

THORNTON IN LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2015 in Westhouse Village Hall

1. Chairperson Hunter and Councillors Lund, Townley and Easterby were present, Cllr Ramwell joined during Item 4. Four members of the public were present.
2. There were no declarations of interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda.
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th May 2015 had been read, were agreed and then signed by the Chair.
4. **Planning**

Change of use Docklands Campsite – this application was discussed in some detail with the members of the public sharing their opinions and concerns. The main points raised were; the campsite should have seasonal opening between March and September; the Parish already has sufficient caravan sites and any new campsites should offer tent pitches only; landscaping and screening would be necessary to ensure there was no detriment to the look of the area or the views from afar; adequate sewerage disposal facilities must be in place; since the previous application had been made there has been changes in the Parish and a new caravan site(s) opened, this should be taken into consideration by CDC when considering the application. There are already a significant number of caravan sites in the Parish. Overall the Parish Council felt they could support this application if it was restricted to tent pitches with the aforementioned conditions in place.

Erection of Managers Accommodation – Docklands Campsite – this item was also discussed at length; it was felt that the site was too small to warrant a full time Manager and therefore a permanent structure for Accommodation. The question was asked that if the site operates between March and September then what is the need for a Manager on site for the remaining months? There was an overall feeling of concern that once a permanent structure was in place, then should the business cease subsequently change of use could be applied for, setting a precedent for additional development on the piece of land. Overall the Parish Council objected to this application.

Clerk to feedback the above to Craven DC.

5. **Finance**
 - i) The Clerk informed the council of the book of entries since the last meeting:

Credits: Allianz Global Dividend	£232.76
Debits: Clerks S/O (Apr)	£132.66
 - ii) **Bills Payable:** A McDougall, Internal Audit - £71.50 / J Hartley & Sons, Grass - £43.20
 - iii) **Donations:** W.R Mitchell – request for donation to help save and archive photographic and slide material. Donation of £50 agreed (Clerk to check possibility of the touring exhibition visiting the Parish).

6. **Turbary Road** – NYCC were due to present the item at the September meeting of the Craven Area Committee. Clerk to seek clarification regarding a ‘request to have a section of the route added to the Definitive Map’.
7. **Turbary Pasture** – Chairperson Hunter and Councillor Ramwell had met with Richard Turner on the 27th May. To summarise the meeting; Mr Turner believes a fair rent has been negotiated and agreed. He had apologised to Messrs Coates, in person, for the delay in negotiations. He recommended a 3 yearly rent review going forward. He agreed that should the Parish Council instruct R Turners in any future rent reviews then Mr Dennis should not be involved

Councillors were in agreement that future Turbary Pasture rent reviews should be 3 yearly. They asked the Clerk to write to the tenants with an overview of the meeting with Richard Turner and invite the tenants to meet if they wished to do so.

8. AOB;
 - i. Vacancies had arisen on CDC Standards Committee and NYCC Area Committee – no Councillor wished to put themselves forward.
 - ii. The Church noticeboard at St Oswalds is to be replaced & the PCC asked whether the Parish Council wished to consider renewing their noticeboard at the same time. Councillors agreed that some of the other boards in the Parish were in a worse state and should be replaced first. Chair to update PCC.
 - iii. Outstanding items from last meeting; Clerks Salary to be reviewed; Dog Fouling Posters; Newsletter; Litter Picking Day; Invitation to local policeman to attend a future meeting (Clerk to check if police have any details regarding a road traffic accident at the Burrow Lane junction on to A65).

There was no other business and the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 2nd September at 7.00pm.

Signed:

Dated: