

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 30th October 2017

Westhouse Village Hall

1. Attendance.

The meeting formally opened at 19.17hrs.

Present: Chairperson Hunter, Councillors Ramwell, Easterby, Lund and Townley. The Parish Clerk and ten members of the public were present. PCSO Jayne Grace and Craven District Councillor David Ireton were in attendance.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 4th September 2017. Councillor Townley proposed and Councillor Easterby 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.

All matters had been addressed in the discussions prior to the formal opening of the meeting.

8. Traffic and Local Policing.

The Chair brought item 8 forward to save police time.

PCSO Grace gave a detailed presentation with reference to community concerns about dangerous driving/ speeding through Thornton village and the speed limit/ dangers on the A65.

PCSO Grace advised that there had been no recent reports of problems in Thornton with just one abandoned telephone report in August. The police were targeting local youths who were driving dangerously in the general area with one youth having received a Section 59 warning. The main gathering points were the Co-Op filling station on the A65 and Ingleton Community Centre. Information was key to police deployments, PCSO Grace urged residents to report problems so that patterns could be identified and resources deployed accordingly.

She advised that video footage could be downloaded to the Operation Spartan website or the 95 Alive website.

The clerk reminded those present that he had reported both areas of concern to the 95 Alive road safety partnership.

PCSO Grace provided a number of community/ rural watch signs to be sited at the entrances to the villages together with registration forms for the Ringmaster scheme. The scheme is used to send out automatic alerts and information to registered residents.

Addressing the concerns about the A65, PCSO Grace reported that during 2016 there had been four serious accidents on the A65 in the parish. Only one was considered to be speed related.

A discussion took place about the siting of mobile speed cameras either on camera vans or police motor bikes. Cllr Ireton advised that the County Council had provided additional funding for mobile cameras on the A65.

PCSO Grace stated that she would request speed camera deployments for the A65 and that she was keen to work with residents in respect of the dangerous driving in villages. She again stressed that information was essential.

Chairperson Hunter thanked PCSO Grace and Cllr Ireton for their attendance and input. In summary Chairperson Hunter stated that residents should report incidents and concerns at the time they are happening or at least as soon as possible afterwards.

5. Planning.

New Applications.

Trees Caravan Park – 11 additional static caravans. Concern was expressed about the visual impact in general and in front of the Grade II listed building in particular. There appeared to be no detail about the management of sewage and waste. It was felt that there may be an increase in traffic exiting onto the A65. The Clerk will report these concerns via the Craven District portal.

Garden Cottage – extension to barn. There were no objections. The Clerk will report via the Craven District portal.

Approved/ Awaited.

Lodge Bank Cottage window replacements– approved.

Country Harvest storage container – awaited.

6. Finance.

The Parish Clerk provided an update. Project expenditure was forecast for a replacement noticeboard adjacent to Garden Cottage (A65) and the replacement bench at the view point. The Clerk provided details of noticeboards made from reconstituted materials similar to the noticeboard outside Westhouse Village Hall. He also stated that the work had been completed at the viewpoint and that an invoice was awaited. Cllr Ayrton stated that funding for noticeboards may be available from Craven District Council.

The Clerk advised that a Royal British Legion wreath for the service of remembrance had been ordered. The cost of the wreath was £17 with a further donation of £33 making a total of £50. The Clerk had ordered the wreath for delivery to Councillor Hunter.

The Clerk advised that consideration should be given to the provision of a Christmas tree for Westhouse, adding that he had not received an invoice for the 2016 tree. Discussion was deferred to Item 9 AOB.

7. Project Updates.

“Save a Life.” The defibrillators and boxes were now fitted and operational however there was still a requirement for the mains electrical supply to be connected.. The training will be rolled out to public volunteers including the staff of local businesses.

The Clerk advised that following the Parish Councils formal adoption of the defibrillators, he has applied for insurance cover.

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.

Community Emergency Plan. The plan was still under development and will be a formal agenda item at the next meeting. The Clerk had ordered an addition 60 sandbags which are stored behind Westhouse Village Hall.

9. Any Other Business.

The Chairperson reported that she had received a letter from Richard Turner and Sons reference the annual rent for Turbary Pasture. It was noted that if the Parish Council wished to review the rent, formal notice must be given prior to 1st November in any calendar year. A general discussion took place about the uncertainties caused by Brexit and it was felt that until the economic picture for agriculture is more certain, it might not be appropriate to consider a rent review. The Clerk will contact Turners to convey this view and request that a rent review take place in 2019.

The Chairperson will attend the Service of Remembrance and encouraged other Councillors to join her.

The Clerk provided the Chairperson with a copy of the details of the Parish Council elections to be held on 3rd May 2018 (letter dated 9th October 2017 from Craven District Council). The Parish Council has the option to co-opt another councillor prior to this date. If the 2018 election is contested the estimated cost of £603 will be charged to the parish Council, an uncontested election will be levied at the standard charge of £125.

Councillor Townley proposed and Councillor Easterby seconded that an illuminated Christmas Tree be provided in Westhouse as in previous years. All were in favour. Councillor Ramwell was tasked with sourcing the tree and speaking to Doreen reference the electricity supply. Councillors Easterby and Townley agreed to assist in erecting the tree and fixing the lights.

The Clerk produced a letter from North Yorkshire County Council dated 7th November reference the Commons Act 2006 and the requirement to update the register of common land. Records show that Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council is the owner of common land unit 1173 (CL366). The letter asked for records to be updated if necessary. The Councillors were able to confirm that the land was still owned by the Parish Council and therefore no action/ update is required.

There being no other business, the Chairperson thanked the members of the public for their attendance. The meeting closed at 20.40hrs.

Date of Next Ordinary Meeting: 7pm Monday 11th December 2017 at Westhouse Village Hall.

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