

THORNTON IN LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 7th July 2014 in Westhouse Village Hall

1. Chairman Wiper and Councillors Lund, Ramwell, Hunter and Townley were present along with one member of the public.
2. There were no declarations of interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th May 2014 had been read, were agreed and then signed by the Chairman.

4. **Planning Applications**

a) Wetherall Lodge – Approved

b) Mayfield, Erection of Sun Room. Councillors had no objection to the erection of a sun room in the proposed location and approved of the stone work detailed in the application. However, they did express concern at the proposed volume of glass, particularly in the roof and questioned whether this was in keeping with the National Park surroundings. Clerk to feedback the YDNPA.

5. Turbary Road

The Clerk provided an update from YDNPA who confirmed that the Voluntary Restraint that was in place had been well supported, indeed the logger data had shown a decrease in usage. The NPA would like to see the Voluntary Restraint extended as the route is classed as an SSSI (site of special scientific interest). The NPA had not received any update from Highways regarding the investigations into the status of the route.

The landowners had confirmed that the land was looking much better and was repairing itself since the Voluntary Restraint had been in place.

Unfortunately the Clerk had also not received an update from Doug Huzzard at NYCC regarding the investigations.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr and Mrs Handley who gain access to their land from the Turbary Road. They raised concerns about the consequence of the route being returned to footpath status, with the likely outcome being no maintenance or repairs being carried out by NYCC, thus making access at the start of the route extremely difficult.

Following the Clerk's update, Mrs Diana Mallinson a member of Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance spoke to the Councillors about the application she has submitted to NYCC to have part of the Turbary Road returned to footpath status. She talked about the evidence that she had gathered to support her application and ended by asking the Parish Council to write to NYCC backing the application.

After a lengthy discussion, the Councillors asked the Clerk to write to YDNPA and NYCC expressing the various views;

- No motorised vehicles over the Turbary Pasture and Yordas Cave area with clear signs to be erected stating that there is no through route.

- Keep the Turbary Road open with the understanding that annual Voluntary Restraints can be put in place to prevent damage and erosion. Therefore ensuring the road will continue to be maintained by highways.
- Support the application to have the route returned to footpath status as this promotes peace and quiet in areas of the National Park.

6. Finance

The Clerk informed the council of the book of entries since the last meeting:

i)	Credits:	Threadneedle Dividend	£157.75
		Turbary Rent	£950.00
	Debits:	Clerks Standing Order (May)	£132.66
		A McDougall Internal Audit	£62.50
		Insurance Premium	£223.40

Balance at 2 June was £3404.15

- ii) **Bills Payable:** J Hartley (Grass Apr & May) £52.00
 - iii) The Parish Council reviewed a donation request from Ingleton Splash Zone, this is an ambitious project in its infancy and Councillors wished to review in 12 months time when fundraising was better established.
 - iv) The Skipton Building Society 2 year Bond was due to expire in August. Councillors agreed to re-invest with SBS into a 3 year bond.
 - v) The 2014/15 Budget was discussed and set accordingly.
7. Turbary Pasture Agreement - The Clerk confirmed that R Turners had written to the tenants to gain a clearer understanding of the income received from Stewardship Schemes. Upon receipt of this information they will make a rent proposal and start negotiations.
8. AOB;
- i. The Chairman provided an overview of Lancaster City Council's local plan and the current consultations taking place on local housing needs.
 - ii. Update on the closure of Richard Thornton School, Burton in Lonsdale.
 - iii. Cllrs agreed to the provision of £25 for the planting of Tubs on Village Green.
 - iv. Clerk to investigate the erection of children playing signs, cyclist slow down signs and an additional dog foul bin.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 1st September at 7.00pm.

Signed:

Dated: