

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 7
Held Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7-10 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

The meeting opened at 1930 hrs with Councillors S Bell (Chair), J Garbutt (Vice Chairman), G Acomb, S Crabtree, P Charles, M Sanderson, D Porter, J Sanderson, M Boden (Clerk) and 16 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

No apologies this month.

2 To receive reports/ presentations from NYCC and RDC Councillors

135/17 Councillor J Sanderson submitted 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 6 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 1st August 2017.

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor M Sanderson and seconded by Councillor S Crabtree. All Councillors that attended the meeting were in favour.

4 Matters Arising From the Minutes

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

Applicant: R W Balderson NYM/2017/0512/FL

Address: Land at Brook Lane,

Application: Construction of 1 no. single storey dwelling with amenity space together with amenity space for existing 2 no. Flats (re-submission following expiration of NYM/2011/0552/FL.

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Marrington NYM/2017/0508/FL

Address: 18 The Mount

Application: Construction of single storey side extension.

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr I Palmer NYM/2017/0530/FL

Address: High Oaks Grange

Application: Construction of replacement porches to holiday cottages 2, 3 & 4 and new porches to holiday cottages 1 and 5 (re-submission following withdrawal of NYM/2017/0319/FL)

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Scullion NYM/2017/0531/FL

Address: 21 The Rise

Application: Construction of dormer windows to front and rear roof slopes together with insertion of 1 no. first floor window.

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Gascoyne NYM/2017/0519/FL

Address: Dalby Beck, Low Dalby Road

Application: Retention of and alterations to log cabin and use for holiday letting purposes together with erection of pergolas and bike/cycle storage (part retrospective).

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr T Stephenson NYM/2017/0514/FL

Address: Archways, Roxby Road

Application: Variation of conditions 2 (material amendment) and 13 of planning approval NYM/2016/0842/FL to allow an increase in width of site access from 6.5m to 9.4m

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: A & D Sturdy NYM/2017/0545/FL

Address: Hallgarth Farm, Westgate

Application: Construction of 5 no. dwellings with associated access, parking, garages and landscaping work (revised scheme to NYM/2015/0467/FL).

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr P Rayment NYM/2017/0586/FL
Address: Upgang, Westgate
Application: Extension of existing roof to form covered entrance together with
change of use of agricultural land to domestic.
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:

136/17 Amendments to the standing orders regarding correspondence was discussed. It was thought that the Clerk should acknowledge emails and copies of written correspondence within one week of receiving it and forward copies of this information to all Councillors. Councillor D Porter will receive copies by snail mail.

137/17 The Chair will arrange a meeting with the Reverend White to discuss the new church path.

7 Councillor / Working Party Reports

None this month

8 Clerk's Report:

138/17 The Clerk asked Mr D Smith questions about work that is required in the village. Mr Smith's replies to these questions are in blue.

- 1 The "Right of Way" between Dog Kennel Lane and the car park is overgrown and some fly tipping has occurred.
1. This footpath has been cut out twice since the 12 July. The second time being last week prior Thornton Show. The fly tipped garden waste in the wood near to Dog Kennel Lane is well off the footpath so this is not our responsibility – unfortunately this will be the responsibility of the woodland owner to deal with if he so wishes to do so. Can I suggest that if it is causing such an problem you contact the relevant landowner.
- 2 The duck pond has a large quantity of empty cans and bottles in it and smells bad.

2. The pond has had some rubbish removed. It will be looked at again very soon. I'm not aware that the pond smells really bad and is nothing more than I would expect from a pond of this nature especially with so many ducks which are attracted there by all the feeding which takes places. We do keep an eye on the through flow of water. When necessary we do clean out both inlet and outlet pipes to keep fresh water flowing through.
- 3 The bins in the car park need repairing or preferably replacing.
3. I'm waiting for prices for replacement litter bins. It's likely some of the bins will be replaced over a period of time. Those that are repairable will be done soon.
- 4 The car park area looks pretty good but is spoilt by the poor state of the picnic tables and the benches. They require some TLC.
4. Any picnic tables and benches which are coming to the end of their service will be replaced; those which are repairable will receive attention soon. Two of the picnic benches have been recently repaired.
- 5 We are still waiting for the new signage for the car park.
5. I have been in discussion with NYCC Highways since early this year about the car park signs. I was given the impression that the signs would fall within a village sign audit that was being undertaken by consultants for Highways. I was therefore hopeful that we would get new car park signs as a result of the audit. Unfortunately, in the last two weeks I have been informed that Highways themselves have no plans for making any changes to the signage in the village. However, they are happy for me to pursue new car park signs through their consultants which I will be following up in the next two weeks.

I trust this bring you up to date on where we are with things.

Many thanks
Regards
David

David Smith
Senior Ranger (South)
Park Services

139/17 The pot hole in Maltongate at the entrance to the A170 has been repaired.

140/17 The railings in Maltongate will now be repaired as soon as a steel fabricator can carry out this work.

141/17 The Clerk thanked all the volunteers who carry out work in the village at their own time and expense.

9 Village Maintenance Issues:

None this month.

10 Motions Proposed by Councillors:

None this month.

11 Correspondence:

142/17 A resident asked that all wreaths be removed from the cemetery after three months. This was duly noted and the caretaker was informed.

143/17 A resident has asked if the Council can purchase and place new benches around the village and not just in the centre. This was discussed and will be placed on October's Agenda.

144/17 Councillor Garbutt asked the Clerk to contact the Environment Agency to ask if they could come up with a reason for the lack of fish in the Beck and if possible carry out a survey to find a reason. The Agency contacted Councillor Garbutt direct and they do not know of any reason for this occurring but would look further into the Council's concerns.

148/17 The moving and replacing of benches will be on next month's Agenda. Councillors M Sanderson and S Bell volunteered to do a survey of the benches i.e. the number and state of repair.

149/17 Last month the Clerk wrote to Royal Mail regarding the moving of the post box to a more convenient site. As of yet he has not had a reply. He was asked to contact Royal Mail again.

12 Training

150/17 The future training needs of the Council was debated. Councillor M Sanderson and Councillor S Bell declared an interest on attending a course on common land to be held at Wetherby on the 26th October. The Clerk was asked to book two places on this course.

151/17 It was agreed that all Councillors should receive training on the “Code of Conduct”. The Clerk was asked to contact YLCA and ascertain if it was possible for one of their lecturers to give in house training at the Hill Memorial Institute.

13 Finance

152/17 The Council agreed to replace the new light fitting and column in Archway Lane. It was proposed by Councillor G Acomb and seconded by Councillor S Crabtree. All Councillors were in favour.

153/17 RDC will cease to pay the “Street Lighting Special Levy” from 1st April 2018. This means the responsibility of the upkeep of the lighting will become Thornton le Dale’s responsibility. This will affect the precept in the coming years. As soon as we receive further information on this extra expense we will keep all residents informed.

154/17 A grant application was received from a resident and the Council were unsure if this could be legally granted. The Council is seeking further advice on this matter.

155/17 The expenses for August were proposed to be accepted by Councillor J Garbutt and seconded by Councillor S Bell. All Councillors were in favour. The Chair duly countersigned the cheques.

14 Items for next month’s Agenda

156/17 Highways update regarding the Pelican Crossing, new cherry trees and quotes, replacing benches in the village, pot hole in Aunums Close and repairing graves in the cemetery.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute

The meeting closed at 2140 hrs.