

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 6
Held Tuesday 4th August 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, M Boden (Clerk) and ten 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

Mrs N Baxter (press correspondent) on vacation

3 To receive report(s)/ presentation(s) of invited guests (if any)

No reports or presentations this month.

4 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 5 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 7th July 2015.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor S Bell and seconded by Councillor M Sanderson. All Councillors were in favour.

5 Matters Arising From the Minutes

No matters arising this month

6 Planning: - a) To consider plans submitted by NYMNPA & RDC for the Council's comment.

Applicant: David Ward Architectural Ltd NYM/2015/0450/FL
Address: Low Maltongate Farm
Application: Construction of garage with hobby space above, shed and log store following demolition of existing buildings.

All Councillors in favour of this application.

Applicant: A & D Sturdy Ltd NYM/2015/0467/FL
Address: Hallgarth Farm, Westgate
Application: Construction of 9 no. dwellings with associated access, parking, garages and landscaping works.

Four Councillors supported this application and three objected.

The following reservations were raised by all Councillors:

- 1 How close bungalow 2 was to the neighbour's land. There appears to be no reason why it cannot be moved further into the plot.
- 2 The Council could not understand why T2 (Beech tree) should be removed and the plan shows it in a completely different location than where it actually is.
- 3 It was considered essential that an archaeological survey should be carried out by an independent surveyor.

Applicant: Dignity Funerals Ltd NYM/2015/0495/AD
Address: Glenrae, Roxby Road
Application: 1 no. non-illuminated aluminium powder coated sign.

One Councillor objected to the sign; he thought two small signs would be adequate.
Two Councillors had reservations regarding its size.
Six Councillors in favour.

Applicant: Mrs G Forster NYM/2015/0490/NM
Address: Brookfield, Maltongate
Application: Non material amendment to planning approval NYM/2015/0054/FL to allow the insertion of additional garage door to create double garage.

All Councillors in favour but one Councillor was concerned about the access to the property.

b) To receive notification of outcomes of planning matters previously considered.

No notifications received.

7 Chairman's Report:

107/15 The Chairman has started investigating the use of volunteers to work in the village. He will be contacting Parks to assess their use of volunteers and how we can adopt some or all of their practices. He thought it a possibility that the Council would have to provide protective clothing and high vis. jackets and possibly signs indicating where they are working. The Clerk had contacted the insurance company and our existing package would cover members of the public carrying out work in the village. This will be placed on next month's Agenda for an update.

8 Councillor / Working Party Reports

108/15 Parking during car auctions. Councillor Crabtree has liaised with Mathewson's regarding parking during the car auctions. The company put more "No Parking" cones out at the last auction and included, on five pages of the sale catalogue, a request that people attending the auction should use the main car park and not the side streets. This seems to have led to fewer vehicles parking in the roads close to and nearby the auction premises. Mr Mathewson will closely manage the parking problems during these auctions.

109/15 Village Hall – Councillor Bell and Councillor Charles. Both Councillors attended the last meeting of the Village Hall Committee and thought it went relatively well and asked that they be given a copy of the Constitution. A photo copy of the Constitution was provided. Councillor Porter asked if the Village Hall was registered as a Charity. He was informed that this was the case.

110/15 Playing Fields. Councillor Garbutt gave an update on the Playing Field Association's finances and how the funds would be used in the future. It was intended to upgrade the fencing and various children's equipment. They also intend to replace the existing skate board area.

9 Clerk's Report:

111/15 Alteration to Standing Orders. Councillor Bell had brought to the attention of the Clerk an inconsistency in the Standing Orders. The Clerk has rectified this error and item 73 has been altered to rectify the mistake and a copy of this page given to all Councillors to update their records.

112/15 Use of the computer at meetings. The Clerk pointed out that this was the last meeting when broadband will be available to the Council and in future Planning Applications will be viewed as hard copies. He queried the need to bring his computer into the meetings. Councillor Acomb thought that for the next few meetings that it would be prudent to do so. The use of the computer would be assessed over the next month or two and a decision then made.

