

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2011 at the Hill Memorial Institute

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

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

Code of Conduct:

Declarations of Interest were declared by:

Cllr. Garbutt, Agenda Item 4 (Thornton le Dale Business/Community Website).

30. Apologies: None.

31. Absent: I Biggins.

32. Public Questions:
No public questions.

33. Talk by David Henderson, RDC Website Manager:

The Chairman introduced David Henderson from RDC.

David gave an informative talk about the free website facility offered by RDC and described the tools available. The website facility would be hosted by a reputable provider and training would be provided by RDC, as well as on going support from David. David explained to Cllrs the benefits of having a Parish website but reminded Cllrs that the PC would be responsible for maintaining the site and also to pay any cost that the work to maintain the site incurs. David expressed to Cllrs that the work created in maintaining a website should not be underestimated. David gave an estimated time frame of 2 months, for him to set up the site. The Chairman thanked David for attending the meeting and for delivering an informative talk.

The Chairman moved the discussion of the website down the agenda to follow item 5.

34. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2011 were received.

Resolved: THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Speeding – The Clerk updated the Council as too the submitted referral to the Safer Ryedale Group. The Clerk is currently waiting to be notified of the decision. The Chairman asked if PC Andy Marsden could attend the site meeting to determine an appropriate place for the speed recording device.
Internet Banking – Cllr Biggins to take identification into NatWest so the PC can then access internet banking.
Chestnut Avenue – Highways have completed the site visit.
Silting of the beck – The PC is still pushing for action.

Signage – NYMNP have informed the PC that the signage is now considered to be an information board. While the PC has statutory powers to erect info boards, this is only for the displaying of information in relation to the service they provide, and therefore because the purpose of the board is to advertise local businesses, this does not fall within the PC rights, which means that planning permission is now required.

Ancient Monument – Going ahead/ stocks to be removed.

Gas Plant – Councillors to attend the enquiry on Tuesday 1st November 2011.

New Homes Bonus – The forum is on the 8th November 2011. The PC feels that the proposed is prejudicial to Thornton le Dale due to the fact that NYMNP do not build many houses.

Action: THAT the Chairman raises this issue with RDC.

Repairs to the Bridge – Still waiting for insurance.

Action: THAT the Clerk requests an update from Highways.

35. Website (continued from item 4):

The Chairman asked Cllr Garbutt to remain in the room but requested that he did not take part in the discussion. Councillors discussed the options available to the Parish Council. Cllrs present, voted as to whether they wished to support the Community Website. The vote was as follows:

Cllr P Mills (Chairman)	For	Cllr J Avison	For
Cllr G Acomb (Vice-Chairman)	For	Cllr R Hetherton	Against
Cllr D Porter	For		

The Parish Council is required to pay an initial set up cost of approximately £500.00. The annual maintenance fee will be fixed for the next 3 years at £ 50.00. Any additional cost above that figure will be covered by the Chairman.

Resolved: THAT the Council will join and support the Community Website.

36. 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.

37. Planning Applications:

North York Moors National Park

Case Officer: **Mrs H Saunders**

Application No: **NYM/2011/0631/ETL**

Grid Reference: **483233 482326**

Site: **Hallgarth Farm, Westgate, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for extension to time limit of extant planning permission NYM/2008/0617/FL for conversion of agricultural buildings to form 2.no dwellings and residential annexe together with demolition of 2 no. farm buildings.**

Applicant: **Mr & Mrs Potter**

Resolved: THAT Members of this Council have **No Objections** to this application.

Case Officer: **Mrs H Saunders**

Application No: **NYM/2011/0600/LB**

Grid Reference: **483647 483063**

Site: **The Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for listed building consent for proposed external access door.**

Applicant: **York Heritage**

Resolved: THAT Members of this Council have **No Objections** to this application.

Case Officer: **Miss Helen Webster**

Application No: **NYM/2011/0596/FL**

Grid Reference: **483647 483063**

Site: **The Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for proposed extensions to form additional accommodation and hairdressing facility together with the creation of stretcher lift.**

Applicant: **York Heritage**

Resolved: THAT Members of this Council have **No Objections** to this application.

