

Thorton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16/8/21 @7pm.

In attendance Chairman K Savage. Cllrs S.Hunter, D.Holman, T. Fawcett and B.Ramwell.

Clerk-A.Lund

Three parishioners also attended the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for absence. None.**
- 2. Declaration of interests. None.**
- 3. Presentation by Sustrans**

Alex and Tim from Sustrans appraised the PC of local developments regarding the proposed "Lune Valley Greenway". This would be a high quality community asset creating an accessible, safe cycle and footpath in the local area.

Of specific note are proposals for sections 3,4 and 5 of the route. Section 3 (Bull Beck to Wennington) joins end on to the existing path to Lancaster utilising the old railway. Section 4 would link Wennington-Kirkby Lonsdale with exact route to be determined with local landowners. Section 5 links Kirkby Lonsdale-Ingleton.

Sustrans create routes that "a 12 year old cyclist could safely use unaccompanied" and adhere to the 1.5 metre minimum width recommended for new cycleways.

For the section between Kirkby Lonsdale and Ingleton a route option appraisal report is in preparation for the end of September 2021. A number of route options are being considered and a steering group will be formed which local PCs are invited to join.

A local private donor has committed £209,000 to the feasibility study and other pots of money to develop the route (DfT,National Lottery, Heritage Fund) are also available.

There will be a formal public consultation on the alignment, funding and delivery of the route.

Sustrans took initial questions from PCs. Concerns were expressed regarding litter, intrusion and disturbance to farmland. Also costs of bridging the A65. Sustrans responded by saying they work in partnership with local landowners to seek mutually agreeable solutions and funding is available for new infrastructure. There was also support from Cllrs (and Parishioners present) to take ideas forward as the potential benefits to the community and visitors could be enormous.

Follow up -Sustrans to keep PC informed of developments. A.Lund and D. Holman to join the Steering Group.

3 (b) Save a life/defibrillators

C.Rawsthorne updated the PC regarding on this important local asset.

Thornton PC agreed to contribute £100 per annum to the project.

Training was identified as an important ongoing issue.

Ingleton waterfalls will be asked to continue to contribute to the maintenance of a defibrillator.
The PC thanked Cliff for his work on the project and arranged for an outstanding payment of £23.94 to be made for expenses he had incurred.

4. Confirm/sign minutes of June 14th meeting

Confirmed and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising – None

6. Planning applications/approvals. Craven and YDNP.

Craven

15/6 /21Halsteads. Application for Barn/cottage/garage development. Supported by PC and permission granted by Craven.

15/6/21 Netherbank. Application for demolition and new dwelling. Supported by PC and permission granted by Craven.

7/7/21 Ingleborough View Barn. Application for agricultural building. Supported by PC and permission granted by Craven.

13/7/21 Dairy Cottage, Thornton. Application to convert from residential use to holiday let. Supported by PC. Decision pending from Craven.

27/7/21 Halsteads, Tree works. Supported by PC. Decision pending from Craven.

YDNP

14/6/21 Fell Cottage, Masongill. Application to build home office. Supported by PC. Decision pending from YDNP.

22/7/21 Burnt House Farm. Application for new porch ,kitchen and boot room. Supported by PC . Decision pending from YDNP.

4/8/21 Kingsdale Head Farm. Application for 3 bed and 1 bed holiday let. Conversion of barn to farm office/meeting area. Supported by PC. Decision pending from YDNP.

10/8/21 Masongill House. Application for driveway restoration/timber car port/wildlife pond. Supported by PC. Decision pending from YDNP.

7 (a) Finance update

The clerk updated on PC finances.

With very little spending in the various lockdown periods in 2020/21 the balance on the main PC account stood at £10,938.22 as at 5/8/21. Outstanding bills payable included Hartley's grass cutting and the clerk's salary from April-August 2021. Approval was given by the PC for these to be paid.

It was noted that financial provision will need to be made for a new PC noticeboard at Masongill as the current one is beyond repair.

The Internal Auditor has been working on the PC accounts before submission to the external auditor.

7(b) Submission of AGAR to the External Auditor.

As an additional item, the finalised AGAR was approved by the PC on 4//9/21 and signed by the Chair, Clerk and Internal Auditor as appropriate. The AGAR was then submitted to the External Auditor on 7/9/21.

8 Police report

The report for the period 15/6/21-13/8/21 had been emailed to the clerk and was read out at the meeting.

A copy is appended to the minutes and available to view on the Community website.

9. Waterfalls update

It was reported that parking problems had settled down considerably. No significant problems were reported.

10. Craven Parish Liaison meeting 22/9/21

The clerk had been notified of this meeting and asked any PC interested in attending to let him know so arrangements could be made.

11. AOB

a) K. Nuttall updated the PC on the poor condition of some boundary walling at the Turbarry Pasture.

It was agreed that a boundary map would be sent to the solicitors who deal with the Turbarry Pasture rent review to establish who is responsible for the walling.

b) A new clerk, Nola Jackson has been appointed at Ingleton PC. A. Lund to make contact and agree to share minutes and work collaboratively where possible. The clerk has also passed on best wishes to the outgoing Ingleton clerk, Alison Hack, who has fulfilled the role for 17 years.

The meeting close at 8.20pm.

Date of next meeting, Monday 11th October 2021

Venue TBC