

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 2012 at the Hill Memorial Institute

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

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

Absent: None.

Code of Conduct:

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

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Public Questions:

A Parishioner asked what the process was for conducting a closed meeting. The Clerk explained the reasons as to why a closed meeting would be held and how Councillors would have to agree to a closed meeting before one could commence. The Parishioner also enquired if a decision had been made for the Gas Plant application. Cllrs gave an update on the application and confirmed that no decision has yet been made.

3. Grass Cutting:

The Chairman welcomed Mr Naphine. The Chairman expressed the concerns of the Council regarding the recent spraying around the Village and the method in which it was done. Mr Naphine explained the process and the reasons as to why the spraying appeared to be harsher than in previous years. This was mainly due to staffing issues and the fact that the ground is dryer than in previous years and uneven in areas. The Chairman thanked Mr Naphine for attending the meeting and for taking on board the concerns of the PC.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council:

The Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 1st May 2012 were received.

Resolved: THAT the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 1st May 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Beckisle – Cllr Hetherington gave an update after attending a meeting with Cllr Porter, Cllr Garbutt, Cllr Acomb and David Smith from NYMNPA. After discussing options it was agreed at the site visit that NYMNPA would carry out the necessary work to repair the erosion to the beck wall and also to clear the dam. The work will start in July 2012.

Bin outside the Armshouses – The Clerk reported the estimated cost for a new bin outside No 9 Almshouses as requested. Cllrs discussed the options for avoiding the problem of birds getting litter out of the bin and creating a mess.

Resolved: THAT a beehive style bin would be most appropriate.

Action: The Clerk to contact NYMNPA to enquirer about a beehive style bin.

Trees in the Cemetery – The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received regarding the overgrown trees along the centre of the Cemetery and the damage they are causing to nearby headstones. The Chairman will asked for a quote from a professional contractor for the removal of the trees.

Action: Cllr Acomb to supply the details of 2 more professional contractors to compare quotes.

Allotment Association – Cllr Porter had attended the Associations AGM. The issues raised by the Allotment Association were discussed. The Chairman explained that waste was taken away at the PC's expense. It was also reported that a lower plot suffers from excess water and the Tenant has spent £100 in gravel and a land drain system. Options to control the excess water were discussed.

Resolved: THAT Cllrs have no objection to the selling of surplus produce to raise funds for the Association, as long as in accordance with 2.22 of the Tenancy agreement.

Action: Cllr Porter to inspect individual allotments on Tuesday 26th June 2012. The Clerk to write to the Tenants of any neglected plots to remind them that they are required by the agreement to maintain the plot to a good standard.

The Clerk to continue to send Allotment reminders out in January and to include a reminder that if the allotment is no longer required the Tenant must notify the PC as soon as possible.

The Clerk to contact NYCC and establish what, if any, services run along the lower end of the Cemetery and Allotment.

The Allotment Association also enquired about the hedges along the Cemetery side of the Allotments. The Chairman explained that it was agreed at the last meeting that the hedges could be cut and that he was meeting with the Care Taker and Contractor to carry out the work.

5. Accounts for Payment and Financial Report:

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for payment and the Annual Governance Statement for approval.

Resolved: THAT the Annual Governance Statement is agreed as an accurate record and the list of accounts circulated be passed for payment and cheques signed in accordance with the accounts submitted.

Action: The Clerk to submit the Annual Return to Mazars for auditing.

6. Planning Applications:

North York Moors National Park

Case Officer: **Miss Helen Webster**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0335/FL**
Site: **1 Dale View, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for variation of condition 2,3,4 and 5 of planning approval NYM/2010/0814/FL to allow an increase in footprint and alterations to include additional windows, rendered finish and insertion of velux windows together with removal of condition 6.**

Applicant: **Mr D Ainsworth**

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

Case Officer: **Mrs H Saunders**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0379/NM**
Site: **Brook Lane, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for non material minor amendment to planning approval NYM/2010/0885/FL to allow the omission of first floor window and addition of 1 rooflight.**

Applicant: **A & D Sturdy Ltd**

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

Case Officer: **Mrs J Bastow**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0365/FL**
Site: **Hill Cottage, Castle Close, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for construction of extension to form additional garage, installation of door in place of window to existing garage together with creation of terrace with stone wall.**

Applicant: **Mr Malcolm Backhouse**

Resolved: THAT the majority of Members of this Council **Object** to this application due to the fact that it goes against the regulations set out in the 106 agreement and the binding covenant.