Case Officer: **Miss Helen Webster**

Application No: **NYM/2011/0639/LB**

Grid Reference: **483377 482465**

Site: **Bleach Mill, Maltongate, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for listed building consent for re-opening of doorway.**

Applicant: **Mr & Mrs P Mills**

Resolved: THAT Members of this Council have **No Objections** to this application.

Case Officer: **Miss Helen Webster**

Application No: **NYM/2011/0645/FL**

Grid Reference: **483257 482531**

Site: **6 The Mount, Maltongate, Thornton le Dale.**

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

Applicant: **Miss R Armstrong**

Resolved: THAT Members of this Council have **No Objections** to this application.

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Case Officer: **Mrs H J Davis**

Application No: **HJD/SRF6DEV/391**

Site: **Land at Westgate, Thornton le Dale.**

Development Description: **Application for name "WESTGATE CLOSE" suggested by the developer.**

Applicant: **Developer.**

Resolved: THAT Members of this Council **Object** to this application.

Action: THAT the Clerk write to RDC with the suggested name of Aunums Field.

38. Planning Determinations:

There are no planning determinations.

39. Farmnaby House:

The Chairman updated newer Members with the history and current situation regarding the sale of the land, north of Farmnaby House.

Resolved: THAT the previous offer to sell the land is withdrawn, the Parish Council maintains the land themselves and that a gate be put across the access.

Action: THAT the Clerk writes to all those that were interested in buying the land to notify them that the offer has now been withdrawn.

40. Pest Control:

The Clerk updated the Council on the quotes received for controlling pests (moles) in the cemetery.

Resolved: THAT the Parish Council does not renew the annual contract with the company Pest Management and instead, when needed, contact a local company that carry out the work as and when required.

Action: THAT the Clerk asks the Caretaker and Members to notify the Clerk if there appears to be an issue with pests in the cemetery.

41. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman had no further items.

42. Clerk's Report:

The Clerk informed Members that the Parish Council had received a reply from NYCC – Mr Chris Stanford, regarding the application to register new village green, Aunums Field.

Resolved: THAT the Parish Council sends a response to the comments made in the letter by WPG.

Action: THAT the Clerk replies to the letter.

The Clerk informed Members that the sum of £1250.00 had been received from NYMNPA for the Care Takers Grant Scheme.

Westgate Development Update – An update from Colin Huby of Scarborough and Ryedale Housing Services was circulated to Members prior to the Meeting.

Action: THAT the Clerk arranges for Cllr Acomb to join the meeting with Colin Huby and Sanctuary Housing.

The Clerk notified the Council that the upcoming Election for The Thornton le Dale and Wolds Division – By Election on the 27th October 2011, will now be held at the Hill Memorial Institute, due to the Village Hall been unavailable.

43. Any Other Business:

Cllr Porter reported to the Council that cat faeces had been found in the sand pit in the play park. Cllr Porter had made Mrs Mansthorpe aware of the problem.

Cllr Porter also reported the need to have double dotted lines displayed at the junction of Outgang Lane to make drivers more aware that the road comes to an end and to stop.

Action: THAT the Clerk requests action from Highways.

It was reported that water had been taken illegally from the Cemetery.

Due to a possible water leak at the Allotments, it was requested that the water metre be read and again in 3 months' time.

Action: THAT the Clerk obtains a water metre reading.

The Council received an offer to fell the Ash tree in the Allotments. Also a request has been received for the hedge in the Allotment to be trimmed, the Chairman and Caretaker will make a site visit to see what work is required.

Cllr Porter proposed that the Parish Council enquire to apply for Thornton le Dale to be an 'Area of outstanding beauty'.

Action: THAT the Clerk investigates what the process involves.

The conifers in the Cemetery are overgrown and forcing visitors from the path, there are also trees which may need attention in the future. It was requested that Members give some thought to possible replacement trees that would be suitable.

The Vice-Chairman expressed the need for the Council to review and update the Parish Plan and also request that Community Resilience Scheme be added to the next meetings agenda.

Action: THAT the Parish Plan and Community Resilience Scheme be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Porter reported that the railings on Maltongate had not been repaired and could cause a serious accident.

Action: THAT the Clerk contact Highways and requests a site visit to include PC Andy Marsden.

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd November 2011 in the Hill Memorial Institute at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....