

THORNTON IN LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
14th August 2023
Minutes from the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Attendance: The meeting formally opened at 19.30hrs, present at the meeting were councillors Kevin Savage (chair) Sheila Hunter (vice chair), Graham Crombie, Frank Hasleden, Dave Holden, Parish Clerk (Alan Barton). Mr Cliffe Rawstrone was also in attendance representing Save A Life Defibrillator Group.

1/ Apologies for absence, none.

2/ Declaration of interests. There were no declarations of interest in the items listed in the agenda.

3/ Matters arising from meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023. None.

4/ Planning Applications. There was one planning application amendment received in respect of ZA23/25247/VAR Proposal: Application for variation of condition no. 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission referenced 2022/23723/FUL issued on 17.02.23 to allow amendments to internal layout and external elevations, fenestration and materials. Omission of basement. Location: Bideber Mill, Westhouse, Ingleton, Carnforth, LA6 3NY, Whilst the meeting had no direct objection to the application for variance of conditions no. 2 the councillors felt that the variations may not be in accordance to the original planning application and the subsequent permission granted. This opinion has been relayed to the Development Management at Craven North Yorkshire Council.

5/ Finance. The parish clerk informed the meeting that the completed documents in the form of an AGAR (Annual Governance Accountability Return for 2022/2023 had been submitted to the external auditors (PKF Littlejohn) and had been accepted.

6/ Turbary Pastureland.

- The meeting was informed by the parish clerk that there had been very little communication from North West Auctions in relation to the future management of the pastureland. Therefore preliminary discussions were had between Davis Bowring, councillor Crombie and the parish clerk. The preliminary discussions with Davis & Bowring covered the following :-
- Inspect the land and measure any wall gaps and/or other dilapidations. Record any works required into a schedule and report to parish council.
- Analyse dilapidations data against lease terms and advise parish council on any action of works required.
- Options to the re-letting of the pastureland on a 12 month licence.
- Designing and implementing an alternative scheme to leasing of the land.

7/ Police Report. The meeting was presented with a recent up-date from the local constabulary on incidents reported to the police since the last parish meeting. (should any parishioner require a copy of the report, please contact the parish clerk).

10/ A.O.B.

- Mr Cliff Rawstrone addressed the meeting in respect of the defibrillator sited at Ingleton Waterfalls car park. Mr Rawstrone had found the defibrillator inoperative in July due to battery failure. A replacement was ordered but the company were out of stock leaving the defibrillator temporarily un-usable. The councillors each agreed to make enquiries into sourcing alternative suppliers. (the following day Mr Rawstrone informed the parish councillors that the new ordered battery had been delivered and he had fitted it into the defibrillator immediately, leaving it in working order.

- Councillor Hunter informed the meeting that she had up-dated the Parish Emergency Plans and presented them for comment. All agreed the plans were comprehensive and ready for laminating to display.
- It was brought to the meetings attention that parts of Westhouse had been connected to B4AN however there remained to be good number of properties yet to be connected; this was disappointing given the time span of delay and that householders had supplied a route for the installation of ducting across their property boundary to wall in readiness. As B4AN had not communicated with residents on this issue despite being approached for an up-date it was requested if the parish clerk would approach B4AN on their behalf.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 21.15hrs.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting scheduled for Monday 16th October 2023 at 19.00hrs.