

THORNTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4 September 2012 at the Hill Memorial Institute

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

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

Absent: I Biggins.

Code of Conduct:

Cllr Porter reported an interest as Trustee to the Almshouses as Residents were present.

Councillors agreed to hold a closed meeting following the normal meeting to discuss confidential items.

23. Apologies:

I Biggins.

In Addition to the agenda the Chairman informed the PC of the Vice-Chairman Cllr Hethertons resignation and asked the Clerk to write to Mrs Hetherton expressing the PC's thanks for her hard work and commitment to the Village as a Cllr. The Chairman informed the PC that the Clerk had carried out the proper procedure for advertising the vacancy. The notice has to be displayed for 14 days and then a member can be co-opted.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr Acomb was elected.

24. Public Questions:

A Parishioner asked why the PC had not started a Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman explained that the LDF process was still under review by RDC and that due to other Villages not having a Neighbourhood Plan as yet there is still a lot of uncertainties as to the power in which the document holds. There are also funding issues as it is thought that a Neighbourhood Plan could cost around 20k to produce. More clarity is needed and in the meantime, the Parish Plan is still a robust worthwhile document that is currently being reviewed and updated. The PC is staying alert to any new information.

Residents of the Almshouses attended the meeting. The Residents asked for the PC's support in requesting action from NYCC to make the area safer for residents and the public. Residents reported that the slip road is becoming a 'rat run' with vehicles due to the lack of signs and road markings. The Residents gave the Clerk copies of past correspondence between the residents and NYCC. The PC has previously reported the same hazards to Highways but as yet no action has been taken. The Chairman explained that Richard Marr (NYCC) has been invited to attend the PC meeting in October to discuss various issues and the Almshouses can also be added to the discussion.

Action: The Clerk to write to NYCC Highways Team cc – District Councillor Sanderson.

25. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council:

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 August 2012 were received.

Resolved: THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 August 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Victorian Lamp opposite Coomber House – The Clerk reported that she had spoken to NYCC and they had no plans to replace the Lamp but were going to fix the existing lamp.

The Clerk reported that Cllrs contact details are now on the website.

26. 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.

27. Planning Applications:

North York Moors National Park

Case Officer: **Mrs J Bastow**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0560/LB**
Site: **Rookwood, Maltongate, Thornton le Dale.**
Development Description: **Application for Listed Building consent for installation of solar panels to roofslope of outbuilding.**

Applicant: **Mr & Mrs R W Gray**

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

Case Officer: **Mrs J Bastow**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0565/FL**
Site: **Hemell House, Dog Kennel Lane, Thornton le Dale.**
Development Description: **Application for installation of replacement double glazed upvc windows to front elevation.**

Applicant: **Mrs Joan Thornhill**

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

Case Officer: **Miss Helen Webster**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0580/FL**
Site: **Crotholme, Prospect Place, Thornton le Dale.**
Development Description: **Application for installation of 3 no. replacement upvc windows to front elevation.**

Applicant: **Mr Anthony Handley**

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

Case Officer: **Mrs H Saunders**
Application No: **NYM/2012/0583/FL**
Site: **Cosy Nook, Ellerburn, Thornton le Dale.**
Development Description: **Application for change of use of conservatory (no external alterations) and small garden area to form tearoom and tea garden.**

Applicant: **Miss Caroline Valenghi**

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

Application NYM/2012/0567/FL was deferred due to the application being incorrect.

28. Planning Determinations:

A list of planning determinations was previously circulated to Cllrs for information.

29. Chairmans Report:

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter from a visitor to the Village who has wrote to past Clerks asking if he could purchase a memorial bench for the Village. Due to the cross over of Clerks his request to purchase a bench has been over looked. The Chairman asked Cllrs if they had any objection to having a new bench in the space available outside the Almshouses.

Resolved: THAT Cllrs have no objection to a new bench.

Action: The Clerk to write to the purchaser with prices and details.

The Chairman reported that a draft narrative for the finger information board had been sent to the PC. The Chairman has asked NYMNP for a full draft of the narrative and layout of the board.

Action: The Chairman to report at the next meeting.

A heated discussion took place regarding the enforcement of A boards within the Village and the effect the finger boards would have. A Cllr asked that the PC request to Highways that they re-enforce the reducing of A boards again. The motion was not seconded so the discussion was closed.

The Chairman reported that due to the concerns regarding parking in the Village he would like to invite representatives from NYCC, NYMNP and the Police to the next meeting to discuss ongoing issues. The Chairman asked Cllr Garbutt to inform the Traders that they are welcome to attend.

Action: The Clerk to prepare items for discussion and circulate to those invited to the meeting once confirmed with the Chairman.

The Chairman informed the PC that there had been spontaneous flooding outside the Vicarage and the gully had overflowed. RDC came and swept all the rubbish off the road and cleared the area. Cllrs expressed appreciation to RDC for their hard work.

Action: The Clerk to contact District Councillor Janet Sanderson to ask for timeframes of when the gully's in the Village will be cleared.

The Chairman informed the PC that the next meeting for the Parish Plan Steering Group would be on 25th September 2012.

30. Clerks Report:

The Clerk informed Cllrs that Mazars had completed their external audit and that there were no issues.

The Clerk informed the PC that RDC had ordered a new sign for Archway Lane.

The Clerk informed Cllrs that she had not received any reply from the Allotment holders of plots 17 & 37 to say whether or not they wish to keep their allotments.

- Action:** Cllr Porter to inspect the plots to see if any work had been done and report back to the Clerk.
- Resolved:** THAT Cllrs agreed if no progress had been made the Clerk is to terminate the tenancy agreements.

The Clerk reported the updates from NYMNP and NYCC . Work orders had been raised to dig out the gully at Roxby Terrace and also to carry out maintenance on the step at Priestmans Lane. However no time frames were given.

31. Any Other Business:

Cllr Porter reported that the moles are back in the Cemetery. The Clerk reported that the Pest Control Contractor was going to inspect.

Cllrs discussed the snicket, Stonegarth and if there is a right of way from the Crescent to Roxby Road.

- Action:** The Clerk to look for the filed copy of the deeds.

Cllr Porter asked if RDC can carry out road/pavement sweeps like in Pickering. Cllr Acomb reported that RDC have previously invited us to use their facilities in conjunction with the Care Taker.

- Action:** The Chairman to discuss with the Care Taker.

Cllr Porter asked if something could be added to the website regarding flooding and what to do if it happens? Cllr Acomb suggested that the PC supply the properties that have previously been flooded with a supply of sand bags.

- Action:** The Chairman to make enquiries with the Environment Agency.

Cllr Porter reported that he had received complaints regarding the dwelling at the corner of Heron Close and Maltongate. The PC objected to the application but as NYMNPA had accepted the application there was nothing further the PC could do.

Cllr Garbutt reported the proposed closure of Snainton Fire Station. Cllrs expressed concern as to the closest fire station especially with the coming gas plant and the required specially trained fire fighting it will require.

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 October 2012, in the Hill Memorial Institute at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....