

THORNTON IN LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 9th December in Westhouse Village Hall

1. Chairperson Hunter and Councillors Lund, Townley, and Easterby were present. Cllr Ramwell sent apologies. Two 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 19th October 2015 had been read, were agreed and then signed by the Vice Chair.

4. **Planning**

New Applications

- i) **Managers Lodge, Docklands Campsite** – No objections
- ii) **Menage, Ingleborough View** – No objections

Awaiting Decisions

- i) **Alterations & Refurbishment, Smithy Cottage** - Approved
- ii) **Single Story Garden Room, Rock Villa** - Approved
- iii) **Sheep House & Machinery Store, Trees Farm** - Approved
- iv) **Installation of 4kw ground mounted solar PV, land adjacent to Garden Cottage** - Approved
- v) **Replacement Agricultural Building, Gale Green Cottage.** No decision.
- vi) **Touring Caravan Site (9 pitches) & toilet/shower block.** No decision.

Councillors asked the Clerk to follow up the decision on Smithy Cottage, requesting a copy of the Advisory Note and re-iterating that any vehicles blocking vision onto the A65 would create serious safety issues.

5. **Finance**

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

Credits:	Allianz Dividend	£408.76
	Wayleave payment	£5.90
	Threadneedle Dividend	£226.24
Debits:	Clerks Standing Order (Oct)	£132.66
	Clerks Standing Order (Nov)	£132.66

Balance at 30 Nov was £4772.48

- ii) **Replacement Bench** – Councillors agreed that the Bench sited opposite St Oswalds should be replaced. Clerk presented costs and was also asked to investigate whether any grants are available to support such schemes.

- iii) **Wayleave Payment** - The Clerk clarified that the proposal from Electricity Northwest was for a **one off** payment equal to ten times the annual sum. Cllrs agreed to continue receiving the small annual payment.
 - iv) **Provision of Defibrulators** - The Parish Council has been asked to support the provision of a defibrulator(s) within the parish. Chairperson Hunter outlined the factors that needed consideration such as cost, fundraising, management of, location. Councillors were in agreement that the Parish Council should support where possible and Chairperson Hunter agreed to make further enquiries and set a date in January for a public meeting.
 - v) **Precept 2016/17** – Councillors agreed to set the precept at zero.
 - vi) **Donation** of £50 to Royal British Legion agreed.
7. **Turbary Road** – The Clerk provided an update. NYCC had issued a map detailing the start and end point for the proposed TRO. They had not provided timings. They confirmed that they did inspect ‘metalled surface’ just short of treatment works on an annual basis and maintained if necessary. Councillors asked the Clerk to ascertain whether the relevant landowners were being informed of the forthcoming proposals.
8. **Turbary Pasture** – This item on the agenda was confidential and members of the public were asked to leave the room. Clerk was asked to follow up correspondence, with the tenants, dated 9th November 2015, to which no response had been received.
9. **AOB**
- i) **Rural Watch signs.** Clerk to follow up with Sgt Moorhouse and request for a number of signs to be erected within the Parish.
 - ii) **Vehicles exiting Smithy Lane onto the A65.** Councillors voted not to pursue this request for additional signage.
 - iii) **Tree Planting Scheme, Ellerbeck.** Councillors were in favour of this proposal (planting of approx 50 native broadleaved trees in land behind Ellerbeck). Clerk to take care of necessary paperwork.
 - iv) **Sandbags** - Clerk to investigate the provision of / contact details for supplies of sandbags.
 - v) **Highways** - A number of highways issues were raised with regards the recent flooding; drains for clearing and wall repairs on A65 south of Country Harvest; drain clearing in Lower Westhouse.
 - vi) Clerk proposed the 2016 meeting dates. List to be issued to Councillors.

There was no other business and the Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 10th February at 7.00pm.

Signed:

Dated: