

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6nd September 2011 at the Hill Memorial Institute

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

In Attendance: F Snowden (Clerk).

Code of Conduct:

Declarations of Interest were declared by:

Cllr. Garbutt, Agenda Item 8 (Thornton le Dale Business/Community Website) continued from August Meeting.

20. Apologies:

I Biggins, N Baxter (Press).

21. Public Questions:

A member of the public commented on the Planning Application for Corner Cottage saying that the proposed construction of a single storey garden room extension and detached double garage would be an overdevelopment and out of keeping to the existing surrounding buildings.

District Councillor Janet Sanderson asked if there had been any comments made regarding 'Music on the Green'. The Chairman replied that he had received a comment in relation to the volume and that efforts to control the volume were being made. Other Councillors expressed complaints regarding the volume in certain areas of the village due to windy weather conditions.

22. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council:

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2011 were received.

Resolved: THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd August 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Feedback from Chris France NYMNP – Following the presentation and comments from Councillors, NYMNP have now changed their established practice to include an explanation for any planning decisions it makes which differ from the views submitted by the Parish Council. All letters of feedback regarding applications are to be copied to Councillors and a tally of future decisions to be collated by the Clerk.

Speeding – The Clerk updated the Council as to the issue with the speed in which vehicles pass through the village. The Clerk has submitted a referral to go to the October meeting of the Safer Ryedale Group. The referral requests that action be taken to tackle this problem by having a speed recording device placed on the A170 road between the Village Hall and the Church.

Internet Banking – The Clerk asked NatWest to provide the Parish Council with the facility of internet banking. This will be available once all Councillors have been into the bank and shown identification for signatures, until then the bank is unable to set up internet banking. The Clerk requested that those Councillors that have not already done so go into the Pickering Branch with ID.

Cemetery Shed – The work to the shed is now complete.

Automation of Church Clock – half of the work is completed. Work to the electrics and weights are still to be completed. Letter of thanks to be sent to Nigel Thomlinson and Mr Gray for their commitment to the winding of the clock.

Chestnut Avenue – Highways are going to make a site visit.

Repairs to the Bridge – Still waiting for insurance.

Silting of the beck – The Environment Agency responded to the Chairman’s request to clear the beck, stating that funds were unavailable to carry out such work. The Chairman will make further enquires.

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.

24. Planning Applications:

North York Moors National Park

Case Officer: Miss Helen Webster

Application No: NYM/2011/0455/FL

Grid Reference: 483079 482996

Site: The Forge, 1 Thornton View, Thornton le Dale

Development Description: Application for installation of photovoltaic solar panels to roof of garage, solar thermal panel to roof of main dwelling and erection of summerhouse.

Applicant: Mr David Morrison

Resolved: THAT Members of this Council **Objects** to the erection of the summerhouse with reference to the 106 agreement. But have **No Objections** to the installation of solar panels.

Action: The Clerk to write to NYMNP notifying them of the Members decision.

Case Officer:	Mrs H Saunders
Application No:	NYM/2011/0528/FL
Grid Reference:	483349 482511
Site:	Corner Cottage, Maltongate, Thornton le Dale.
Development Description: Application for construction of single storey garden room extension and detached double garage.	
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs Ward
	Resolved: THAT Members of this Council Object to the above application.

Case Officer:	Mrs H Saunders
Application No:	NYM/2011/0552/FL
Grid Reference:	483464 483085
Site:	Flats at land at Brook Lane, Thornton le Dale.
Development Description: Application for construction of 1 no. dwelling with amenity space together with creation of amenity space for existing 2 no. flats.	
Applicant:	Mr W Balderson
	Resolved: THAT Members of this Council have No Objections to this application.

25. Planning Determinations:

North York Moors National Park

For Information Only:
 NYM/2011/0119/CU
 Mr William Gamble – Application for change of use of retail shop (use class A1) to hot food takeaway (use class A5) at 4 Pickering Rd, Thornton le Dale
GRANTED Subject to Conditions.
 For Information Only:

NYM/2011/0155/LB

Mr & Mrs P Mills – Application for Listed Building consent for internal and external alterations and extensions to outbuilding to form a dwelling at Bleach Mill Farm, Maltongate, Thornton le Dale.

GRANTED Subject to Conditions.

For Information Only:

NYM/2011/0368/CU

Mr Ron Lee – Application for use of existing breakfast room and garden of Guest House as tearoom facility at Bridgefoot Guest House, Chestnut Avenue, Thornton le Dale.

GRANTED Subject to Conditions.

For Information Only:

NYM/2010/0969/FL

Mr & Mrs P Mills – Application for change of use, alterations and extension to outbuilding to form a dwelling together with creation of a new beck crossing at Bleach Mill Farm, Maltongate, Thornton le Dale

GRANTED Subject to Conditions.

