

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2011 at the Hill Memorial Institute

Present:

Councillors: P Mills (Chairman), D Porter, R Hetherton, J Avison,
J Garbutt.

In Attendance: J Leng (Clerk),
N Baxter (Press).

Code of Conduct:

No Declarations of Interest were mentioned

1. Election of Chairman:

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr. Mills was elected.
Cllr Porter proposed a ladder system for future chairman selection.

2. Apologies:

Cllr. Acomb had a meeting at Ryedale District Council.

3. Election of Vice Chairman:

Cllr. Acomb was elected as Vice Chairman.

4. Signing of Forms:

Declaration of Acceptance forms were signed by all Members present.
Most Councillors had filled in their Registerable Interests forms and handed to
the Clerk.

5. Representation on Outside Bodies:

- i) Thornton le Dale Village Hall Committee-----Cllr. Hetherton (Cllr. Garbutt)
 - ii) Thornton le Dale Playing Fields Committee-----Cllr. Garbutt
 - iii) Hill Memorial Institute-----Cllr. Garbutt (Cllr Avison)
 - iv) Yorkshire Local Council Association-----Cllr. Hetherton
 - v) Campaign to Protect Rural England-----Cllr. Avison
 - vi) NYMNPA – Southern Area Forum-----Cllr. Mills
 - vii) Caulklands Landfill Site Liaison Committee-----Cllr. Acomb
 - viii) Pickering Area Community Police Group-----Vacant
- (Councillors whose name appears in brackets will deputise when necessary)

6. Public Questions:

Jerry Scarr asked the Chairman to explain a comment (regarding the parish council working with the traders on the removal of advertising boards blocking the footpath) mentioned at the Southern Area Parish Forum meeting and asked for clarification of an answer given by the Chairman. The Chairman responded that NYCC Highways had sent a letter out to traders giving traders the opportunity to remove the boards but had not enforced action as yet. This matter was on-going and the Chairman would discuss an alternative (to individual advertising boards) later in the meeting.

7. Co-option of a New Member:

The Clerk passed an advertisement for a new parish councillor to councillors for their approval. Cllrs approved of the advert and the Clerk will place the advert on the parish council notice board.

Resolved: THAT the Clerk places the advertisement for a parish councillor on the notice board.

8. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council:

The minutes of the meeting held on 03rd May 2011 were received.

Resolved: THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 03rd May 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Music on the Green

The Clerk passed a copy of a letter Cllr Acomb had received from RDC regarding whether a licence was required for the Sunday concerts. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to contact RDC regarding a query in the letter of supplying seating for concerts (letter indicated that no licence required if seating wasn't supplied - but some seating is supplied for the concerts).

Cemetery Shed

The Chairman informed Members that the quotes received were varied. 2 were close in price and another was higher. He asked for this item to be discussed at another meeting.

137. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman asked that the Clerk write to former Cllrs Wilkin and Olsson and thank them for their service to the parish.

A former application to NYMNPA for Leader funding for a notice board and finger signs was unsuccessful but following a meeting with David Smith from NYMNPA it was indicated that part funding may be available. Village Traders would be required to contribute. The Chairman produced copies of examples of boards and their content and explained how this was now a way forward for traders and would assist with their sustainability and stability. Hopefully this would remove the need for advertising boards placed on the footpath. This was still an on-going project the Chairman noted.

138. Clerk's Report:

Pest control for the allotments from RDC was £192 this year. Members decided not to renew this.

The draft Standing Orders were sent to all Members for any items to be discussed/included/removed etc. This item is to be put on a future agenda. The owner of Thornton le Dale Fisheries requested a litter bin outside the shops on Pickering Road. Cllrs felt that the footpath was too narrow to accommodate a bin.

The small bins on the green (centre of village) should be re-positioned next to the bus stop Cllrs. suggested and a bin without a lid near the Almshouses should be notified to RDC.

Information from NYMNPA regarding the re-use of rural buildings was previously sent out to Cllrs. A response was now required. Cllrs. noted that the traditional design of these building should be utilised (when they are in disrepair) and was a good idea both visually and to generate income for the area.

Double yellow lines should be placed on the road outside of the former butchers shop as large farm vehicles are having great difficulty passing parked vehicles Cllr Porter noted.

The railings surrounding the green (centre of village) are in need of repair. MA Fabrication are to be asked for a quote.

Internet banking is to be considered in the future as a means of obtaining more interest on the bank balance.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to re-consider her decision to leave and that her workload would be looked at and brought to an acceptable level.

Cllr Garbutt informed members that he has information regarding the digital switchover if any member of the public required it.

(Cllr Acomb arrived.)

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

Date of Next Meeting:

Meeting on Tuesday 7th June 2011 in the Hill Memorial Institute at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....