

# *THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL*

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 10  
Held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7-30 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

## **PRESENT**

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors S Bell (Chairman), J Garbutt (Vice Chairman), G Acomb, S Crabtree, M Sanderson, D Porter, P Charles, M Boden (Clerk), Rev J White and three members of the public.

## **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**

It was suggested that only Parish Councillors should be included in apologies. This was accepted by the Council.

### **2      To receive reports/presentations from NYCC and RDC**

Councillor Acomb informed the Council that work on the Hurrel Lane sites, roads and footpaths would commence in the very near future thus alleviating the present problems in that area.

### **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 Meeting No 9 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor D Porter and seconded by Councillor S Crabtree. 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:    Mr J Hill

NYM/2016/0757/FL

Address:      Croft Hill, High Street

Application:    Installation of 2 no. Rooflights, window to south facing gable and replacement doors

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr D Warrington NYM/2016/0764/FL  
Address: Conkers, South Lane  
Application: Alterations and construction of single two storey extensions, alterations to garage and store to form additional living accommodation together with erection of garden store and construction of wall to western boundary

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Miss Mitchelson NYM/2016/0535/FL  
Address: Bleach Mill Farm, Maltongate  
Application: Conversion of and extension to outbuilding to form 1 no. local occupancy letting dwelling/holiday cottage, alterations to outhouse to form utility/shower room together with erection of summerhouse, fences and guarding to bridge

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Miss Mitchelson NYM/2016/0536/LB  
Address: Bleach Mill Farm, Maltongate  
Application: Conversion of and extension to outbuilding to form 1 no. local occupancy letting dwelling/holiday cottage, alterations to outhouse to form utility/shower room

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:**

159/16 The Chairman asked for a monthly copy of the Caretaker's invoice to be forwarded to all Councillors. This will give a breakdown of the hours he worked, location and costs on a daily basis. The Clerk will begin providing this immediately. Resolved.

160/16 The Council was asked if enough information was placed on the Agenda regarding the correspondence that the Clerk received or should he include all items? The Council considered the question and thought that the Clerk should continue to inform all Councillors of emails received and allocate the items to the Agenda that he thought relevant. If a Councillor considered one of the items to be important then he would inform the Clerk and that item would then be added to correspondence. Resolved.

161/16 The Council debated the construction of the intended new disabled access path through the churchyard.

The map from the planning application showing the route through the churchyard was inspected; its construction and the intended materials to be used was noted. Mr D Alger was asked to comment on the path. He said it complied with the Church and Government requirements as set down and was 1.5 metres wide. This is 0.5 metres more than required for wheelchair access. He also pointed out that the responsibility for the maintenance of the path would lie with the Council. He also asked that it be minuted that he considered the continued debate by the Council regarding this path had been a waste of Council time and he was of the opinion that that time could have been put to better use. He also thought that the upkeep of the churchyard and its paths had not been carried out very well. Rev J White said how well the churchyard looked but thought that a meeting with her, the Clerk and one or two Councillors should happen at least once a year, in the churchyard, to inspect the area and address any concerns that the PCC or the Council have. A meeting was arranged for 10 am 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Councillors M Sanderson and S Bell will attend. Resolved.

162/16 Standing Orders will be placed on next month's Agenda.

163/16 The Chairman suggested that the explanation notes on the Agenda Format should be removed thus reducing the number of pages on the Agenda. All Councillors agreed and this will start in December. Resolved.

164/16 The Chairman had asked for feedback from the Ryedale Area Meeting regarding RAY. Councillor Acomb had spoken with a representative of RAY and at the Ryedale meeting approximately 52 subjects had been discussed. A decision of who to invite and what subject will be most beneficial to the Council will be decided at January's meeting.

## **7      Councillor / Working Party Reports**

165/16 Councillor Crabtree attended the meeting but had nothing to report except for a request that the spare keys to the Village Hall should be returned.

