

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 11 December 2017

Westhouse Village Hall

1. Attendance.

The meeting formally opened at 19.00hrs.

Present: Chairperson Hunter, Councillors Ramwell, Easterby, and Townley. The Parish Clerk was not in attendance owing to a sudden medical emergency in his family. Eight parishoners were present and Sarah Wiltshire (the local Green Party Representative) was present. Apologies were received from Councillor Lund.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 30 October 2017. Councillor Townley proposed and Councillor Ramwell 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.

Councillor Hunter inquired about the displaying of signage distributed by PCSO at the previous meeting. Parishoners assured her these were on display.

5) Planning:

New Applications:

- i) Sunnydale, Bank House Lane (Demolition of building/ convert barn to three 3 bedroom holiday lets
Councillors discussed the planning submission and the applicant was present and able to answer queries. There were no objections to the proposal. The clerk will report the response via the planning portal.
- ii) Lund Farm A late application came in electronically and was circulated to Councillors after the agenda had been prepared and circulated. Some concerns were expressed concerning the application and Councillor Townley agreed to have an informal conversation with the applicant before the Council submitted their responses.

Awaiting Decision:

- i) Country Harvest (Storage)
- ii) Trees Caravan Park (11 additional static caravans)

6) Finance:

- i) In the absence of the Clerk Councillor Hunter gave a brief verbal statement in respect of the financial accounts since the last meeting. Councillor Ramwell submitted the invoice for the Christmas tree for the village green. This will be forwarded to the Clerk for payment.

7) Project Updates:

Save a Life, Thornton in Lonsdale: Cllr Hunter gave a brief update on the defibrillator and promised to inquire whether the boxes were now wired to ensure an ambient temperature.

B4RN High Speed Rural Broadband: An encouraging progress report was submitted by Jack Pickup in respect of the success of the project in the Thornton/Masongill area of the Parish. There is still little progress in the Lower Westhouse/Gale Green area.

8) Community Emergency Plan: Councillors discussed the consequences of the recent heavy rains and the significant flooding in the area. Areas badly affected were identified and potential work that might help to address this increasingly recurrent problem. Councillor Ramwell to speak with the relevant persons via CDC

9) WHP Telecoms Ltd: Emergency Services Radio Mast: We had a brief discussion on this based on the telephone and email information received from the agent. There was some concern expressed about the sensitive nature of the environment but, in view of the fact that this application relates to better communications for the emergency services in this part of the parish, the Council decided that they had no objections but would wish to minimize the intrusion on the landscape.

10) Meeting Dates 2018 Councillors noted the proposed meeting dates for 2018

11) AOB :

(i) Councillor Ramwell drew Councillors attention to the availability of a grant from YDNP towards our purchase of a new notice board. Councillor Ramwell will pursue this.

(ii) The lack of grit bins and Salt piles around the Parish was noted. The replacement of the bin destroyed by a vehicle and the availability of extra gritting materials needs to be pursued with Highways Dept.

The meeting closed at 9,20pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 29th January 2018.