Case Officer: **Miss Helen Webster**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0364/FL**
Site: **Low Woods, Low Dalby.**

Development Description: **Application for construction of two storey rear extension.**

Applicant: **Mrs Bridget Swiers**

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

7. Planning Determinations:

The Clerk circulated a list of recent NYMNPA Planning determinations.

8. New Homes Bonus:

Cllr Acomb informed the Council of a meeting to take place on the 29th June 2012, in which Parish Chairman's within the Ward are invited to discuss suggestions for the allocating of funds from the New Homes Bonus.

9. Closed Churchyard Consultation:

The Chairman updated Cllrs with the information given out at the recent Parish Liaison Meeting. Cllrs discussed the options set out in the consultation from RDC.

Resolved: THAT the PC wait for further information to be able to make an informed decision.

10. Chairmans Report:

The Chairman informed the Council that the next meeting for the Parish Plan Steering Group would be held on the 28th June 2012 at 7pm at the Hills Institute.

The Chairman informed Cllrs of works planned to relocate and remove some wooden street lamps on Brook Lane. It is the responsibility of RDC and residents should be notified of the dates the work will be happening.

The Chairman informed Cllrs that the memorial bench is now finished and asked for ideas as to where the bench could be placed.

Resolved: THAT the memorial bench be place on a new base outside the Almshouses on the grass area that currently does not have a bench.

11. Clerks Report:

The Clerk informed Cllrs that after seeking advice from SLCC she would not recommend pursuing a term deposit account.

The Clerk informed Cllrs that another memorial bench request had been received and had wrote back explaining that currently there was no space available within the Village.

The Clerk, following a request from the Playing Field Committee, asked if Cllrs would have any objection to the Committee having a book stall on the 7th July 2012 in addition to the cake stall.

Resolved: THAT Cllrs have no objection to the Book and Cake stalls to raise funds for the Playing Field Committee.

The Clerk updated the PC that she had asked NYMNPA to help identify who owns the wall of the beck on Maltongate. NYMNPA are trying to find out the information for the Clerk to bring to the next meeting.

12. Any Other Business:

Cllrs asked if a letter had been sent to the Electrician that carried out the initial works to the Church clock, requesting the cost that was incurred to have the work redone to comply with health and safety standards. The Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent and had received no reply.

Action: Cllr Porter to draft a letter before action, for the Clerk to send to the Electrician by recorded delivery.

It was reported that the sign for Archway Lane is still missing.

Action: The Clerk to report the theft to the Police.

Cllr Porter reported that dog fouling is a problem on the path leading from Aunums Close to The Mount.

Action: The Clerk to contact RDC Dog Warden and arrange for the stencil notice to be put on the path leading from Aunums Close and The Mount.

Cllrs made the following observations and asked the Clerk to report the following issues to the relevant Authority.

Action: The Clerk to report to Highways, that the bottom step on the path on the junction of Priestmans Lane leading up High Street around the Church is crumbling and unsafe.

The Clerk to report to Highways that the gully at the bottom of Roxby Terrace just off Maltongate on the left hand side requires attention.

The Clerk to report to Highways that the grass verge and curbs on Castlegate are deteriorating due to the regular use from refuge vehicles.

The Clerk to report to Highways and ask that action be taken on cars parking on the roadside of Dog Kennel Lane and causing residents problems in accessing their own garage.

The Clerk to report to NYMNPA that the kissing gate near The Old House on Ellerburn Road, is in a bad condition and also request that it be replaced with an alternative style of gate for better access for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd of July 2012, in the Hill Memorial Institute at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....