

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 28th January 2019

Westhouse Village Hall

1. Attendance.

The meeting formally opened at 19.05hrs.

Present: Chair Savage, Vice Chair Hunter, Councillors Fawcett, Dawson and Ramwell. The Parish Clerk and nine members of the public were present.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 10th December 2018. The minutes as recorded by the Clerk had been previously circulated. Councillor Hunter proposed and Councillor Fawcett seconded that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. All were in agreement. The Chair signed the minutes.

4. Matters Arising.

All matters were covered under the substantive agenda and dealt with at the appropriate juncture.

5. Planning.

Referring to the agenda, the Clerk gave a summary of the current position in respect of each application. No observations or representations were made.

6. Joint Meeting with Ingleton Parish Council.

Councillor Savage gave a verbal report on the topics covered. The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting which addressed; police response to incidents, police representation at parish council meetings, road safety/ speed limits on the A65 and bank holiday parking in the vicinity of Ingleton Waterfalls. The Clerk will write to Julian Smith MP expressing the concerns voiced at the meeting, the Clerk will write to the local police inspector with details of future meetings, the Clerk will investigate the criteria employed to determine speed limits and enquire about the "Slow Down" sign which had been located on the A65 in Autumn 2018. Members of the public reported that cars had been parked in a dangerous manner on the A65 near to Thorngarth, the Clerk will make enquiries to address these concerns.

7. Finance.

The Clerk gave an update on expenditure and income since the last meeting. Expenditure and income was as forecast.

Councillor Hunter reported that following the "Save a Life" jumble sale she was in possession of £861 cash which will be paid into the Parish Council current account on behalf of "Save a Life".

8. Project Update.

B4RN. The scheme has still not reached the south side of the A65. It was suggested that a nominated Councillor should take responsibility for liaising with B4RN. A Councillor will be nominated at a future date.

9. Community Emergency Plan.

Glynn Barnes (parishioner) had produced a draft plan which was approved by the Councillors. The next stage would be to produce a checklist of actions to be undertaken by individual Councillors. Once the checklist was produced and approved, the plan will be published for public information. The Councillors thanked Mr Barnes for his work to date.

10. Any Other Business.

- (a) Flooding at Bankhouse on Bankhouse Lane near to Edith’s Wood. There has been deep standing water for a number of weeks. Councillor Dawson had a direct contact with the Highways Department and took the opportunity to send a text reporting the problem.
- (b) It was reported that due to developments within the Westhouse Village Hall Management Committee, the hall would no longer be made available for public use from the end of February 2019. Councillors Hunter and Fawcett had been in discussion with Westhouse Methodist Church and reported that the school room would be available for future Parish Council meetings at the same cost. All were in agreement that future meetings will be held at the Methodist Church. The Clerk gave a hard copy of future meeting dates to Councillor Fawcett to assist with booking the new venue. The Clerk advised that access from 6.15pm was needed to allow the room to be set up and various administrative tasks completed.
- (c) Following a telephone conversation and subsequent E Mail between the Clerk and Ms Margaret Ainsworth-Hickman a parish councillor in Staffordshire, the Clerk introduced the subject of a World War II aircraft crash at Whernside on 21st April 1944. A Wellington bomber serial number BK347 had crashed on Whernside resulting in the loss of six lives and injury to one crew member. Ms Ainsworth-Hickman had raised the matter with a suggestion that the Parish Council may wish to “erect a simple memorial” and hold “an annual short service to take place at the site each year on the anniversary of the crash”. The Councillors and members of the public consulted maps to aid their own local knowledge concluding that the crash site was actually within the boundaries of Dent Parish Council. The Clerk will advise Ms Ainsworth-Hickman accordingly.
- (d) Councillor Hunter reminded all present that the Clerk will be standing down at the May AGM at the latest and that to date a replacement had not been identified. The Clerk added that he would not be in a position to continue after the AGM and hoped that a replacement could be identified in plenty of time to complete a meaningful handover. The Clerk explained that he was paid for 4 hours per week averaged out over the month dependant on workload.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.25 hrs.

Date of Next Meeting: 19.00hrs Monday 11th March 2019 at Westhouse Methodist Church.

Signed..... Dated.....