166/16 Councillor Charles carried out the bi-annual inspection of the headstones in the churchyard and cemetery and found them in a stable condition. Resolved.

167/16 Councillor Acomb informed the Council that he had liaised with RDC regarding the removal of the litter in the playground area and they (RDC) will deal with emptying the litter bins. Councillor Garbutt informed the Council that the Playground Group had a volunteer team to collect the rubbish/litter

therefore at this moment it does not require the help of the Caretaker.  
Resolved.

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168/16 Update on Thornton Le Dale Beck Group. Councillor M Sanderson informed the Council that the group had removed tree stumps from the area and expected work to start on the Beck Wall shortly. They are also trying to obtain a grant to replace the damaged kerb stones in Maltongate alongside the Beck. The Clerk was asked to contact Parks regarding the upkeep of the area around the slipway leading into the Beck.

## **8      Clerk's Report:**

169/16 A resident had reported seeing rats in the cemetery. The Pest Control Officer investigated this complaint but could not find any indication of rat droppings, nests or trails therefore did not consider this a priority at this time. He will inspect the area for indications of them each time he attends the cemetery to carry out work on the mole problems.

170/16 Yorkshire Water has contacted the Clerk regarding the concerns of the public appertaining to problems in Maltongate and High Street. The overflow in Maltongate has been resolved for the time being but a fresh water leak has been found in that sewer therefore until they find the source of the leak and stop it another overflow is possible.

Yorkshire Water liaised with NYCC to resolve road surfaces in the High Street. When they have decided on what work is to be carried out they will inform the Clerk.

171/16 The Council Award Scheme is to be placed on next month's Agenda.

## **9      Village Maintenance Issues:**

None this Month

## **10     Motions Proposed by Councillors**

172/16 Councillor J Garbutt has been in contact with Mr P Horne (Highways) regarding the Pelican Crossing. Mr Horne appreciates the danger of this device in conjunction with traffic emerging from Whitbygate and understands the residents' concerns. He is going to investigate these concerns further and will contact John in a couple of weeks.

## **11     Correspondence:**

173/16 The Community Speed Watch project was discussed but the Council did not think it would be a project that they would like to be included in. Resolved.

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174/16 The British Army requested that they be allowed to use a small part of the car park to facilitate the handover from a running event to a cycling event. The Clerk pointed out that the car park is owned by Parks and they should be the group contacted. The Council agreed and the Clerk was asked to pass the email to Parks. Resolved.

175/16 The Police report was discussed but the Council did not consider it relevant to comment on it. Resolved.

176/16 The Council was asked to comment on the removal of the telephone kiosk in Low Dalby. The Council decided that Low Dalby was notorious for lack of mobile cover and, even though only 17 calls had been made last year, this call box could have life saving implications. The Clerk will contact Parks regarding this decision. Resolved.

177/16 Councillor Porter reported a complaint from a resident who lives in Church Lane regarding her not being able to use her wheelchair when leaving her home due to the disgraceful state of the road. The Clerk was asked to pass this information to Highways.

## **12     Training**

None for the remainder of this year.

## **13     Finance**

178/16 The Council has not been given an update of the lighting situation in the village and do not expect one until the middle of 2017. This will be reviewed in 2017.

179/16 The Council has been provided with all the financial information regarding the setting of the 2017/18 Precept. This will be debated and a decision made in January.

180/16 The internal Audit was presented to the Council. It was proposed to be accepted by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Bell. All Councillors were in favour.  
The Clerk and Chairman duly signed the relevant paperwork. Resolved

181/16 The expenses for November 2016 were proposed to be accepted by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Garbutt. All Councillors were in favour and the Chairman duly countersigned the cheques. Resolved.

**14     Items for next month's Agenda**

Clerk's annual assessment. The Standing Orders. RAY. The Council Quality Award.  
The Precept.

**Date of next meeting.**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute.

The meeting closed at 2145 hrs.