree Bridge and fencing will be carried out starting on the 20th July and will take approximately three weeks to complete. Councillors pointed out that this could occur during the Thornton Le Dale Agricultural Show and cause traffic problems. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask if they could bring this date forward.
- 90/15 The Council received an email regarding intended Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking) on an existing well at Kirby Misperton. Mr Peter Stevenson has offered to attend one of our meetings to discuss this in greater detail. The Clerk was asked to contact Peter and accept his offer. Resolved.
- 91/15 Councillor Acomb has investigated what, if any, licence is required for the removal of waste from the allotments. RDC stated that the circumstances regarding the removal of waste from this area does not require any licence due to the small amounts involved and the infrequent removal of such. Resolved.
- 92/15 The purchasing and location of a defibrillator was put forward to the Council but due to it not being on the Agenda and the amount of information provided it was decided to place this on next month's Agenda when it can be discussed in greater detail.
- 93/15 The Clerk had not yet received a price for litter bins in Priestmans Lane and the playing field. He will contact the relevant department regarding this and will report back at the meeting in July.
- 94/15 An anonymous complaint had been made regarding parking within the village in particular within the close proximity of the garage holding antique car sales on the A170. The Clerk has made numerous complaints regarding this situation to Jane Wilson and also requested that either she or one of her colleagues attend one of our meetings to explain the idiosyncrasies appertaining to this. She has yet to reply. A meeting is to be held at RDC on the 16th of June and Jane Wilson will be attending. The Clerk was asked to attend and ask relevant questions regarding the above concerns.
- 95/15 The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to the Owner of the house at the West end of Roxby Terrace regarding coping tiles coming off the wall and the potential injury or damage they could cause to pedestrians and traffic.

7 FINANCE

- 1 It was put to the Council, by the Clerk, that the inspection of gravestones in the cemetery and churchyard should be carried out by (Daniel) Atkinson and Son (stone masons), on a biannual basis, at a cost of £200 per annum. This was accepted by the Council. It was stipulated that the relevant public liability insurance be in place. It was recommended that the Caretaker would accompany Dan on his inspections. The Council asked what would happen if headstones were deemed to be unsafe.

The Clerk said he would contact the relatives of the plot and ask them to make good any damage to make the stone safe; if the relatives could not be found then the stone will be laid flat for Health and Safety reasons. If any work is required to gravestones and the work is the responsibility of the Council then the Clerk will investigate potential companies who can provide the work at the cheapest price. Resolved.

- 2 It was decided that the grass cutting by J Napthine should include the area in Aunums Close. Resolved.
- 3 Mr Luke Cousins was interviewed regarding the caretaker position. His paperwork regarding his qualifications and insurance were inspected and they satisfied Councillors Charles and Garbutt. Luke was then asked to start work ASAP. Resolved.
- 4 It was decided by the Council that the cost of continuing with the Vehicle Activated Signs was not cost effective and therefore we will not continue to fund them. The Clerk will inform the relevant division. Resolved.
- 5 Expenses for May were proposed to be accepted by Councillor Crabtree and all Councillors were in favour. The Chairman duly countersigned the cheques. Resolved.
- 6 The Council thought that it would be more open if all expenses were, in future, included in the minutes. The Clerk said that they would be included in future minutes. Resolved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2132 hrs.