10 Village Maintenance Issues:

113/15 Relocation of the grit bins. A list of redundant grit bins have been received from NYCC. Councillors Sanderson and Porter will assess the areas requiring new bins and if we should keep any of the existing bins in their present location. It was suggested that a spare bin could be placed at the Village Hall but the filling of the bin and its upkeep would be the responsibility of the Village Hall.

114/15 Councillor Porter reported an unsafe tree on The Mount and the Clerk reported this to Parks. The tree is covered by TPO and cannot be removed while in its present condition but areas of the tree require maintenance. Parks have written to the owners explaining what work is required and the owners' responsibilities.

115/15 Right of Way between Roxby Road and The Crescent. The Caretaker has strimmed this piece of land and has had feedback from residents stating what a good job he had carried out. The only problem was that he could only carry out part of the cleanup due to the end near The Crescent being used as a tip for grass cuttings, tree branches and lumps of concrete. The Council intends to have this area cleared and signs put up declaring it a no tipping area. The Clerk downloaded a map from the Ordnance Survey site clearly showing this as a Right of Way between Roxby Road and The Crescent

d) Items brought forward from previous meeting for debate / budget allocation / Council approval / action.

None brought forward this month.

11 Motions Proposed by Councillors: - Submitted in writing to The Clerk at least four working days prior to this meeting. Supported, (where possible / practical) by relevant documentation to inform the debate. All Councillors are to receive this information with the Agenda.

No propositions submitted this month

12 Correspondence:

116/15 A survey of the lights in the village will be carried out in the near future by Mr. Peter Ball and Councillor Acomb. A date for this meeting has yet to be arranged and will be placed on the Agenda in September for discussion.

117/15 Mrs Jane Wilson, Deputy Head of Parking at SBC, will attend our meeting in October. Hopefully she will explain the idiosyncrasies of parking rules and the issuing of parking tickets. It was thought that questions could be put to her regarding parking permits for residents and how to set up such a scheme.

118/15 Further information has been received from the Land Registry regarding the Dispute over the Pinfold. Councillor Garbutt will investigate further the Council's concerns regarding this matter.

119/15 A request was made for another dog bin to be placed on Aunums Field. The Clerk was asked to contact RDC regarding the cost. This will be placed on next month's Agenda.

120/15 The Cycle Rack adjacent to the New Inn has still not been repaired. The Clerk has been in contact with NYCC regarding this. NYCC was under the impression that our Council intended to replace/repair these racks. The Clerk pointed out to NYCC that they were responsible for them and wondered why, when they claimed for the repairs to the Pelican Crossing control box, they didn't claim for repairs to the racks.

121/15 It was asked when the new dog bin in Peasland Road would be installed. The Clerk had been in contact with RDC regarding this and he was told it was on the list of work that RDC intend to carry out shortly but a date cannot be given.

122/15 Councillor Porter asked what, if anything, could be done to improve the state of the Duck Pond and who is responsible for its upkeep. Councillor Garbutt will be meeting Mr David Smith (Parks) and he will raise the Council's concerns with him.

123/15 Councillor Porter asked if the double yellow lines outside of the Lavenders Tea Room could be changed into "Loading Only" area thus stopping disabled badge owners parking in this zone. This would alleviate the problem caused to buses trying to negotiate this part of the village.

Councillor Crabtree pointed out that it was at the moment a designated "Loading Only" site.

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways and have them repaint the lines and wording.

13 Finance

1 It was decided to purchase the two new litter bins from RDC

2 The Council will purchase a new Defibrillator at a cost of approximately £1,535.00. Councillor Crabtree will order the Defibrillator and pass the information to the Clerk. The Christmas Tree Lights Committee will make a donation towards the purchase.

3 The repair of the railings on the green is to be put on hold until we can find out if we can put bollards in the area that is most frequently hit by cars/lorries. It seems pointless to keep repairing the railings when they are continually being damaged. The Clerk will contact Parks Planning regarding this.

4 The expenses for June were proposed to be accepted by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Acomb. All Councillors were in favour. The Chairman duly countersigned the cheques. Resolved.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2120 hrs.