

# THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 at the Hill Memorial Institute

### **Present:**

**Councillors:** P Mills (Chairman), G Acomb, D Porter, R Hetherington, I Biggins,  
J Avison, J Garbutt.

**In Attendance:** F Snowden (Clerk),  
C France (Director of Planning NYMNPA),  
Councillor Mrs J E Sanderson,  
N Baxter (Press).

### **Code of Conduct:**

#### **Declarations of Interest were declared by:**

Cllr. Garbutt for Agenda Item 9 (Thornton le Dale Business/Community Website).

#### **20. Apologies:**

None.

#### **21. Absent:**

None.

#### **22. Public Questions:**

There were no questions.

#### **23. Talk by Chris France, Director of Planning NYMNPA:**

The Chairman introduced Chris France from NYMNPA.

Chris gave a presentation updating the Council on the Localism Bill. Chris explained the progress of the Localism Bill and that it was still going through the stages of Parliament and was subject to change. Chris updated the Council with the following:

#### **What is the Localism Bill?**

The Localism Bill is the biggest change in planning legislation since 1940. The Localism Bill is designed to get rid of obstacles in the Planning process and the barriers in creating growth. The Localism Bill aims to dispose of regional planning and regional bodies and give power back to local people.

General principle – Local empowerment, local solutions, less central involvement and direction.

Development Plans/Policy - Attempted Revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies – future abolition, Abolition of Regional Planning Bodies/Strategic Leaders Boards.

Simplified policy guidance notes – A single National Planning Policy Framework – non-spatial Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development.

Commitment to protecting Green Belts, SSSIs AONBs and National Parks.

#### **Neighbourhood Planning**

Neighbourhood Plans/Neighbourhood Forums/Neighbourhood Area/Neighbourhood Development Orders

**Neighbourhood Forum** – Parish/Town Council – or electoral wards, Civic groups, residents assoc.

**Neighbourhood Plans** – Proposed after referendum – part of the Development Plan – policies within the Neighbourhood Area – Proposing MORE development.

**Neighbourhood Development Orders** – Permits site specific development (Community Right to Build) or permissions for ‘types’ of development. Subject to referendum.

**New Homes Bonus** – financial incentive to allow more housing.

**‘Homes on the Farm’** – Encourage disused farm buildings to be converted to affordable housing.

### **Enforcement**

Tightening of rules and procedures:

**Planning Enforcement Order** – restarts the clock so breach is not immune from action – in cases of deliberate concealment.

**Retrospective Applications** – can decline to accept if taking enforcement action

**Raising penalties for non-compliance**

**More power to deal with unauthorised adverts** – with cost recovery – power to require landowners to deal with fly posting

### **National Park Messages**

Neighbourhood Plans/Orders

Need to ensure they do not override the ‘strategic elements’ of the Authority’s Plans – NPMP/CS

Need to ensure they do not override important heritage protection – CAs, LB settings, Article 4s

Permitted Development Changes

Need to maintain policy protection for rural business premises to avoid conversion to residential

Need to maintain planning control over domestic wind turbines

Following the presentation Chris asked if there were any questions.

A member of the Council asked if NYMNP listens to the decision of the Parish Council regarding applications, as the decision is often reversed by the NYMNP. Chris replied that decisions are made in line with the Planning Policy but NYMNP find the local views very important and always consider the views of the Parish Council. Chris informed the Council that there will be training on the Planning Policy in October - Members are welcome to attend.

It was also pointed out to Chris that the Parish Council are not given the opportunity to make comments on the application as there are only three options available on the given form. When Councillors support the application in principle, but would like to highlight something in particular to Planners, this is not possible. The Council is then forced to object which then creates ill feelings with residents. An area to give constructive criticism and comments is required. Also more liaisons with the Parish Council regarding applications would be helpful. Chris is going to take Councillors comments to the forthcoming training in October and see if other Parish Councils have the same issue.

The question of who would be responsible for the cost of producing a Neighbourhood Plan was also asked. Chris explained that the Local Authority would be responsible for the cost, but NYMNP would provide technical support and advice. It was also commented that there was a great deal of work involved in producing a Neighbourhood Plan and that it would require careful managing.

The Chairman thanked Chris for attending the meeting and giving the Council an informative update.

## 24. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council:

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were received.

**Resolved:** THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

### Matters Arising

Allotment Notice Boards - quotes have been requested for the replacement of the allotment notice board and additional board for the other entrance to the allotment, as requested by the TAA.

Caravan at the Squash Courts - no response received to date regarding this matter.

Railings - the work to the railings is now complete.

Advertising Boards on the Footpath - no response received to date regarding the accelerated action request from the Parish Council to NYCC Highways.

Closure of Church - a Draft letter is currently being prepared.

Signage - no correspondence or costings received from NYMNPA regarding the signage (finger posts).

## 25. Accounts for Payment and Financial Report:

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment.

**Resolved:** THAT the list of accounts circulated be passed for payment and cheques signed in accordance with the accounts submitted.

