

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 4
Held Tuesday 7th June 2016 at 7-30 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors G Acomb (Chairman), M Sanderson, D Porter, M Boden (Clerk) and three members of the public. Councillor J Garbutt arrived at 1940 hrs.

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.

1 APOLOGIES

Councillors S Bell (train delayed), J Sanderson (conflict of meeting), P Charles (travelling back from Birmingham) and J Garbutt (conflict of meeting but will attend) S Crabtree (on vacation).

2 To receive reports/ presentations from NYCC and RDC Councillors

Councillor J Sanderson presented a written report to the Clerk who circulated it (by email) to all Councillors and those on his mailing list.

3 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 Meetings No's 2 and 3 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 3rd May 2016.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor M Sanderson. All Councillors were in favour.

4 Matters Arising From the Minutes

None this month.

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

Applicant: Burgess Group NYM/2016/0281/FL
Address: Burgess Feeds Ltd, Priestmans Lane
Application: Construction of external lift enclosure to serve residential apartments
The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: R W Balderson NYM/2016/0318/FL
Address: The Ice Cream Parlour, Chestnut Avenue
Application: Proposed replacement of window with glazed doors together with installation of replacement entrance door to front elevation (revised scheme following refusal NYM2015/0913/FL)

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hayne 16/00931/LBC
Address: Summer Tree Farm, Thornton Lane, High Marishes, Malton
Application: External alterations to include erection of a sun room extension to rear elevation to replace existing conservatory

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr G Midgley NYM/2016/0395/LB
Address: Rockingham House, Whitbygate
Application: In respect of Listed Building consent for enlargement of internal opening to ground floor (resubmission following withdrawal of NYM/2015/0547/LB)

The Council had no objections to this application.

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

None this month.

6 Chairman's Report:

82/16 Councillor J Garbutt and Councillor S Bell attended a presentation by INEOS Shale. Due to Councillor Bell being unable to attend our Council meeting Councillor Garbutt reported on the presentation.

INEOS Shale does not have the licences for Marishes, which is the nearest licensed area to us and partly within our parish. They will work mainly in the Southern Area of Ryedale. We felt we were told very much what they thought we wanted to hear! The Environment Agency will be deciding Environment issues, the Health issues will be decided by the Health & Safety Executive and the Planning Authority will approve or object on any planning matters. The Fracking system was explained to us as follows:

- A The drilling process would take approximately two weeks.
- B The Fracking process approximately two weeks.
- C After which the only thing visible will be the well heads (a maximum of six) and a concrete pad. Well heads will not be allowed within 400 metres of residential properties.

- D Water for the Fracking process may be delivered and taken away by lorries to be treated and returned from whence it came. This will mean a substantial increase in vehicle movements in the locality of the Fracking site. It may be possible for INEOS to obtain licences to remove water from rivers, aquifers or, if close to the sea, run a pipeline to the site thus reducing traffic movement.

A percentage of the income will be given to landowners (4%) and 2% to the Rural Community.

The EA & H & S do not have the manpower to police the activities of every site therefore the industry will be mainly self policing. Probably the only time the activities would be investigated is if a problem occurs or a complaint is received.

A letter from four members of the public was read out voicing their concerns regarding Fracking.

7 Councillor / Working Party Reports

- 83/16 Councillor M Sanderson reported on the nature and work carried out by the Beck Group and the possibility of a grant to stabilise the Beck walls nearby the Thatched Cottage.

The Beck working party has carried out approximately 60 hours work in the last few weeks starting from upstream of the Thatched Cottage working on both sides of the Beck removing silt and weeds. We have increased the flow of water through the east side of the bridge and in my eyes it looks much better. We now have a key to the sluice gates and this gives us better control over the flow of water and helps us to access the silt and weed and remove them in a safer environment.

Residents in Maltongate have complained about the water level at the bridges near Beech Mill and Herons Close: the water level is just below the top of the arch at both locations. The depth of water in this area is too deep for us to work therefore I am investigating the possibility of installing a new sluice gate near Lavenders. This new sluice would then allow us to work safely downstream in Maltongate.

We had a meeting with Mr I Cooke in October 2015 and he did say he could drop a post in the Beck near Lavenders to enable us to control the flow of water but as of yet nothing has happened.

We are looking into the possibility of obtaining a grant from PARKS and NYCC so we may carry out work on the Beck walls near Thatched Cottage.

8 Clerk's Report:

84/16 The Yorkshire Water Authority informed the Clerk that the work on the sewer in High Street was completed but the Clerk had been informed that the road surface, in the area of the repair, had started to subside. The Clerk will report this to YW.

85/16 A member of the public wrote to the Clerk commenting on what an excellent state the cemetery was in.

86/16 The gate and shed in the Bull Field were in a poor state of repair and the Clerk had been asked to obtain estimates to make good these areas. Estimates have been obtained and the decision which one to accept will be decided in finance.

87/16 Councillors had been asked to review the Standing Orders and put forward any alterations they thought should be made. The Councillors thought that the present Standing Orders were adequate and no additions or alterations should be made. Resolved.

88/16 A member of the public reported an accident that had occurred on the Pelican Crossing; the Police and Ambulance service attended. The Clerk passed this information to Highways. Resolved.

9 Village Maintenance Issues:

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

89/16 Councillor Garbutt brought up the abysmal state of the fencing near to the slipway on the Beck. The Council was under the impression that the responsibility of this area should be Thornton Estate or NYCC. NYCC replaced the previous fence and therefore the Council should allow them to carry out any necessary work.

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.

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.

11 Correspondence:

90/16 Councillor Porter raised the concerns of the public relating to the amount of weed in the Beck. He accepted that this was covered in Councillor M Sanderson's report. Resolved.

91/16 A member of the public enquired as to who was responsible if someone or a vehicle is hurt/damaged by large stones that have been placed on verges to prevent parking. Highways stated that the responsibility lies with the person who placed the stones.

92/16 The new road sign in Farmanby Close has now been erected.

12 Finance

93/16 The Clerk has received two quotes to replace the gate in Bull Field. The Council chose the cheaper option and the Clerk was asked to inform the contractor. Resolved.

94/16 The expenses for May were proposed to be accepted by Councillor J Garbutt and seconded by Councillor D Porter. All Councillors were in favour. The Chairman duly countersigned the cheques.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2057 hrs.