

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 10th July 2017

Westhouse Village Hall

1. Attendance.

The meeting opened at 19.00hrs.

Present: Chairperson Hunter, Councillors Ramwell, Lund and Townley. The Parish Clerk and four members of the public were present. Apologies were received from Councillor Easterby who was unable to attend due to unforeseen work commitments.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th May 2017. Councillor Townley proposed and Councillor Lund seconded that the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. All were in favour. The Chairperson signed the minutes.

4. Matters Arising.

5. Gullies and ditches. Ongoing. Councillors Easterby and Townley would conduct a trial to establish the time and resources required to maintain the gullies and ditches. They will report back to the Parish Council so that suitable tenders could be obtained. It is anticipated that the projected cost will necessitate the introduction of a precept to cover the ongoing maintenance programme. Chairperson Hunter advised that it is intended to hold a public meeting towards the end of the year to address the question of a precept.

6 (ii) The invoice for the Christmas tree has still not been received. Councillor Ramwell to address.

6 (iv) The standing order for the Parish Clerk's salary is now in place and payments have been credited.

7 The Clerk has not received an invoice for the 50% contribution toward the cost of repainting the community phone box at Masongill.

5. Planning.

New Applications.

Bideber Mill: The clerk had replied on behalf of the Parish Council. There were no objections.

Awaiting Decisions/ Approved.

Thornbrook Caravan Park: The owner was present and reported that the matter will be referred to the full planning committee possibly later in July 2017. He stated that some of the information he had provided had not been published for consultation.

Lane End Farm: It was noted that this was in the Thornton in Craven area. The Clerk will advise Craven District Council.

A brief discussion took place about the need to balance and understand the needs of local businesses and residents alike. One option would be to conduct site visits to local business premises (see AOB).

6. Finance.

The Parish Clerk provided an update. Project expenditure was forecast for the new noticeboards and the replacement bench at the view point.

7. Project Updates.

“Save a Life.” The defibrillators and boxes were now fitted. The electricity supply and alarms will be completed by Howsons. A training session for the Save a Life Committee members and partners will be held on 27th July at Westhouse Methodist Church. The training will then be rolled out to public volunteers including the staff of local businesses.

The Clerk gave a financial update. He reported that including the £1,000 contribution from the Parish Council, the Save a Life balance stood at £149.08.

B4RN. The scheme has still not reached the south side of the A65. The Chairperson had spoken to Mark Lawson who is working with Ian Thompson. It is understood that following grass cutting, Mark Lawson will dig from the Burton in Lonsdale end. The final route to Ramwell’s fields had not been agreed and therefore a completion date cannot be given.

Community Emergency Plan. Councillor Townley submitted a draft plan. Chairperson Hunter took the plan for consideration. Emergency sand bags are stored at the rear of the village hall.

8. Traffic Problems in Thornton.

Councillor Townley had spoken to Police Sergeant McCloud who will address the problem, PS McCloud stated that he had a good idea who the offenders were.

9. Any Other Business.

(i) The issue of the national speed limit (60mph) on the A65 was addressed. It was noted that some of the white line road markings are in need of repainting and that the “Stop” sign at the junction with Smithy Lane had been removed. It was suggested that the in/ out signs at Country Harvest are in need of adjustment.

The Parish Council had previously requested that North Yorkshire County Council reduce the speed limit. These requests had been rejected, the Clerk read out the relevant correspondence received from NYCC.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should prepare a case to request a further review of the speed limit.

The following actions were agreed:

Chairperson Hunter would visit Country Harvest reference the signs. She would also invite David Ayrtton (Craven District Council) to address a Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk would report the road defects and request updated statistics from NYCC.

(ii) Leslie Guy will be undertaking the repairs/ replacement of the bench at the viewpoint.

(iii) Following on from the discussion about planning and the need to gain a better understanding about the needs of local businesses and residents; Chairperson Hunter suggested that the Parish Councillors should consider visiting businesses in the area. She would ask the owners of the recently re-opened Marton Arms if they would welcome a visit. Offers to visit were also made by Thornbrook Caravan Park and Ramwells.

There being no other business, the Chairperson thanked the members of the public for their attendance. The meeting closed at 20.30hrs.

Date of Next Ordinary Meeting: 7pm Monday 4th September 2017 at Westhouse Village Hall.

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