

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No12
Held Tuesday 2nd February 2016 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, M Sanderson, 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

Councillor J Sanderson (conflict of meetings), Councillor S Bell (on vacation) and Councillor P Charles (illness).

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 11 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 5th January 2015.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor M Sanderson and seconded by Councillor S Crabtree. 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 comment.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Robinson NYM/2016/0029/FL
Address: 2 Castle Close
Application: Construction of dormer windows to east and west elevations
All Councillors were in favour of this application.

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

None this month.

7 Chairman's Report:

18/16 Gritting within the village outside of areas covered by NYCC was discussed but it was considered that if any specific paths were gritted by the Council it would set a precedent and that other residents would expect the same. It was therefore put forward that the Council should debate this matter later in the year.

The following three items are questions put forward to the Chairman from a resident of the village.

19/16 Why is it important that a plaque should be put up for Barry Kristofferson, which has been suggested in the minutes? I would be interested to know further details of this.

The Council always consider proposals by members of the public who wish to donate trees or benches to enhance the beauty of the village and have not, as yet, objected to a plaque stating the name of the person, whose memorial it represents, being placed on the bench or nearby. Resolved.

20/16 I cannot understand why the Council approved planning permission for the Hall to change the use of a bar for further rooms. This effectively means that there will never be any chance of that place to change back to a hotel. I think it's absolutely sacrilege.

The Council always fully discusses Planning Applications and each Councillor puts forward their considered opinion regarding the matter in hand. A vote is then taken and recorded. This decision is then forwarded to the Planning Authority. Resolved.

21/16 I understand that on the Council there is a member who does not live in the village. Don't you think that they should stand down in matters that are related to village only.

The Councillor referred to was voted into her present position by those on the electoral role of Thornton Le Dale and as such has every right to make decisions on behalf of those who elected her. Resolved.

- 22/16 A Public Meeting has been arranged for the 16th February in the Hill Memorial Institute regarding traffic problems in the village. This Meeting has been advertised in the local paper and on the website. The Chairman is printing further posters regarding this meeting and they will be placed in the notice board outside the Hill Memorial Institute. Resolved.

8 Councillor / Working Party Reports

None this month

9 Clerk's Report:

- 23/16 Yorkshire Water has yet to rectify the problem with the sewer in High Street and have not updated the Clerk since they informed him that specialist engineers would be required to inspect the films taken of the damage before further work could commence. One of our residents informed the Council that he had contacted NYCC and they would pursue this matter further with Yorkshire Water.

- 24/16 The Clerk has been in contact with Mr A Dudley Smith regarding the dangerous and fallen trees within our parish that are located on his land. He has surveyed the areas of greatest concern and has removed the trees that may pose a problem. The trees that had already fallen have been removed. One of his employees is continually monitoring the situation.

10 Village Maintenance Issues:

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

- 25/16 The following complaints regarding pot holes etc. was put to Highways and they gave their reasons for not carrying out some of the requested repairs:-

- 1 Pot holes in Castle Road close to the junction of The Crescent.
Not an actionable defect that meets the criteria for intervention but will be monitored.
- 2 Roxby Road on the back road leading to the Mount.
One pot hole filled around an inspection cover.
- 3 Castle Road near to the junction with the school.
An order has been issued to our contractor and is now waiting to be programmed.
- 4 A large gully has appeared near the junction of Farnamby Close and Castle Road.
Not an actionable defect that meets the criteria for intervention but will be monitored.

- 5 Maltongate near Roxby Road near to Corner Cottage.
Three potholes were filled. Any remaining defects do not meet the criteria for intervention.

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.

None this month.

12 Correspondence:

26/16 The Council was asked to consider the New Woodland Management Plan for the property we know as Wilton North, which incorporates Nabgate and Wilton Heights Plantation at the top of Outgang Lane and if the Council had any objections or proposals regarding this plan.

It was thought to be a comprehensive plan and that no intervention from the Council was warranted. The Clerk was asked to reply to the company reflecting this. Resolved.

27/16 A complaint has been made by a resident regarding litter left outside her house, in Chestnut Lane, and litter being placed in her hanging baskets. The resident requested that another litter bin be placed closer to Balderson's cafe. The Council thought that another litter bin was not warranted due to the close proximity of two other bins. The Clerk was asked to speak to the Caretaker and have him monitor the area. Resolved.

- 28/16 An email was sent by Cudrilla giving reasons why at this period of time it was not prudent to hold an open meeting with the Council prior to all applications regarding their work being completed. They did offer to hold an informal meeting with the Council members. It was suggested by the Council that we should not arrange this meeting until all Contracts have been signed and Planning Applications agreed and that it should be a meeting with the public admitted, they being allowed to put forward their questions and concerns.
- 29/16 North Yorkshire Moors has proposed that they place some of the power cables, in Thornton Le Dale, underground. All Councillors thought that it was a good idea but asked the Clerk when he contacted NYM that he suggests that they include Castle Garth in the scheme.

13 Finance

- 30/16 A new litter bin has been provided for the cemetery at no annual cost to the Council due to churchyards and cemeteries being exempt. Resolved.
- 31/16 The Clerk asked the Council how they wanted to proceed with the finance regarding the allotments. The Clerk informed those present that we were still making a small profit on the existing rent even though we pay the water rates. Councillor G Acomb proposed that the rent should not be increased. This was seconded by Councillor M Sanderson. All Councillors were in favour. Resolved.
- 32/16 The new Grass Cut Contract was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk. Resolved.
- 33/16 It was proposed by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor S Crabtree that the Clerk should attend the SLCC – North Yorkshire Branch Training Day and AGM on Saturday the 14th March. All Councillors were in favour. Resolved.
- 34/16 The expenses for January were proposed to be accepted by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor G Acomb. All Councillors were in favour. The Chairman duly countersigned the cheques. Resolved.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute

The meeting closed at 2025 hrs.