

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 11
Held Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7-30 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors J Garbutt (Chairman), S Crabtree, P Charles, M Sanderson, S Bell, D Porter, J Sanderson, M Boden (Clerk) and six 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

Councillor G Acomb could not attend as he was returning from Manchester.

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

Mr M Hill and Mr C France, representatives of NYM, attended and gave a comprehensive report on Fracking and the Mineral and Waste Joint Plan.

A separate report has been made of this meeting and is available on our web site.

I have a copy of the Power Point presentation regarding Fracking and have placed it on our web site. I can if you so wish, email a copy to any interested party.

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 10 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 1st December 2015.

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor P Charles and seconded by Councillor J Garbutt. All Councillors were in favour.

5 Matters Arising From the Minutes

None this month

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

Applicant: Mr J W Gaines NYM/2015/0806/FL
Address: 1 The Rise
Application: Construction of front and rear dormer windows
All Councillors were in favour of this application.

Applicant: Express Coach Repairs Mr S Sheader 15/01290/MFUL
Address: Ordmerstones Lane
Application: Change of use of agricultural land to a holiday campsite to include siting of 6 timber shepherd huts for self contained holiday accommodation, ancillary timber reception building and timber utility laundry building, formation of wildlife pond, alteration to existing vehicular site access and onsite access tracks

All Councillors objected to this application. They voiced concerns regarding the access onto a main road with traffic possibly passing the entrance at speeds of up to 60 mph, the safety of pedestrians leaving the site and walking into the village and also the possible size of the camping site.

Applicant: York Heritage (The Hall) Ltd. NYM/2015/0841/FL
Address: The Hall, Chestnut Avenue
Application: Listed building consent to enable change of use of bar/restaurant to residential care bedrooms and external alterations including construction of lift shaft.
All Councillors were in favour of this application.

Applicant: Mr T Wilson NYM/2015/0875/FL
Address: Cherry Garth, Church Hill
Application: Change of use of existing Bed & Breakfast/annexe accommodation and part of garage together with extension to form 2 holiday cottages.
The majority of the Councillors favoured this application but two objected the reason being:-
The loss of a parking space due to the removal of the garage.

Applicant: A & D Sturdy
 Address: Hallgarth Farm, Westgate
 Application: Amendment to application
 All Councillors were in favour of this application but they did voice concerns regarding the surface water running off into a neighbour's plot.

Applicant: R W Balderson Ice Cream NYM/2015/0913/FL
Address: Chestnut Avenue
Application: Replacement of window with glazed doors with replacement entrance doors to front elevation.
All Councillors were in favour of this application but thought that the new doors should reflect the existing style of the windows.

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

None this month.

7 Chairman's Report:

01/16 The 19th January was agreed for the Clerk's annual review. Resolved

02/16 The 16th February was agreed for a public meeting regarding concerns about traffic and parking in the village. Resolved

8 Councillor / Working Party Reports

03/16 Councillors Porter, Bell and Charles attended meetings of the Village Hall Committee as representatives of the Parish Council. They had specific queries regarding the Village Hall Committee Meeting being classified as a closed meeting. The Chairlady has provided a copy of the Constitution; this will be inspected to verify this.

04/16 Councillor M Sanderson and Councillor Bell attended a meeting of the Environment Agency as representatives of Thornton Le Dale Parish Council. They found this to be a useful and informative meeting in terms of learning what had been discussed at previous meetings and what their involvement as representatives would be. Silting in the Beck has always been a concern for the village and determining its source is a priority: once this is established measures could be put in place to control the situation.

Other measures of water flow was considered, in particular "Slow The Flow" as was used effectively in Pickering but has to prove its £60,000.00 estimated cost before work could commence on this scheme above Thornton Le Dale.

The importance of maintaining a "Village Group" to ensure a long term monitoring of the Beck was agreed by all present. The Council asked Councillors S bell and M Sanderson if they would continue in their current role as representatives on the EA Committee. Both agreed to continue to attend the EA meetings. Further information regarding the above is available on Thornton Le Dale web site.

9 Clerk's Report:

04/16 We have an ongoing problem with moles in the cemetery and Beck Isle. The main reason for this is the amount of rain we are having; this causes the moles to come closer to the surface causing many more hills than normal.

