

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting No 12
Held Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7-30 pm in the Hill Memorial Institute

PRESENT

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

Councillor J Sanderson prepared a written report; the Clerk forwarded this to all on his mailing list and was discussed at this meeting.

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 11 held in the Hill Memorial Institute on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor G Acomb and seconded by Councillor J Garbutt. All Councillors were in favour. Resolved.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None this month.

5 Finance

09/19 The grass cutting tenders were discussed. It was proposed by Councillor G Acomb and seconded by Councillor S Bell that the contract be awarded to Steve's Garden Service. All Councillors were in favour. Resolved.

- 10/19 It was proposed by Councillor S Bell and seconded by Councillor G Acomb that the play area should be cut twelve times per annum by Scott the Caretaker. All Councillors were in favour. Resolved.
- 11/19 The Clerk contacted Mr Martin Dales regarding the cost of installing CCTV cameras in the village. Installation will be in the region of £6,000 but he has not yet obtained the running costs and will contact the Clerk when he has them.
- 12/19 It was proposed by Councillor G Acomb and seconded by Councillor S Bell that the existing projector and computer were not fit for purpose and that new equipment should be purchased for the incoming Clerk. All Councillors were in favour. The Clerk (M Boden) was asked to investigate the cost.
- 13/19 The expenditure for January 2019 was proposed to be accepted by Councillor S Bell and seconded by Councillor S Crabtree. All Councillors were in favour. The Vice Chair duly countersigned the cheques. Resolved.

6 Village Maintenance Issues:

- 14/19 Village Hub Group report
Pond Project – meeting held with David Smith (Ranger) and Ryan Chenery – issues discussed- resurfacing of paths/performance area/removal of dead trees/ planting of flowering bushes/placement of bird boxes. A meeting was held regarding the environmental issues with regard to the survival of the water vole. A volunteer has built a ‘bug hotel’ and boxes for hedgehogs. These will be incorporated as part of the proposed Nature Trail.

Following a meeting with a representative of the Highways Department we are now awaiting a final decision on the planning submission for planters, oak posts and noticeboard. We will be asking a number of organisations with regard to sponsoring a planter. A very productive on-site meeting was held with representatives of Yorkshire in Bloom. They gave pointers towards our Village in Bloom application.

Painting of church railings- to commence when weather improves – black paint to be purchased by the Parish Council
A programme of monthly walks to be started in February

Members of the Hub Management to finalise programme of future activities
Constitution now ready for submission to Charity Commissioners

Winter newsletter on update of Hub activities distributed to resident

The Hub Group asked if they could use the Village Green on 4th May for the Spin Ride Project. The Council agreed to this request.

15/19 The Clerk had emailed Mr T Coyne to ask if he would attend a meeting to address the concerns of the residents regarding the “Traffic Review” for Thornton le Dale but had not yet received a reply. Councillor J Sanderson informed the Council that she would deal with this matter.

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

Address: The Courtyard, Low Dalby NYM/2018/0830/FL
Application: Siting of a storage container with timber screen and access path at car park.
No objection to this application.

Address: Chester Villa, Thornton Lane 19/00054/HOUSE
Application: Erection of two storey side extension.
No objection to this application.

Address: Brook Farm House, Brook Lane NYM/2019/0013/LB
Application: Listed Building consent for internal alterations and installation of replacement windows and doors.
One Councillor declared an interest the other six Councillors offered no objections.

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

Planning application for the street furniture has been approved.

Planning application 18/01380/FUL has been approved.

8 **Chair’s Report:**

16/19 A representative of the Council was asked if they would attend the meeting of the “Thornton le Dale Show & Sports Society” on the 7th February. None of the seven Councillors was available on that date. Councillor Janet Sanderson (NYCC) said that if the Council agreed she would attend on their behalf. All Councillors were in favour of this. Resolved.

9 **Councillor / Working Party Reports**

17/19 Date of Meeting: Monday 4th February 2019

The Village Hall Committee meeting was well attended. Reports were received on the works carried out;

- 1 Gents toilets re-fitted

- 2 Double glazing repaired
- 3 Policies and procedures prepared for adoption
- 4 Kitchen boiler commissioned

Works authorised:

- 1. Decoration of Gents Toilets
- 2. Purchase of mugs and bowls for customer use
- 3. Inspection of the main hall floor with a view to re-sealing
- 4. Purchase of additional tables
- 5. Information gathering on new chairs and portable stage

Financial position was considered satisfactory.

