

Thornton-in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday February 15th 2021 (7pm).

The meeting was held online due to covid 19 restrictions.

In attendance Chair K. Savage, Councillors S. Hunter, T.Fawcett and D. Holman, Clerk A. Lund.

1. Apologies for absence- Cllr. Brian Ramwell.

2. Declarations of interest. None

3. Confirm and sign minutes from last ordinary meeting (14th October). **Action: Minutes agreed and signed by chair**

4. Matters arising from last meeting.

(Item 6a) Cllrs asked the clerk to contact the external auditors to ask that the fee, charged for late submission of last year's accounts, be waived due to the extenuating circumstances of covid/lockdown.

5. Planning applications

YDNPA

- a) C/68/640/C Sunny Vale Far Westhouse (windows)

Approved by YDNPA 13/01/21

Craven DC

- a) 2020/22097/FUL Thornbrook camping pods. **Approved by Craven 4/1/21**
- b) 2020/22145/HH Old School House, Westhouse. Single story extension. **Approved by Craven 18/12/2020**
- c) 2020/22180/OUT Two building plots on the old railway at Thornton. **Refused by Craven 22/12/2020**
- d) 2020/22220/FUL Netherbank domestic stables. **Approved by Craven 15/1/21**

New applications

- e) 2020/22131/CPL Bideber (garden studio) **Supported by PC and approved by Craven 2/2/21.**
- f) 2 Holme Head Road. PC notified of application. Once details are received from Craven they'll be forwarded by email to PCs.

6. Finance

- a) PC finances. The clerk updated cllrs that in the financial year 2020/21 to date, PC payments were approximately £4000 and receipts approximately £3300.
- b) Bills to pay. Three bills to Hartley's for grass cutting had been paid (total £114) and a payment for £96 (incl VAT) made to the external auditors for the late submission of 2019/20 accounts. The donation of £1500 to St Oswald's PCC to assist with repair of the clock has also been made, as agreed at the last meeting.
- c) Appointment of internal auditor for 2020/21. **Action: Cllrs agreed to appoint Allan McDougall as internal auditor for 2020/21 and asked the clerk to contact him to make arrangements to conduct the audit. Cllr Hunter also asked that PC thanks were passed to Mr McDougall for his willingness to undertake the work.**

- 7. Police report– A report to cover the two month period since the last PC meeting was received. .
Action: PCs asked the clerk to invite Jayne Grace (PCSO) to June meeting. This has been actioned and a response is awaited.

8. Update on visitors to Waterfalls Trail (parking and working with Ingleton PC).

- a) No reply had been received to the joint Ingleton/Thornton PC letter to the Waterfalls owners. The letter urged the owners to work with YDNPA to resubmit their plans for additional on-site parking to alleviate the great inconvenience (and safety issues) being caused by on street parking at weekends and Bank Holidays in both parishes. **Action: Clerk to maintain communication with Ingleton PC clerk regarding a response from the owners.**

b) As recorded in the minutes of the meeting of 14.12.20, the 'H' road markings to prevent parking blocking residents driveways have not yet been completed by NYCC highways. **Action: NYCC highways have the work scheduled but it is subject to suitable weather conditions and the road marking vehicle being rostered to be in the area. March is the likely date for the work to be completed.**

9. Letter of thanks from St Oswald's PCC.

Communication had been received from St Oswald's PCC thanking cllrs for the donation toward the repair of the clock at St Oswald's. the PCC were very grateful for the donation and prompt response of Thornton PC.

10. Letter from elector regarding condition of Bank House Lane

A letter had been received regarding the condition of Bank House Lane. The elector had received no reply from NYCC highways/Craven DC on the matters they'd raised so they were contacting the PC for assistance.

Action: Cllrs asked the clerk to contact highways to request action. The PC has previously contacted highways about the condition of this road. The clerk has emailed highways and a response is awaited.

11. Report on attendance at YDNP annual forum. The clerk had attended this virtual conference on 20/1/21. It had been interesting and informative with a focus on prospects for tourism, farming, land use and the environment in the YDNP. Some key points were shared with cllrs. **Action: Presentations from the forum have been emailed to cllrs and will be forwarded to the community website.**

12.AOB

- a) Dates for 2021 meetings were agreed. **NOTE the AGM will be held at the April not June meeting**
- b) Local Government Reorganisation. Cllr Hunter reminded cllrs that a consultation on two local government models for North Yorkshire was soon to be held. Cllrs agreed that they would express a preference for the East/West model as being more receptive to local needs. Action: Clerk to submit PC view when consultation opens.
- c) Community fund raising event post covid. Cllrs discussed the possibility of a fund raising event (possibly for NW Air Ambulance) later in the year. Cllrs felt this would be a boost to the local community as life, hopefully, returns to normal in the summer.
- d) PC work in 2020/21. Clerk to prepare a summary of PC work in last 12 months and circulate to cllrs prior to adding to community website and parish noticeboards.
- e) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2021, venue TBC**

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