The Pest Control Officer attended the cemetery three weeks prior to Christmas and will make another inspection at the beginning of January. He asked that we contact him whenever this problem arises and he will inspect the cemetery over and above his normal visits.

The Clerk has arranged for the Caretaker to remove the mole hills in both these locations on a regular basis to help promote the growth of new grass in those areas. Councillor Porter asked if the Clerk would produce the current Contract for the Pest Control Company at the next Council meeting.

- 05/16 Yorkshire Water has not yet resolved the problem of the main drain in High Street due to Highways, as of yet, not giving them permission to set up a traffic control system to regulate the flow of traffic. Councillor Porter asked the Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water to obtain an update of the situation.

Other concerns have been raised by a member of the public regarding blocked drains on Kiln Lane and the A170. Councillor M Sanderson has agreed to get full details and forward them to the Clerk to enable him to inform the relevant departments responsible for this.

- 06/16 The Power of Competence was discussed and the Clerk gave a short report on its benefits and use. To comply with this the Council must pass a resolution that it meets the criteria for eligibility relating to the electoral mandate and qualified Clerk. As the Council meets all the requirements as laid down by “The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012” that comes from the Localism act 2011 sections 1-8. Councillor S Bell proposed that we accept this resolution and it was seconded by Councillor S Crabtree. All Councillors were in favour and the proposal passed. Resolved

10 Village Maintenance Issues:

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

- 07/16 Councillor Porter asked what was happening regarding the missing sign in Farnamby Close. The Clerk informed him that he had been in contact once again with Mrs N Lishman and she apologised for the delay and is chasing up the relevant department to have this rectified ASAP.

- 08/16 The Clerk reported the pot holes in Roxby Road and Aunums Close and Councillor Porter informed the Council that Highways had carried out the required work to bring the road surface back to normal. Resolved.

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.

None this month

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.

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.

12 Correspondence:

09/16 Councillor Porter asked that an official complaint should be made against the Police regarding an incident that was reported in December. The Officer receiving the report showed no interest in the report. The Clerk has details of this and will take it further.

10/16 Councillor M Sanderson asked if it would be possible to place a memorial of some kind within the village regarding Mr Barry Christofferson. The Council agreed to this and asked that he find out exactly what Mr Christofferson's family would want and report back to the Council in February.

11/16 The Clerk was asked to arrange for the Caretaker to remove the mud, leaves and any debris from the path entering the cemetery. Resolved.

12/16 The build up of water on the road near to the cemetery and its approaches has once again become a problem; also the road surface in this area is very poor due to the water constantly lying there. Highways previously sent an employee to inspect this area and are aware of the problems. The Clerk has reported this before and will do so again.

13/16 The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan was discussed. The Clerk was asked to put forward the Council's concerns regarding Fracking that may take place in our region. The closing date for submissions is 5pm 15th January 2016. Our Council's concerns are as follows:

- 1 The increase of traffic on our already busy roads that will occur during construction and later when Fracking operations begin
- 2 Contamination of the water table due to drilling
- 3 Earthquakes or tremors
- 4 Blow outs at the well site
- 5 Air contamination in the vicinity of the well caused by the chemicals used when preparing and using mud (a type of concrete)
- 6 Not knowing the full extent of the area of the drill site and its offshoots
- 7 The destruction of local fauna and flora
- 8 Spoiling the natural beauty of the area
- 9 Failure to return the site to its original state
- 10 Impact on local business
- 11 Impact on tourism
- 12 Noise pollution during well head construction and subsequently during Fracking

14/16 Concerns were raised regarding the danger posed by possible insecure trees in Peasland Lane. The Clerk informed the Council that he had emailed Mr Dudley-Smyth asking that he look into the Health and Safety aspects of this situation. As of yet he has not received a reply.

13 Finance

15/16 The Precept was debated and the Council came to a decision to increase the Precept by £1000.00. This was proposed by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor M Sanderson. All Councillors were in favour. The Chairman and Clerk signed the relevant papers to be forwarded to RDC. Resolved.

16/16 The two grass tender applications were discussed and after weighing up the Pro's and Con's of both applicants it was decided to accept the tender submitted by Mr S Hough. This was proposed by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor S Bell. All Councillors were in favour. Resolved.

17/16 The expenses for December 2015 were proposed to be accepted by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor P Charles. All Councillors were in favour. The Chairman duly countersigned the cheques.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute
The meeting closed at 2215 hrs.