For Information Only:

NYM/2011/0745/FL

Ms H.S. Gentley – Application for conversion and alterations to outbuildings to form a detached dwelling (revised scheme to NYM3/135/0343E) at Alan Cottage High Street, Thornton le Dale.

GRANTED Subject to Conditions.

For Information Only:

NYM/2011/0369/AD

Application for advertisement consent for display of a freestanding A board at Bridgefoot Guest House, Chestnut Avenue, Thornton le Dale

GRANTED Subject to Conditions.

26. Thornton le Dale Business/Community website:

Following the issues accessing the internet from the Institute at the last meeting, Councillors met before the meeting at Wardill Bros for a presentation of the Community website by Cllr Garbutt.

Cllr Garbutt asked if the PC would like to be involved with and contribute to the Community Website?

Due to a declaration of interest Councillor Garbutt was asked to leave the building while item 8 was discussed.

Cllr Garbutt left the building.

Councillors discussed the options available for making the Parish Council accessible to the public by web. To have a section of the Community Website, the Parish Council would be required to pay an initial set up cost of approximately £500.00 and then a yearly running cost, yet to be decided. The other option is to have a website set up free of charge by RDC and maintained by the PC which would create a cost for time spent on editing and maintaining the site. Cllr Hetherton reminded Members that District Councillor Janet Sanderson has offered the PC the use of an existing website.

Resolved: THAT Members needed more information to make a decision.

Action: THAT the Clerk contacts RDC and asks that a representative attends a Parish Meeting to give Councillors more information. Cllr Acomb to ask a Member of another Parish to share their experience of maintaining a website with the PC.

27. Chairman's Report:

Signage – The Planning Application for the signage has now gone to NYMNP, but we are still waiting on the price.

Ancient Monument – Going ahead.

'A' Boards – Continuing.

Change of date – The Chairman proposed that the date for the Parish Council Meeting in November be changed due to the Gas Plant enquiry being held on the same night.

Resolved: THAT Novembers Parish Meeting is changed to Thursday 3rd November 2011.

Action: THAT the Clerk checks availability of the Institute for the new agreed date of Thursday 3rd November 2011.

Gas Plant Enquiry – The Chairman updated the Council on the upcoming enquiry. Cllr's discussed the need to advertise the event. The Council was informed that every house hold should have received notification of the enquiry. Cllr Porter proposed that the Council send a letter of objection to Eric Pickles.

Resolved: THAT the most cost effective way to advertise would be through the village Traders and that a letter is sent to Eric Pickles from the Parish Council.

Action: THAT the Clerk sends a letter clearly stating the objections of the Parish Council to Eric Pickles.

NYMNP Housing Development Discussion paper – Councillors discussed the previously circulated Housing Development Discussion paper. The views of the Council were that the proposed 40% affordable housing requirement was too high and that 30% would be a more workable figure.

Resolved: THAT the Council disagree with the proposed 40% by NYMNP.

Action: THAT the Clerk replies to NYMNP with the Parish Council's comments.

New Homes Bonus – Cllr Acomb gave an informative update on the New Homes Bonus and RDC's proposed allocation of funds. The Policy would be put before RDC's Council Members on the 3rd November 2011. Councillors commented that Thornton le Dale was discriminated against due to being in the National Park and that the proposed allocation was unclear.

28. Clerk's Report:

The Clerk informed Members that RDC had requested the views of the Council regarding the current polling station used in Thornton le Dale at Election time. Councillors agreed the polling station was adequate. The Clerk informed Members that 3 quotes had been sort for the purchase of a screen and protector as requested by the Chairman.

The Clerk informed the Council that the successful candidate for the County Council and Moors Area Parish Representative was Cllr Gillian Kendall.

The Clerk requested funds to complete the Society of Local Council Clerks qualification. Councillors agreed that the Clerk could undertake the qualification.

Due to Mazars completing the external audit, the Clerk invited two Members of Council to view the accounts.

The Clerk informed Members that an invoice for the annual contract of pest management for the Cemetery had been received. Members decided that 3 quotes should be obtained for the management of moles within the Cemetery to ensure that the service was still cost effective.

29. Any Other Business:

CLlr Porter requested that the Parish Council donate £20 to the Royal British Legion for a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

CLlr Porter reported to the Council that there had been an incident with drivers ignoring the signs and parking on either side of the road outside the play park, which was creating a safety issue for people using the play area. Councillors agreed that PC Andy Marsden be notified of the incident.

CLlr Hetherington informed the Council that the last remaining grave in the church yard had now been used so the Grave Yard is now full. The Parish Council will receive a decision regarding the ownership of the grave yard in October this year.

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th October 2011 in the Hill Memorial Institute at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....