

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 10
Held Tuesday 2nd December 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, S Crabtree, P Charles, D Porter, M Boden (Clerk) and one member 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 M Sanderson.

2 To receive reports/ presentations from NYCC and RDC Councillors

204/17 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 9 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Tuesday 7th November 2017.

205/17 The minutes were not proposed at this meeting due to the following matters arising from the Minutes.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

206/17 Councillor Porter and Councillor Charles stated that they had received complaints from residents that the Agenda had not been displayed correctly as per LGA 1972 Schedule 12 paragraph 10(2)(a) (that notification of the meeting had not been given at least three clear days prior to the meeting being held and was not placed in a conspicuous place for members of the public to view) therefore the meeting held on the 7th of November was illegal and that the meeting should be reconvened to discuss the items that were placed on that Agenda.

207/17 I have received information, from YLCA, that the 7th Novembers minutes can be put forward in January for the Council to propose, second and vote on them.

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

Two Councillors declared an interest in this application; the remaining Councillors offered no objections.

The Council offered no objections to this application.

None this month.

209/17 1. As mentioned last month, when I was attending the training relating to village greens, common land and rights of way. I asked the trainer, a solicitor of many years of experience in this field, about the situation regarding the

church path. His reply was that the information given to me by the Rector and subsequently to the Rector by Jessica Smith of Lupton Fawcett, was correct. When I further enquired as to where this would be found in writing, he told me it was in "General Property Law".

2. Risk Assessment: these are minor suggestions only and the Council agreed to implement these. The Chair will update the "Risk Assessment and return to the Clerk at the meeting in January 2018. Resolved

3. NYMNP Local Plan: Councillor M Sanderson and I met to consider this and have completed the questionnaire. The Chair discussed the questionnaire with the Council and suggestions were made regarding some of the replies to a few of the answers. The Chair took these on board and will give the final documentation to the Clerk on the 7th December. Resolved.

4. Withdrawn Agenda items/final Agenda: In the October Agenda, which was badly overloaded, there were several items for which there was insufficient time and therefore were put over to the next meeting. Subsequently these were withdrawn. As there was a query in last month's public question time regarding these items I was concerned that the items were then withdrawn. Some of these items seem to me to have possible relevance and therefore should be considered or otherwise may have been entered to raise suspicions. I suppose my attitude is that either they were important enough to be addressed at a meeting and should be, or they should not have been entered on the Agenda.

This is in part the purpose of the final item in the Agenda of 'Items for Future Agenda'. There have been several months when the Agenda has been overloaded - the October one was merely an extreme example; this is one reason I feel the pre-meeting meeting which I have suggested several times is advisable. I have suggested that the Clerk and I meet to consider the Agenda prior to its finalisation possibly a week before the PC meeting. My understanding is that this is standard practice in most parishes, but the Clerk wishes it put to discussion as to whether any other Councillors should be present. As I must have unanimous agreement by Councillors to continue a meeting after 21:30 and have always asked fellow Councillors if they are willing to continue past that time, it makes sense to present an Agenda that can be completed within this time frame.

210/17 The above was proposed by Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor Crabtree. All Councillors were in favour. The date set for future meetings was the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting at 10 am. If a Councillor was available and wanted to attend, then this was agreed by all Councillors. Resolved.

7 Councillor / Working Party Reports

211/17 Councillor Garbutt informed the Council that the new donated bench is now ready and should be in location within the next few days.

8 Clerk's Report:

212/17 The Clerk received an email from Mr D Smith (Senior Ranger Parks) regarding horses using the footpath between Dog Kennel Lane and the car park. Unfortunately, NYM has not been able to install any restrictive barriers to inhibit the use of bikes or horses along this path but they have put up signs at each end of the footpath.

9 Village Maintenance Issues:

213/17 The Council offered no objections to the proposed stopping up of the Highways at Ashreigney, Maltongate. Resolved.

10 Motions Proposed by Councillors:

214/17 The Council asked the Clerk to contact an exterminator to deal with the problem of moles near to Brookfield in Maltongate. This is to be carried out once and reassessed in six months' time to assess the cost effectiveness of this work.

11 Correspondence:

215/17 NYMNP requested that we use electronically produced "Planning Applications" instead of hard copies. Councillor Bell proposed that due to poor access to the internet in areas of the village and a Councillor not having access to the media that we should not accept this proposal. This was seconded by Councillor Porter. Councillor Acomb asked the Council to consider the following amendment and that was: "The Council should review this in six months, but in the meantime ask that hard copies be supplied". Resolved.

216/17 Due to the lateness of the hour the remaining items, except for expenses, be adjourned until the meeting in January.

12 Training

217/17 Code of Conduct training has been arranged for Thursday 7th December. Resolved.

13 Finance

217/17 The expenses for November 2017 were proposed to be accepted by Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor Crabtree. All Councillors were in favour. The Chair duly countersigned the cheques.

14 Items for next month's Agenda

218/17 Clarify whether the November meeting was legally held, Budget and precept discussions, Grants legislation and advice, removal of tree in cemetery and the Chair to provide full documentary legal evidence that the new path in the churchyard is not a public "Right of Way" so that it may be minuted.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute

The meeting closed at 2140 hrs.