

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 6
Held Tuesday 1st August 2017 at 7-30 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors S Bell (Chair), G Acomb, S Crabtree, P Charles, M Sanderson, D Porter, J Sanderson, M Boden (Clerk) and 10 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

Councillor J Garbutt

2 To receive reports/ presentations from NYCC and RDC Councillors

113/17 Councillor J Sanderson presented a written report. This was forwarded to all on the Clerk's mailing list and hard copies were made available for those attending the meeting and are available on our web site.

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 5 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 4th July 2017.

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor S Crabtree 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: Mr & Mrs D Shaw NYM/2017/0433/FL

Address: Midstream Cottage, Priestmans Lane

Application: Erection of single storey side extension, erection of single storey rear extension together with replacement casement windows and re-roofing.

The Council offered no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr Verity 16/01965/FUL
Address: Midsummer Cottage, Thornton Lane, High Marishes
Application: Formation of 1 no. vehicular access to dwelling and associated agricultural buildings.

The meeting will be held on the 1st August 2017 at Ryedale House Malton at 6.00 pm.

The recommendation for this application will be approval.

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

Application No. NYM/2017/0319/FL

Application for retention of porches to units 2, 3 and 4 and erection of porches to units 1 and 5 at High Oaks Grange, Thornton Road, has been withdrawn.

Ryedale District Council has considered the following application and has decided it should be approved subject to certain conditions.

Application No: 16/01947/MFUL

6 Chairman's Report:

114/17 Feedback from Chairmanship training included some items which were at variance with our current practices, eg there was surprise expressed that there was resistance to a meeting of the Chair and the Clerk prior to PC meeting. Also specifically that the Clerk never takes the chair of the meeting, even AGM.

Regarding apologies, that reasons given can be 'accepted' but just 'noting' might be a better option particularly if there is any pattern of non-attendance as otherwise 'accepting' the apology could be construed as breaking a pattern of non-attendance. The Chair stated that this was not seen as an issue with the current Councillors, but could conceivably be so in the future. She emphasised that the current Councillors have all put themselves up for election and been elected so the likelihood of non-attendance for the prescribed 6 months would seem low; we would not wish to reduce our power to act if need be.

Items not on the Agenda can be discussed and should then be minuted as they have been part of the meeting but there can be no resolution regarding them until they have been placed on an Agenda.

115/17 The Chair introduced the consideration that there should be space on the Agenda for discussion of items rather than merely responding to specific proposals.

Also she expressed concern about how comments and suggestions are sometimes received, reiterating that all Councillors are in post through choice and have been elected to serve the community - an aggressive response to such contributions is never appropriate.

116/17 The Chair conveyed her unease at the way the council addresses communications and her concern that we perhaps are not always handling them as well as we could. She suggested that the PC should consider making an amendment to the standing orders in this regard to ensure that: a. common courtesy is always followed and, b. that items are not overlooked and are addressed within the Parish Council Meeting. She proposed that this be addressed in a meeting very soon. The idea being to produce an immediate acknowledgement to any such items and that they be brought to the whole Council at the next meeting in addition to the circulation of the actual items to all Councillors as they arrive. She made the point that there have been times when we have failed to respond appropriately.

7 Councillor / Working Party Reports

116/17 None this month.

8 Clerk's Report:

117/17 The railings have been repaired in Roxby Road and the work carried out by Highways looks very good.

118/17 I have tried to contact Mr D Smith (NYMNPA) on a few occasions regarding the poor state of the Duck Pond, the "Right of Way" between Dog Kennel Lane and the car park, the poor state of the litter bins, the new car park signage (not yet in place), benches and picnic tables requiring some TLC. As of yet he has not replied to these concerns.

119/17 A letter has been posted to Royal Mail regarding the moving of the post box to a more accessible location within the village.

120/17 There was concern that the Post Box could fall apart if it was attempted to move it. Because of the length of time it has been on site it was put forward that a "Right of Way" now existed and therefore it should stay on the present location and a new box installed closer to the new Post Office. A group of residents have joined together to help protect the Post Box.

121/17 Because of the above minute it was suggested that the new path through the churchyard could come under similar legislation. The Chair will arrange to meet with the Reverend J White to discuss this.

122/17 It was suggested at last month's meeting that people donating a bench for the village should be asked to care for the bench or pay an annual sum of forty pounds towards its upkeep.

123/17 Councillor M Sanderson was asked to ascertain the price of two cherry trees and this will be on next month's Agenda.

124/17 The Clerk and Caretaker had a look at this area in Farmanby Close and indeed the hedge is badly overgrown and requires work on it ASAP. Apparently, the gentleman who used to own the property has passed away and it is now in his son's hands. As of yet we have not been able to contact him. The Caretaker will address the problem.

125/17 RDC has been spraying areas of the village unbeknown to the Clerk and Council. Councillor Acomb will contact RDC and give feedback at our meeting in September.

126/17 The damaged gate post at the allotments will be repaired as soon as a new post is available.

9 Village Maintenance Issues:

127/17 Councillor M Sanderson met with the Caretaker and addressed the following work required through the village:

Pruning of shrubs, an Elder tree by the Thatched Cottage, Laburnum being killed by Boterill bush, cutting back a Winter Jasmine and cleared paths of over grown paths and other concerns. Councillor Sanderson was pleased with the work of the Caretaker.

128/17 Councillor Garbutt raised concerns regarding the excessive weeds and the deplorable state of the kerbstones in Maltongate alongside the Beck. The Clerk will contact Highways.

10 Motions Proposed by Councillors:

None this month.

11 Correspondence:

129/17 The Council was all in favour of the S106 grant application put forward by the Thornton le Dale Christmas Tree Lights project and an appropriate letter has been forwarded.

130/17 A complaint has been made regarding the upkeep of Allotment 10. The Caretaker will meet with this gentleman and view the plot.

12 Training

131/17 All Councillors have been given a copy of training that is available until the end of this year.

13 Finance

132/17 The replacement/repair of the notice boards will be on September's meeting

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133/17 The expenses for July were proposed to be accepted by Councillor M Sanderson and seconded by Councillor D Porter. All Councillors were in favour. The Chair duly countersigned the cheques.

14 Items for next month's Agenda

134/17 S106 grants Rosie Riley, Street Lighting: non removal of post box (Right of Way), church footpath and street lighting.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute

This meeting will start at 1910 hrs (Councillors only) due to a closed Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 2059 hrs.