

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 9
Held Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 7-30 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

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

2 To receive reports/ presentations from NYCC and RDC Councillors

Councillor J Sanderson submitted a written report to the Clerk: this was distributed to all Councillors and those on the Clerk's mailing list. This report is also available on our website.

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 8 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 3rd October 2017.

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Garbutt and seconded by Councillor Porter. 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 and Mrs Fitzgerald NYM/2017/0703/FL

Address: Roxby Hill, Pickering Road

Application: Installation of replacement garage door.

The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr S Man 17/01141/FUL
Address: Low Grundon House Farm, Fox Lane
Application: Concreting of 843 square metres of existing farm yard.
The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Ms C Balderson NYM/2017/0673/LB
Address: Welcome Café, Chestnut Avenue
Application: Consent for the display of 4 no. fascia signs, 2 no. hanging signs and 2 no. awnings (non-illuminated).
The Council had no objections to this application.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hoggarth NYM/2017/0718/FL
Address: 5 Castle Close
Application: Construction of replacement attached garage with associated hardstanding together with relocation of oil tank.
The Council had no objections to this application.

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

Application for change of use from redundant school and barn to 4 no. holiday cottages and retail/restaurant unit at Old School, Chestnut Avenue NYM/2017/0611/CU has now been withdrawn.

6 Chairman's Report:

186/17 Parish Liaison meeting 18/10/17

We were given presentations from a variety of endeavours.

1. There was an interesting presentation on the Turtle Dove project by Alan Baines (I will check as I passed his card on). In North Yorkshire, we have the most northern significant site in the UK, the other significant site is considerably south.
2. Ryevitalise – a landscape partnership with sponsorship from NYMNP and 16 other sources.
They now have 18 months to add detail to their plan which will be carried out over 4 years.
The partnership addresses 3 main themes 1) Water quality and the environment, 2) Water level management and 3) Reconnecting people. There was mention of a colony of Alcahthre bats in the area – 1 of only 2 in the UK.
They are asking for input and there is a questionnaire which can be done on paper or on line. They request responses if possible by Christmas.

3. The “Don't be a waster” campaign was highlighted by Becky. This is an on-running campaign. There is to be further detail being publicised throughout November until 30th.
4. Sharon Fox from Highways talked about the Parish Portal and its role. There have been some problems with its implementation, but it is a work in progress. 198 calls have been logged. She made the point that the call centre number needs to be contacted for the calls to be logged – 01609 780780. The aim is to get all assets on the site – lights, grit bins etc.
The issue of gulley clearance was raised and the fact that these are not always cleared effectively. The schedule for clearance has been changed.
5. KM8 and traffic movements was raised and discussed. There was considerable concern about alternative routes being used which were not thought to have been assessed for safety and the firm using private tracks and paths and other unsuitable roads for heavy traffic. There was also concern expressed about heavy handed security staff demanding ID from e.g. dog walkers on public footpaths etc. Cllr Oxley undertook to pass on the content of the comments made.
6. There was concern raised about occupancy restrictions placed on brownfield sites.
7. The issue of thorny debris on roads was raised. It was made clear that the responsibility for clear up and restitution for damage caused rests with the perpetrator.

187/17 Village Greens, Common Land and Rights of Way 26/10/17. An interesting day. Councillor M Sanderson and I attended.

We came away with some clarification about the rights and restrictions these might endow.

I asked specifically about the situation regarding the churchyard path and the reply reinforced the information I had previously received from Jo White. I have arranged to meet with Reverend White, later this month, to discuss further Councillor's concerns regarding this path.

188/17 Amendments to the 'Risk Assessment' register will be discussed next month and any suggested and agreed changes made.

7 Councillor / Working Party Reports

189/17 Councillor Garbutt reported that no issues, that affected the Council, were raised.

8 Clerk's Report:

190/17 It was decided that a sign regarding the removal of wreaths and flowers after three months was not necessary and that a resident (a volunteer) and the Caretaker would remove them when required.

9 Village Maintenance Issues:

191/17 The Council asked NYCC to provide, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a schedule of communications (including correspondence, notes of meetings and presentations) between the following departments and personnel regarding the work carried out by Highways in Thornton le Dale.

- 1 The Pelican Crossing; S Fox, M Farnham and any other department or personnel involved.
- 2 The traffic survey carried out in the village and the survey carried out for Maltongate.
- 3 The retaining wall in Farmanby Close; the retaining wall at No. 13

The Council was provided with the information requested but are still none the wiser as to what the outcome will be. Highways have not yet made a definite decision on any of the Council's concerns.

10 Motions Proposed by Councillors:

None this month.

11 Correspondence:

192/17 RDC has rescinded its previous letter regarding the 'Street Lighting Levy' therefore, for the immediate future, no changes will be made.

193/17 NYMNP has distributed a questionnaire regarding the 'Local Plan'. Councillor S Bell and Councillor M Sanderson have arranged to meet and complete the survey. They will present the paper at next month's meeting, so all Councillors can discuss their recommendations.

194/17 Once again there was another near miss on the Pelican Crossing due to a car coming out of Whitbygate and not being aware that the lights were red. The Clerk reported this to S Fox and Highways. The Council asked the Clerk to contact Highways regarding the Council's and residents' concerns that if this problem is not resolved then eventually there will be a serious accident or, God forbid, a fatality.

195/17 A letter was received from Royal Mail regarding the moving of the existing Post Box to a location close to the new Post Office. The owner of the Italian Restaurant would prefer the Post Box to remain in its present location; therefore, the Royal Mail do not consider it a priority and do not intend to move it. The Council agreed with this decision and thought that, if a problem did arise regarding where it is presently located, then the matter could be reassessed at a future date.

12 Training

196/17 YLCA have one training session (Successful Event Management for Local Councils and Community Groups) planned for the remaining few weeks of 2017. This course would not be beneficial to Councillors but would be advantageous to other groups within the village. The two residents interested cannot attend this session but would be interested if the course was run again in 2018. The Clerk informed the two ladies that when it was advertised again he would inform them.

197/17 It was agreed that YLCA would be invited to give training to Councillors, on the 7th December, regarding 'Code of Conduct'.

13 Finance

198/17 The information given by YLCA 'Grants Legislation and Advice' would be placed on next month's Agenda.

199/17 Councillor M Sanderson had arranged for Deans Garden Centre to plant the trees in a position that he thought would show them to their best advantage. The Council agreed with his decision. The cost amounted to £221.26, a substantial amount less than the other quote.

200/17 The new insurance quote was discussed, and it was decided to accept this. It was proposed by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Bell. All Councillors were in favour.

201/17 The Air Ambulance requested a grant from the Council. It was pointed out by residents present that more than £3,000.00 had been given to them last year and the Council thought other charities should take precedence.

202/17 The expenses for October 2017 were proposed to be accepted by Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor Garbutt. All Councillors were in favour. The Chair duly countersigned the cheques.

14 Items for next month's Agenda

203/17 The Agenda items that were not debated at Octobers meeting: Beck walk over, NYMNPA 'Local Plan', Grants Legislation and Advice, amendments to 'Risk Assessment and the Chair's meeting with Reverend White.

Date of next meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 2120 hrs.