

# THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at the Hill Memorial Institute

### Present:

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

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

### Code of Conduct:

**No Declarations of Interest were mentioned**

#### 11. **Apologies:**

Cllr. J Avison (on holiday).  
Cllr. Garbutt will be arriving late.

#### 12. **Appointment of New Councillor:**

The Chairman welcomed Ian Biggins to Thornton le Dale Parish Council. Cllr. Biggins completed and signed the 'Acceptance of Office' and 'Registerable Interests' forms.

#### 13. **Public Questions:**

A Member of the Electorate noted that he had 3 items to put to the council:

1. Cars were often parked on the pavement outside a house in the High Street and asked for the council to report this. Off- duty PC Marsden gave a telephone number to report this matter (0845 60 60 247).
2. Some of the railings surrounding the Green were in need of repair – the Clerk had this as an item later in the meeting,
3. Someone appears to be living in a caravan at the back of the squash club. This matter is to be investigated.

Andy Marsden noted that the Allotment Association has formed a committee at their inaugural meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011. He noted that 8 allotment holders attended and 8 sent their apologies. Andy Marsden is the Chairman, Peter Brown is the Vice Chairman and Jackie Unsworth is the Secretary/Treasurer. The Allotment Association had some questions to ask the parish council:

1. What does the parish council want the Allotment Association to do? An answer before the next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 would be appreciated.
2. Can they have copies of the Allotment accounts going back 5 – 10 years?
3. Who is responsible for the hedges bordering the allotments?
4. Are the Allotment Association responsible for filling vacant plots + can they have the waiting list?
5. Is there any loan payment outstanding on the new fence? (The Clerk answered that there isn't any money outstanding; it is all paid for).
6. There are two compost tips at the allotments. Are councillors aware of what is dumped there – plastic and grave waste and that the cemetery grass

cuttings are put there? Can the tips be for the allotments only and if not, can the cemetery contribute towards the removal of waste costs?

7. Pest Control- has this been renewed? The Chairman responded that it hadn't as it was deemed expensive for the small amount of control taken.
8. Water usage – who is responsible for the water up to individual plots?

Jerry Scarr noted that enforcement action regarding the advertising boards (obstructing the footpath) was stopped by a member of the council and he deemed this irresponsible as (in his opinion) they (advertising boards on the footpath) were illegal.

(Cllr Garbutt arrived)

The Chairman responded that he hadn't stopped the enforcement but had asked for more time. He had received a list of Traders whom Richard Marr (NYCC Highways) had given a notice to and preferred the parish council working with the Traders to encourage them to remove the boards themselves. After a lively discussion regarding the length of time taken to enforce action, Cllr. Acomb suggested voting to determine what action is necessary. Cllrs. voted (by majority), some reluctantly, to accelerate the action. The Clerk will contact Richard Marr and ask for acceleration of the enforcement action.

**Resolved:** THAT the Clerk contacts Richard Marr (NYCC Highways) and asks that enforcement action be accelerated to remove the advertising boards from the footpath.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were received.

**Resolved:** THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

#### **Matters Arising**

Music on the Green

The Clerk noted that she had received an e-mail from Ronnie McClure (Ryedale District Council) stating that a full licence or Temporary Event Notice would be required if seating was provided for Music on the Green.

Railings

The Clerk has asked MA Fabrication for a quote and, if acceptable, to do the work preferably before the start of the concerts, to repair 2 damaged railing surrounding the Green

#### 15. Accounts for Payment + Annual Governance Statement:

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment and also the internally audited accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

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

Councillors were asked by the Clerk if they would approve the Annual Governance Statement (previously sent out).

**Resolved:** THAT the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

**16. Planning Applications:**

**North York Moors National Park**

Case Officer: **Miss Helen Webster**  
Application No: **NYM/2011/0274/FL**  
Grid Reference: **483930 483033**  
Site: **West Garden Cottage, South Lane, Thornton le Dale.**  
Development Description: **Application for erection of garden shed and fence to rear with erection of a side gate.**

Applicant: **Mr William Robertson**

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

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Case Officer: **Mrs H Saunders**  
Application No: **NYM/2011/0271/FL + NYM/2011/0276/LB**  
Grid Reference: **483816 483057**  
Site: **Comber House, Church Hill, Thornton le Dale.**  
Development Description: **Application for replacement of existing glazed conservatory roof with natural slate and raising of roof height by 300mm (revised scheme to NYM/2010/0704/FL + NYM/2010/0671/LB).**

Applicant: **Mr & Mrs Rajab**

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

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**North York Moors National Park**

**Planning Determinations**

**June 2011**

**For Information Only:**

NYM/2011/0157/FL

Mrs M Bee-Williams – Formation of vehicular access and parking area at Amady's Church Lane.

**REFUSED**

NYM/2011/0047/FL

Mr & Mrs D Calam – Single storey extension at Ellerbeck House, Priestman’s Lane.

**GRANTED (with conditions)**

CF/NYM/2010/0745/FL

Ms HS Getley – Conversion and alterations to outbuildings to form a detached dwelling – Alan cottage, High Street

**(APPROVED)**

NYM/2011/0138/FL

Mr Damian Smith – Installation of 3no. uPVC windows and 1no. uPVC door at 8 Low Dalby.

**GRANTED (with conditions)**

NYM/2011/0223/FL

Mrs J Bloomfield – Replacement single garage + car port at Spring Cottage.

**GRANTED (with conditions)**

NYM/2011/0218/FL

Mr & Mrs Batty – Single storey garden room extension at Brookfield, Brook Lane.

**GRANTED (with conditions)**

**Amended design supplied – alteration of cill height in northern (front) elevation will be raised to match existing and roof light to pitched roof to be reduced so they are flush with the ridge level of extension roof.**

**17. Closed Churchyard:**

The Clerk read out an e-mail response from Sunil Patel regarding the parish council’s apprehension that future wall maintenance is a serious concern. Mr Patel noted that the Ministry of Justice would only accept objections (to closure of churchyard) because the grounds for closure are correct. Mr Patel suggested that the parish council discuss the matter with the PCC.

A document allegedly given to Cllr Acomb from the PCC regarding the closed churchyard was vehemently denied by Cllr. Acomb.

Councillors were in agreement that a statement from the PCC regarding future wall maintenance be requested.

**Resolved:** THAT the Clerk contacts the Parochial Church Council at All Saints Church, Thornton le Dale and asks for a document regarding the future maintenance responsibility of the walls surrounding the church.

**18. Chairman’s Report:**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to invite Chris France, NYMNPA, to the next meeting to give an update on the Localism Bill.

**19. Clerk’s Report:**

The Clerk asked Members who they would like to nominate for NYMNPA Southern Area Parish Forum. The majority of Members present chose George Hawson Simpson. A request for a Duck Derby from Ryedale School Sports Partnership was granted – provided all/any insurances required were obtained by the requestor.

A letter offering to provide and update a web site for Thornton le Dale, previously sent round to Councillors, from District Councillor Janet Sanderson was discussed.

Although Councillors were grateful for the offer, they deferred the matter (until a previously discussed web site provider has been considered).  
Allotment sharing is to be put on hold for now due to problems with allotment holders with half a plot requesting a whole plot later.  
The Clerk asked if Mrs Richardson could have part of the payment for her late husband's plot refunded as she has handed the plot back in. Cllr. Porter proposed a full refund and Councillors agreed.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8.35pm and the press and public asked to leave.*

***Date of Next Meeting:***

***The next meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in the Hill Memorial Institute at 7.30pm.***

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