## 26. Planning Applications:

### North York Moors National Park

Case Officer: **Mrs H Saunders**  
Application No: **NYM/2011/0369/AD**  
Grid Reference: **483597 483114**  
Site: **Bridgefoot Guest House, Chestnut Avenue, Thornton le Dale.**  
Development Description: **Application for advertisement consent for display of a freestanding 'A' board.**

Applicant: **Mr Ron Lee**

**Resolved:** THAT Members of this Council have no objection to this application.

### North York Moors National Park

Case Officer: **Miss Helen Webster**  
Application No: **NYM/2011/0470/LB**  
Grid Reference: **483754 483205**  
Site: **Beck Hall, Priestman's Lane, Thornton le Dale.**  
Development Description: **Application for Listed Building consent for demolition of existing section of wall together with the construction of new boundary wall, restoration of existing wall, replacement steel railings and gateposts and re-surfacing of drive with gravel.**

Applicant:

**Mr Charles Webb**

**Resolved:** THAT Members of this Council felt they had been given inadequate information to enable them to give a decision on the above application.

**Action:** Clerk to write to NYMNP and ask for further details regarding the application.

## 27. Planning Determinations:

### North York Moors National Park

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**For Information Only:**

NYM/2011/0274/FL

Mr William Robertson – erection of garden shed and fence to rear together with erection of a side gate at West Garden Cottage, South Lane.

**GRANTED**

## 28. Thornton le Dale Business/Community website:

Due to technical issues Cllr Garbutt's presentation had to be deferred to the next Parish Meeting.

### Purposed Gas Plant:

The Chairman gave an update on the purposed Gas Plant after discussions last week with NYMNP. Both NYMNP and RDC have refused the application. Members requested that there needs to be more persuasion for the inquiry to be held in Thornton le Dale Village Hall.

**Resolved:** THAT there was need for the Village Hall Committee to have an extraordinary meeting , to discuss access to the Village Hall.

**Action:** THAT Cllr Hetherton (Village Hall Committee Member) to request an Extraordinary Meeting.

## 29. Speeding:

20+ complaints had been reported to Members of the Council regarding the speed that traffic passes through the Village. Maltongate, Castle Road and Farmanby Close were all reported as problem areas. District Councillor Janet Sanderson expressed her support for the Parish Council in its efforts to tackle this on-going issue.

**Resolved:** THAT the Council needed to provide evidence of the speed in which traffic passed through the Village.

**Action:** THAT the Clerk contacts Safer Ryedale to seek advice on how to obtain a speed recording box from the Fire Service.

## 30. Parish Plan:

The Chairman reminded Members that the current Parish Plan expires in 2013 and asked that some thought was given to how the Parish Plan could fit into the future work of the Parish Council. Members

agreed there is still a requirement for the Village to have a Parish Plan to provide evidence for the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Resolved:** THAT Members will decide timescales needed to structure the work required on updating the Parish Plan.

### 31. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman asked that the Clerk cancel the National Savings account and transfer the balance to the Parish Council's Natwest account and to set up internet banking.

The Chairman reported that 3 quotes had been received for work to be done on the cemetery shed. Members agreed on the quote for £483 from a local builder.

**Resolved:** THAT work be undertaken on fixing the cemetery shed.

**Action:** THAT the Clerk informs the builder that the quote had been accepted and work could commence.

### 32. Clerk's Report:

The Clerk informed Members that the facility for the automation of the Church clock had arrived. Cumbria Clocks have been notified and expect to finish all work by the end of August.

Richard Marr has replied to the Clerks email regarding the request for an 'Access Only' sign to be placed at the slip road in front of the Almshouses and the request for speed humps on the road leading to the local school. The reply will be forwarded to Councillors for their information.

The Clerk reported that MA Fabrications had estimated the cost would be around £90 to replace the inner part of the bin at Beck Isle which had eroded. Councillors agreed to purchase the new inner.

The total in the National Savings Account is £541.27.

NYCC's yearly payment to the Parish Council for grass cutting has been received. The payment was £3077.29. Last year the figure received was £3010.39.

### 33. Any Other Business:

Cllr Porter reported that the Beck was silted up and required clearing. The Chairman will contact the Environment Agency to clear the area.

The Westgate Protest Group has put in an application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green at Aunums Field. The Clerk to write a letter to County Hall expressing the views of the Council.

Cllr Biggins informed the Council that the traffic light sign on the Whitby Road is not seen by pedestrians. District Councillor Janet Sanderson has reported this to PC Marsden. Members voiced a strong concern for pedestrians when crossing the road at the traffic lights. The Clerk to ask Safer Ryedale if there is anything that can be done.

It was reported that an advertising board had been placed on the Village green without permission. The Clerk to ask the Caretaker to remove the advertisement.

*With no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.*

#### *Date of Next Meeting:*

***The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September 2011 in the Hill Memorial Institute at 7.30pm.***

***Chairman.....***