

## THORNTON IN LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October in Westhouse Village Hall

1. Councillors Lund, Townley, Ramwell and Easterby were present. Chairperson Hunter sent apologies and the meeting was chaired by Cllr Townley (vice chair). Three members of the public were present.
2. There were no declarations of interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 had been read, were agreed and then signed by the Vice Chair.
4. Councillors welcomed Sergeant Moorhouse to the meeting. Sgt Moorhouse provided an overview of staffing; local crime; the process for reporting crime or suspicious activity and the proactive ways in which Officers are working to educate and prevent against crime.

Overall our local area continues to have very low crime numbers and most crimes are committed by persons travelling across the border into our villages. Sgt Moorhouse stressed the importance of keeping homes and vehicles secure – 33% of burglaries / stolen vehicles happen to those that are insecure.

There are seven sergeants in Craven. Five PCs work out of Ingleton Police Station and there are always two Police Officers on duty in the area (with two Safer Neighbourhood Officers and two PCSOs supporting).

He encouraged members of the public to ring (101) with any suspicious concerns and also spoke about Rural Watch signs that were available for display if the Parish Council wished. Regular updates are also available via email, text message and newsletter and information was shared on how to sign up for these updates.

Councillor Townley thanked Sgt Moorhouse for the informative update.

### 5. **Planning**

#### **New Applications**

- i) **Alterations & Refurbishments, Smithy Cottage** – Councillors felt that the location of Smithy Cottage and in particular the lean too, made access onto and from the fast and busy A65 very difficult. They concurred with the Risk Assessors comments on Pg 10 of his document. Overall they felt that the lean too should be demolished. Only if the above concerns were properly addressed did they feel they could support the application.
- ii) **Single story Garden Room, Rock Villa** – No objections
- iii) **Sheep House and Machinery Store, Trees Farm** – Overall the Parish Councillors had no objections. However, it was felt that vertical timber cladding or Yorkshire boarding would be more in keeping with other buildings in the locality.

## Awaiting Decisions

- i) **Erection of Managers Accommodation Lodge, Docklands Campsite** - Refused
- ii) **Replacement Agricultural Building, Gale Green Cottage**. No decision.
- ii) **Installation of 4kw ground mounted solar PV, land adjacent to Garden Cottage**. No decision.
- iii) **Amendment to existing permission for two new dwellings, new layout, Halsteads Barn**. Approved.
- iv) **Replacement Agricultural Building, Gale Green Cottage**. Approved.
- v) **Conversion of Barn to residential accommodation, Moffinber**. Approved.
- vi) **Touring Caravan Site (9 pitches) & toilet/shower block**. No decision.

The owners and applicants of Docklands Campsite were in attendance at the meeting and were invited to present their plans to the Parish Council. Councillors welcomed their input and thanked them for taking the time to share their future plans.

## 6. Finance

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

<b>Credits:</b>	Threadneedle Dividend	£352.03
<b>Debits:</b>	Citizens Advice Bureau	£30.00
	Clerks Standing Order (Aug)	£132.66
	J Hartley & Sons – Grass	£24.00
	Clerks Standing Order (Sep)	£132.66

**Balance at 30 Sep was £4396.90**

- ii) **Wayleave Payment:** The Parish Council receives a small annual wayleave payment from Electricity Northwest. Electricity Northwest has proposed that the annual payment is replaced with a single payment equal to ten times the annual sum. Clerk to check agreement ahead of next meeting.
- iv) **Budget:** The Clerk presented the budget. Councillors voted in favour of replacing the bench sited opposite St Oswalds. Clerk to check options and decision to be made at the next meeting.

- 7. **Turbary Road** – NYCC confirmed that the Stopping Up Order was no longer being progressed as the Definitive Map team had received an application to have the route (or part of) added as a footpath. NYCC would implement a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) to prevent the use of the Turbary Road by motor vehicles. Councillors agreed that clarification was needed as to where the TRO would start and finish and indeed more information on where the footpath application would start and finish. It was also important that landowners who required access to fields around the Turbary could continue to do so via the lane near the water treatment works and that this lane was maintained by NYCC. Clerk to seek more detail.

8. **Turbary Pasture** – This item on the agenda was confidential and members of the public were asked to leave the room. Chairperson Hunter and Councillor Ramwell had met with Mr Richard Turner to seek final clarification with regards the rent agreed. Councillors discussed the dialogue that had taken place in the meeting and agreed to update the tenants accordingly.

9. **AOB**

- i) Clerk had received a reply from Burton in Lonsdale Clerk regarding the grass growing in the centre of the road between Lower Westhouse and Burton in Lonsdale. The issue had been reported to NYCC, however the village may try to find volunteers to help clear. Clerk to respond asking to be kept informed and if necessary, posters asking for volunteers could be displayed in the Parish noticeboards.
- ii) Cllr Ramwell raised the issue of vehicles exiting Smithy Lane onto the A65. Councillors to consider wording for a sign to discourage vehicles using the road in that direction.
- iii) Christmas Tree. Councillors Townley and Ramwell volunteered to source and erect the Christmas Tree. All agreed that it should be in place by weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> December and that new lights should be purchased. Clerk to purchase new lights for the tree.

There was no other business and the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....