

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 12th March 2018

Westhouse Village Hall

1. Attendance.

The meeting formally opened at 19.10hrs.

Present: Chairperson Hunter, Councillors Easterby and Townley. No apologies had been received. The Parish Clerk and six members of the public were present.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 5th February 2018. Councillor Townley proposed and Councillor Hunter seconded that the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairperson signed the minutes.

4. Matters Arising.

Gatehouse Farm (Planning). The midden had been tidied up. The Clerk will continue to investigate the various planning applications reference the joinery workshop and associated access.

Country Harvest (Planning). Decision reference storage containers still pending.

Emergency Plan. The Clerk has arranged for 200 sandbags to be delivered to Meadowfalls Caravan Site for further distribution.

5. Planning.

New Applications.

Thorngarth House change of use from Bed and Breakfast to Residential Care Home – no objections.

Awaited.

Country Harvest storage container – Clerk to monitor

Decided.

None.

6. Finance.

The Parish Clerk provided an update. Expenditure was as forecast.

The Clerk advised that as the result of applications he had made in conjunction with Councillor Ramwell, grant funding had been received for the provision of replacement noticeboards. The source of this funding is £500 from Craven District Council (Communications and Partnerships) and £710 from North Yorkshire County Council (Locality Budgets Department) making a total of £1210.

The noticeboard at Westhouse Village Hall supplied by “Greenbarnes” is made of reconstituted material and has proven to be particularly suitable for the elements being maintenance free and durable. The Clerk reported that “Greenbarnes” had supplied a discounted quotation for the supply of two noticeboards the total being £1280.68 plus £256.13 VAT making a total of £1536.81. One noticeboard would accommodate 6xA4 sheets and the other 4xA4 sheets. Once the VAT was reclaimed the cost would be £80.68 over the value of the grants.

Councillor Townley proposed that the two noticeboards be purchased. Councillor Easterby seconded the proposition. All were in favour.

The Clerk advised that the noticeboard at Westhouse Village Hall was of the 4xA4 size and suggested that in his experience it would be advantageous to swap it for the new 6xA4. The existing noticeboard could then be used to replace one of the older wooden noticeboards which were getting beyond repair. It was noted that the noticeboards at Thornton Church and opposite Post Office Row were particularly in need of replacement.

It was agreed that the Clerk should order the two new noticeboards for delivery to Councillor Ramwell's address and that between them, Councillor Ramwell and the Clerk would arrange for the replacements to be fitted as appropriate.

The Clerk raised the issue of the cost of the electricity for the Christmas tree lights. Once again Mrs Doreen Dryden had kindly allowed the lights to be connected to her domestic supply. Councillor Townley proposed that a payment of £30 be made to Mrs Dryden to cover her costs. This was seconded by Councillor Easterby. All were in favour.

7. Local Council and Parish Elections.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council was entitled to 5 elected representatives and that the election was to take place on 3rd May 2018. This would be held in conjunction with the local council elections.

Nominations could be made from 27th March 2018 with the details and appropriate documents being available on the Craven District Council website. The Clerk supplied a limited number of hard copy nomination papers together with various advertising/ information literature for display in the noticeboards.

An election would be held if more than 5 nominations were received. If 5 or less were received, the nominees would be automatically appointed with the option to co-opt up to the maximum of 5.

The regulations state that an AGM must be held within 14 days of the election. The Clerk reported that this would impact on the proposed date of the next meeting (21st May 2018) and it was therefore agreed that the AGM and next ordinary meeting would be brought forward to Monday 14th May 2018.

8. Project Updates.

“Save a Life.” The defibrillators are now fully functional and wired up. Regular checks are being carried out by Cliff Rawstrone.

B4RN. The scheme has still not reached the south side of the A65. The final route to Ramwell's fields has not been agreed and therefore a completion date cannot be given.

Replacement Noticeboard.

See Item 6 above.

9. Community Emergency Plan.

Councillors Easterby reported that following the last meeting, Mark Easterby was planning to undertake the ten hours ditch clearing operations towards the end of April.

A member of the public reported that Angus Fire based at Bentham offer old fire hose free of charge. The hose can be filled with water and deployed as a temporary flood defence. The member of the public had contact details and was asked to supply them to the Clerk so that the Parish Council could formally approach Angus Fire.

Members of the public were advised that the National Parks Authority were conducting a wide ranging public consultation and that this may be a forum that they would wish to use to express concerns over flooding.

A discussion over the construction of “leaky dams” took place. The cost would fall to local land and property owners and it was generally thought that this would be cost prohibitive.

10. Any Other Business.

The salt bin at Castle Hill has still not been replaced despite the report from the Clerk who will follow this up.

There was evidence of fly tipping at Masongill Road near to the pumping station. The Clerk will report to the council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.54 hrs.

Date of Annual General Meeting: 19.00hrs Monday 14th May 2018 at Westhouse Village Hall followed by the Ordinary Meeting.

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