The above was presented by Councillor J Garbutt

10 Clerk's Report:

18/19 The Clerk suggested that it would be more appropriate for one of the Councillors to deal with the insurance claim for the damage to the railings due to the short period left in his Contract. It was suggested that Councillor J Garbutt should take on this role. Councillor Garbutt said he would deal with this matter. Resolved

11 Motions Proposed by Councillors:

None this month

12 Correspondence:

19/19 Councillor Porter stated the following: "The scurrilous accusations that you (the Clerk) have made against me and which have been published to your general mailing. I request a right of reply generally to the aforesaid. I would also like that what is said at the meeting to be fully and properly minuted." The complaint was regarding his not receiving the paperwork relating to Council meetings.

Councillor Porter did not expand further on this complaint. The Clerk replied as follows:

I will start in 2016 when David made a formal complaint to SBC when he claimed that I was not posting him the paperwork appertaining to Council meetings. Nothing came of this fabrication. In December 2016 David made a claim for £1.50 (item No. 77 Cheque 3271) when he had to pay for postage when I hadn't put enough stamps on one of the envelopes he claimed I was not sending.

He continued telling all and sundry that I was not posting him Agenda items.

The Council asked me to start posting the mail to John Garbutt at the Post Office and David could collect it when he called in for his paper. This I did except when I made a visit to Thornton le Dale when I handed the large brown envelope to either John, Helen or one of the counter staff.

If you wish I can produce the dates that I attended Thornton le Dale and, on most occasions, I left an envelope for David at the Post Office.

On the evening of 2nd January David stated that he had only received the Agenda and expenditure that month and nothing else. On the 18th December 2018 I called at the Post Office and handed John a large brown envelope containing various items and one i.e. "The Thornton le Dale Parking and Traffic Review." I even commented on the review to John because it was sent to us seven months after it had been published and distributed. Councillor Porter had told the Council he had not received this.

I was then informed by the Council that I should forward all his mail ten days prior to the meeting by recorded delivery. I pointed out that the nearest Post Office to me was fourteen miles away and it would cost the Council for mileage. Regardless this is what the Council decided, and all present were in favour

- 20/19 A resident asked for the following item to be placed on the Agenda. "The working of the Parish Council and its decisions?" but when the resident attempted to expand on the item Councillor Bell attempted to stop her speaking. Eventually she, the resident, made the following statement.
"I would like to say how disgusted I am the way that this and other meetings are conducted.

We have all sat here and listened to this and it does nothing but breeds bad taste.

My question to the chair is

Why are certain Councillors allowed to keep conducting themselves in this unprofessional manner?

But most of all, when is the Parish Council going to start putting our village first?"

- 21/19 A gentleman resident made the following comments:

Points made to Thornton-Le- Dale Parish Council meeting held on the 5th February 2019 ref. Resignation of Michael Boden (Clerk to the Parish Council)

I would like to emphasis the correspondence was in response to the Clerk's resignation. The points made are intended as being constructively critical and we do appreciate the voluntary time that the majority of Parish Councillors apply to representing their local community.

However, it is apparent that on several occasions several Parish Councillors are more concerned with pursuing personal and inconsequential matters and at the same time not presenting a coordinated approach to developments and losing sight of representing their community.

Links with community – Parish meeting – May 2018 – 6 residents- does this represent good communications with the residents? – Why so few? – How many are aware of the Parish Plan and more importantly the outcomes?
Hub meeting at the village hall last June attracted over 100 – Why so many attending? – possibly because of effective communications with residents?
I would like to thank Michael for his support of the Hub and its development;

22/19 Another lady put forward that the Council meeting didn't feel an inviting place. She wasn't aware of any of the Councillors names and recommended that the Councillors names should be in front of them to allow their comments to be attributed to a person and not a nonentity. The Council agreed that they should consider taking this on board.

13 Training

None this month.

14 Items for next month's Agenda

Opening of the Caretakers' applications.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 1930 hrs in the Hill Memorial Institute
The meeting closed at 2115 hrs.