

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 7

Held Tuesday 1st September 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 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

No apologies this month.

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

None 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 6 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 4th August 2015.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor S Crabtree. 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: Mr G Midgley NYM/2015/0547/LB

Address: Rockingham House, Whitbygate

Application: Listed building consent for enlargement of internal opening to the ground floor.

No objections to this application.

Applicant: Adventure Forest Ltd. NYM/2015/0551/FL
Address: Go Ape, near Forestry Commission Visitor Centre, Dalby Forest
Application: Construction of extension to reception building (part retrospective)

No objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr M Carmichael NYM/2014/0605/FL
Address: Pickwick Cottage, High Street
Application: Installation of replacement timber front door

No objections to this application.

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

Applicant: Mr and Mrs V Bainbridge 15/00580/FUL
Address: Harrow Cliff, Hurrel Lane
Application: Change of use of agricultural land and buildings to equestrian
Approved 31st July 2015.

The Council was made aware of this approval.

6. Chairman's Report: - covering matters raised with / addressed by The Chair on behalf of The Council since the previous meeting.

124/15 Volunteers to work in the village. Councillor Garbutt discussed this matter with PARKS and they agreed to co-ordinate some work with Thornton Le Dale and their teams working in the village. RDC agreed to provide protective clothing and some tools as and when required. A risk assessment would need to be formulated and PARKS said they would help when this was being addressed. Once a volunteer team has been put together a public meeting will be held to ascertain where the main work should take place.

125/15 Councillor Garbutt contacted Person & Wards (solicitors) and spoke to Mr Oliver Riley regarding the concerns of the Council appertaining to the Pinfold. He was informed that the original owners would need to put forward a challenge to have the claim by Mr Yeoman overturned.

126/15 The problem with the state of the water in the duck pond was discussed with Mr David Smith (PARKS). He stated that the water in the pond would return to normal over the next few months and no work was required to improve its quality.

7. Councillor / Working Party Reports: - Covering duties performed on behalf of the Council since the previous meeting.

127/15 Councillor M Sanderson and D Porter inspected the location and state of the grit bins. They both agreed that the village needs to keep all of them although some are not in a very good condition. It was thought that we have no need to purchase extra salt this year but it would require re-assessing next year. If the weather was inclement this winter then extra grit would need to be purchased.

128/15 Councillor S Crabtree forwarded the invoice (£1,524.00) for the defibrillator to the Clerk and he will forward the cheque to Councillor Garbutt for countersigning.

129/15 Councillor G Acomb gave a comprehensive report on the lighting in the village and what is required if NYCC is to take over the maintenance of them. Mr Peter Ball will forward a quote to the Clerk regarding the cost of carrying out a survey on the lights and the Council will then decide if they want NYCC to carry out this work. Councillor G Acomb pointed out that the cost to bring the lights up to the required standard of NYCC could be quite substantial.

8. Clerk's Report: - Covering matters dealt with by The Clerk under delegated powers since the previous meeting.

None carried out this month

9. Village Maintenance Issues:

a) Those able to be passed on to the relevant agency for action.

None this month

b) Those able to be dealt with by The Clerk under delegated powers e.g. prioritised for action by The Caretaker, or other contractors to the Council.

130/15 The Clerk has arranged for Tony Bosomworth to remove the debris, grass and tree cuttings from the entrance of the "Right of Way" at the point where it comes out at The Crescent. The Council decided that the "Right of Way" should be resurfaced with stone and that it should be compacted. The Clerk will contact Tony to carry out this work.

131/15 The Clerk has arranged for the hedges in the Cemetery to be cut as soon as it is legal to carry out this work.

132/15 It was decided not to replace the bins in the cemetery with a wheelie bin due to the inconvenience of having to place it on the road, once a fortnight, and then returning it to the cemetery.

132/15 The Clerk was asked to have the Caretaker inspect an alleged damaged tree in the cemetery.

c) Those requiring budget allocation / Council approval – to be deferred to next agenda.

None this month.

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

133/15 Mrs Jane Wilson will be attending the meeting in October to discuss problems appertaining to the parking and control of traffic in the village. The Clerk was asked to arrange for a Police Officer and a member of Highways and Parks to attend, if possible.

10. 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.

None this month.

11. Correspondence:

134/15 Mr Crannock, a gentleman from Leeds, wrote a letter complaining about the use of bunting and banners in the village when local groups were attempting to raise funds for the good of the village. The Council thought that the banners, flags and bunting added to the spirit of the occasion and should continue. The Clerk said that as a common courtesy he would reply to Mr Crannock's letter.

135/15 Mr Ian Biggins wrote a letter to the Clerk voicing his concerns regarding Councillors not complying with the "Code of Conduct" and not declaring an interest in items discussed at a Council meeting.

All Councillors stated that they did comply with the "Declaration of Interest" and it has frequently been minuted that Councillors do meet this requirement. Councillor P Charles said that he sometimes declares an interest just to make sure he does not break the rules.

136/15 The Clerk contacted NYMP to ascertain if planning permission was required to increase the strength of the vertical members of the damaged railings and to slightly change the position of the said railings. Mrs H Webster informed the Clerk that planning permission was not required. The Council agreed that the modifications should go ahead and the Clerk is to arrange a meeting with the manufacturer, on site, to explain what the Council requires.

12. Finance

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

Date of next meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 2107 hrs.