

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3 July 2012 at the Hill Memorial Institute

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

In Attendance: F Snowden (Clerk), N Baxter (Press).

Absent: R Hetherton, J Garbutt.

Code of Conduct:

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

13. Apologies:

R Hetherton, J Garbutt.

14. Public Questions:

There were no public questions.

15. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council:

The Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 19 June 2012 were received.

Resolved: THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 June 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Beckisle – Ongoing.

Trees in the Cemetery – Awaiting quotes.

Allotments – Cllr Porter with a map of the plot numbers but no names of Tenants inspected all allotments to determine if any Tenants are not complying with the Tenancy Agreements.

Action: The Clerk to send a letter to Tenants of plots 17,33 and 37 to remind them of their obligations and the conditions of the Tenancy Agreement which they are not currently adhering to and to ask that if they no longer required their allotment to let the Clerk know.

Planning Application for Castle Close – Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated a reply from NYMNPA.

Action: The Clerk to ask for a copy of the 106 agreement that the Officer is referring to as Cllrs disagreed with the Officers interpretation of the Agreement.

New Homes Bonus - The Chairman and Cllr Acomb had attended a joint meeting of representatives from all the Parishes within the Ward. Cllr Acomb asked Cllrs for suggestions as to how the New Homes Bonus could be spent across the Ward.

Resolved: THAT Cllrs agreed that road safety is a priority and their suggestion would be to purchase 2 speed matrix signs that could be used throughout the Ward.

Electrician – The Clerk sent a letter requesting the monies owed from the Electrician and copied to NIC ELC Traders Association.

16. Accounts for Payment:

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.

17. Planning Applications:

North York Moors National Park

Case Officer: **Miss Helen Webster**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0435/FL**
Site: **Peartree Cottage, High Street, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for construction of replacement conservatory to rear.**

Applicant: **Ms Wendy Jones**

Resolved: THAT the majority of Members of this Council have **No Objection** to this application.

Case Officer: **Mrs H Saunders**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0443/FL**
Site: **Dalby Forest, Courtyard Dalby, Forest Drive, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for variation of condition 3 of planning approval NYM/2003/0709/CL to allow ancillary retail sales other than craft goods from units 1 to 6.**

Applicant: **Mr James Lee**

Resolved: THAT the decision be **Deferred**.

18. Planning Determinations:

Ryedale District Council - 12/00424/FUL - Application for Erection of agricultural building for the housing of livestock at Field Off Westfield Lane Thornton le Dale.

Approved.

19. Code of Conduct:

Resolved: THAT the PC adopt the Code of Conduct.

Action: Cllrs to complete and sign the previously circulated Register of Councillor's Interests forms and return to the Clerk as soon as possible.

20. Chairmans Report:

The Chairman informed the Council that the 'Open Day' organised by the Parish Plan Steering Group would be held on the Friday 20th July 2012 between 3pm and 7pm. Representatives from the Forestry Commission, NYMNPA and RDC have been invited to attend. District Cllr Sanderson gave her apologies for the event. The Chairman informed the Council that the leaflet advertising the event would be ready for distribution this weekend.

The Chairman and the Clerk had attended a training session on the new 'Power of Competence'. The Chairman gave a brief explanation on the Power of Competence and explained that as the Power is still very new to Councils' it is still uncertain as to the legalities around using the Power.

21. Clerks Report:

The Clerk informed Cllrs that she had reported the Archway Lane sign as stolen to the Police but has been informed that the PC is unable to do so as it is not the PC's property.

Action: The Clerk to speak to the owners of sign RDC and ask what the best course of action is.

The Clerk updated Cllrs that NYMNP are going to look into the gate on Elerburn Road and also give thought to what it could be replaced with to give better access to wheelchair users and pushchairs but also to continue to act as a barrier to deter cyclists racing down from the top. Also that the NYMNPA are unable to provide a beehive litter bin outside No.9 Almshouse as they are only responsible for the litter bins on their own car park land in the Parish.

Action: The Clerk to enquire if the PC is able to purchase a beehive bin from NYMNPA.

The Clerk asked Cllrs if they would object to County Council adding an update to the PC's front page on the Community Website.

Resolved: THAT Cllrs have no objection to CC having an update on the PC's home page of the website.

22. Any Other Business:

A Cllr reported that the footpath leading from the Car Park to Dog Kennel Lane needed attention as it was overgrown.

Action: The Clerk to report the above to NYMNP.

A Cllr reported a complaint from a resident that cars were still parking on the footpath outside Mathewson Garage. The Clerk had sent a letter to the Garage in November 2011 requesting that customers be kindly asked not to park on the footpath.

Action: The Clerk to report the above to Richard Marr at Highways.

A Cllr reported a complaint from an Allotment Holder that a Tenant at the Allotment was allowing dogs to wander freely at the Allotment without a lead.

Action: The Clerk to write to the Allotment Tenant to remind them of the Tenancy Agreement.

Potholes were reported on Longlands Lane and outside the Cemetery.

Action: The Clerk to report the potholes to Richard Marr at Highways and copy to District Cllr Sanderson.

Cllrs agreed at the beginning of the meeting to hold a Closed Meeting to discuss confidential items.

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th August 2012, in the Hill Memorial Institute at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....