

THORNTON-IN-LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2014 in Westhouse Village Hall

1. Vice Chairman Lund and Councillors Hunter, Ramwell and Townley were present along with two members of the public. Chairman Wiper sent apologies.
2. There were no declarations of interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on March 26th 2014 had been read, were agreed and then signed by the Vice Chairman.
4. PC Andy McClurg was welcomed to the meeting. He began by outlining the Police coverage given to Thornton in Lonsdale and the surrounding villages and towns. Overall we are fortunate to have very low crime levels in the area, with the majority of crime being committed by travelling criminals from towns and cities and not locals. He provided an update on burglaries, farm and stock theft and drugs activity in the area. Councillors also asked whether the police had any influence over the implementation of 40mph speed limit on the A65, PC McClurg confirmed that this was ultimately the decision of NYCC highways and given the low casualty numbers then it was unlikely to happen.
5. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish of Thornton in Lonsdale had an uncontested election and therefore the existing five Parish Councillors would continue to serve. The relevant paperwork was completed. Clerk to return the Declaration of Acceptance(s) to Craven DC and Councillors to complete their Registers of Interest and return.
6. Turbary Road - Despite a number of phone calls and emails there had been no update provided by NYCC Highways - Clerk to continue to chase. Yorkshire Dales NPA confirmed that a Voluntary Restraint has been placed on the Turbary Road. The Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF) and The Motoring Associations Land Access and Recreation Association (LARA) are supporting the voluntary restraint and have asked their users not to use the route. The Voluntary Restraint is self policed. Yorkshire Dales NPA are also pushing NYCC to clarify who has a legal right to use the route.

Contact has been made with Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance who research historical routes. They wish to make an application to NYCC to have the Turbary Road added to the definitive map and made a public footpath (thus making use by off road vehicles illegal). Clerk to support wherever necessary.
7. Review of Turbary Pasture Tenancy Agreement - R.Turners and Sons have confirmed that negotiations with the current tenant would commence this week (week commencing 12th May 2014).
8. Planning
 - a) Gatehouse Barn - Extension of Live/Work Unit and Change of Use of Agricultural Land. **Approved.**
 - b) Woodlands Cottage - Construction of Sun Lounge. **Approved.**
 - c) Wetherall Lodge - Approval recommend, decision expected in next 7 days.
9. Finance

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

Credits:	Allianz Global Investment (Dividend)	£223.77
Debits:	Clerks Standing Order (Mar)	£132.66
	AB Lund Joinery (Stocks)	£366.00
	Clerks Standing Order (Apr)	£132.66
	Citizens Advice Bureau (donation)	£30.00

Balance at 2 May was £2714.96

ii) Bills Payable: Parish Council Insurance - £223.40
A McDougall (Audit) - £62.50

iii) The Parish Council also agreed to donate £30 to The Masongill Telephone Exchange group towards a lighting project.

10. AOB

i) The Parish Council had received information from NYCC Highways regarding a new drainage system that they wish to implement to alleviate flooding at Kirksteads. Cllr Ramwell had met with Highways on site and did not feel there was any need for concern and that Highways had confirmed that any digging across land would be put back as it was previously. Cllr Ramwell to update Chairman Wiper accordingly.

li) Ingleton Gala Committee was encouraging floats from neighbouring communities. Clerk to place posters in Parish Noticeboards asking for interest.

lii) Potholes to be reported (Trees Caravan Park and Westgate Lane). Clerk also to request clearance of roadside gutters on Westgate Lane.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 7th July at 7.00pm.

Signed:

Dated: