

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2011 at the Hill Memorial Institute

Present:

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

In Attendance: F Snowden (Clerk),
J Leng,
J Unsworth, (Allotment Association)
N Baxter (Press).

Code of Conduct:

No Declarations of Interest were mentioned at the beginning of the meeting.

20. Apologies:
Cllr. Garbutt (on holiday).

21. Public Questions:
Jackie Unsworth, Allotment Association Secretary /Liaison Representative to the Parish Council gave an overview of the Allotment Association's latest meeting.
The TAA (Thornton Allotment Association) noted:

- 1) If 2 notice boards could be erected at the allotments?
- 2) Clarification required regarding responsibility for the cutting of the hedges.
- 3) An update on when a tree that requires trimming will be done?
- 4) An offer of assistance to improve the condition of vacant Plot 31. (Plot 31 has now been re-let).
- 5) An offer to notify the council when weeds become a concern at the allotments and also to offer assistance to the allotment holder with the weed problem.
- 6) A small amount of money is added to the yearly rent to enable all allotment holders to become a member of the allotment association.
- 7) That the next meeting of the TAA would be on the 31st August 2011 at 7.00pm in The Buck and a representative of the parish council would be welcome.

22. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2011 were received.

Resolved: THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th June 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Parking on the Footpath

The concern regarding cars parked illegally on the High Street footpath has now been resolved.

Caravan at the Squash Courts

No response received to date regarding this matter from NYMNPA.

Advertising Boards on the Footpath

No correspondence received to date regarding the accelerated action request from the Parish Council to NYCC Highways.

Music on the Green

The audience for Music on the Green were very unhappy with the lack of the provision of chairs.

Railings

(Cllr. Biggins declared an interest and took no part in discussions regarding railings.)

The Chairman gave an update on the railings to be repaired following an on-site meeting with MA Fabrication. The total cost is estimated at £375. As this is specialist work, the normal procedure of obtaining 3 quotes was disregarded as the estimate was a realistic price for the specialist work to be undertaken. Most Cllrs. Agreed.

Cllr Biggins noted that he had received concerns regarding the following:

- 1) Vehicles on the slip road in front of the Almshouses, a request for an 'Access Only' sign was requested. This matter would require referring to NYCC Highways.
- 2) A light at the Almshouses was in need of attention – similarly, Peaslands Lane.
- 3) Bridge and wall repairs near The Hall – when are they to be repaired? Both matters are the subject of insurance claims Cllr Acomb noted.
- 4) A request for speed bumps on the road to the school has been requested. This matter would require referring to NYCC Highways.

23. 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.

A National Savings Bank passbook missing since 1982 has been found. The Account has £104 in it and requires posting to NSI, Glasgow, G58 1SB for an updated interest review.

Permission to remove 3 authorised signatories and add 3 new signatures to the bank mandate was requested. Cllrs. Agreed to this request.

A Financial Report was given to Cllrs present.

Resolved: THAT the authorised signatories in the current Mandate for the accounts are changed and that the current Mandate will continue as amended.

24. Planning Applications:

North York Moors National Park

Case Officer: **Mrs H saunders**
Application No: **NYM/2011/0368/CU**
Grid Reference: **483597 483114**
Site: **Bridgefoot Guest House, Chestnut Avenue, Thornton le Dale.**
Development Description: **Application for use of existing breakfast room and garden of Guest House as tearoom facility.**

Applicant: **Mr Ron Lee**

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

25. Planning Determinations:

North York Moors National Park

July 2011

For Information Only:

NYM/2011/ For Information Only:
NYM/2011/0242/FL
Mr Griffiths –Car port at 59 Farmanby Close.
GRANTED (with conditions)

NYM/2011/0276/LB

NYM/2011/0271/FL

Mr and Mrs Rajab - replacement of existing glazed conservatory with natural slate and raised roof height at Comber House, Church Hill.

GRANTED

11/00168/CLOPUD

Mr A Crawford – Certificate of Lawful Use or Development – Top Bridge Lodge.

Certified Lawful

26. Proposed Closed Churchyard at All Saints Church:

Cllr. Porter read out paragraph 13 of the information given by the Ministry of Justice regarding Closed Churchyards mentioning that walls and fences would be the responsibility of the PCC. Cllr. Acomb suggested that the PCC put this in writing (for legal purposes). After much debate regarding the condition of the wall, any future maintenance responsibility and proof required of the churchyard being full, the Chairman noted that the process of closing the

churchyard was in place and therefore further contact with the PCC was pointless.

Resolved: THAT the Clerk contacts the Ministry of Justice regarding the concerns of the Parish Council with reference to the Proposed Closed Churchyard.

27. Addition to Standing Orders:

The Clerk asked Cllrs. present for permission to summon attendance to meetings via electronic mail (e-mail). A response would be required from Cllrs. on receipt of the summons (for the Clerk's records). Cllrs. with e-mail facilities agreed to this proposal.

Resolved: THAT the Clerk amends the Standing Orders to show that summoning Councillors to meetings via electronic mail is adopted.

28. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman gave a report on the proposed signage in the village. He noted that he attended a meeting at NYMNPA with Cllrs. Acomb and Garbutt and also Claire Shields, David Smith, and Jill Renney. A heritage sign, similar to the one in Helmsley, will be provided by the NYMNPA. Traders in the parish who are prepared to pay for this facility will be allowed to advertise on the edge of this map. The parish council has asked to be consulted during the draft stage of the signage. A finger post sign will also be provided in the centre of the village but will not have any advertisements on it.

A review of the 2013 Parish Plan is to be discussed at the next meeting the Chairman noted.

Permission to erect a poly-tunnel at the Allotments was sought. Cllrs. agreed.

29. Clerk's Report:

The Clerk asked for a representative for the 'Trustees of the Almshouses' as Mrs Mary Manthorpe is stepping down in November 2011. The representative does not have to be a member of the council. Cllr. Porter indicated that he would like be the representative.

A representative from the Council to meet Mr Paul Kirby at Thornton le Dale Show (who has kindly agreed to donate a sum of money to the automation of the church clock) was requested by the Clerk. Cllr. Acomb was concerned that the faculty for this work hadn't been received yet and would affect receiving the cheque.

Mr GH Simpson was successful as the NYMNPA Southern Area Parish Member.

The Clerk was compiling a letter of thanks to NYCC Ron Haigh in response to his letter of resignation and asked for any comments that Councillors would like including in the letter.

AOB

Cllr Porter advised that individuals should write to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the proposed gas plant quoting reference APP/W9500/A/11/2155352NWF.

Cllr. Hetherton noted that the planning training she attended with the Clerk was very informative and interesting. The Clerk gave out copies of information received from the training to Cllrs. present.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd August 2011 in the Hill Memorial Institute at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....