

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council
Minutes of meeting of held on 27th November 2023

1/ Apologies for absence. **None**

2/ To receive any declaration of interest in the agenda items. **None**

3/ Matters arising from the meeting held on Monday 16th October 2023. **None**

4/ Planning applications received (below)

(Application Number: ZA23/25391/FUL Proposal: Construction of a rural workers dwelling with associated access and site landscaping Location: Thornbrook Barn, Thornton In Lonsdale, Ingleton, Carnforth, LA6 3PD, Date Valid: 13th November 2023 Case Officer: Mr Owen Holmes). The applicants attended the meeting to give the councillors an opportunity to further discuss the application and to give any clarification if required. No objection have been received by the Parish Council from local parishioners. The councillors were content that the proposal would not adversely affect the use or enjoyment of the local residents and gave no objections to the application.

5/ **Finance update** (to include income from investments). The clerk informed the meeting that to date income from assets was £2,958.31 with outgoing expenses to date of £1,212.96.

6/ **Turbary Pastureland** an update on the progress made by Rob Bowyer at Davis & Bowring was given to the meeting. Mr Bowyer continues to engage with potential interested persons.

7/ **Update on meeting with Andrew Holden (solicitors)**. The parish clerk has provided Mr Holden with all requested documentation e.g. historic lease agreements in order to assist him with his Land Registry investigations and registrations.

8/ **Mason Gill residents letter of concern**

a/ The council received a written letter raising three concerns from residents of Mason Gill. who wished to inform the PC of a potential sale of land at Mason Gill with the an apparent intention of a future use for 'wild camping'. The letter detailed issues of:-

- a potential sale of land with intention to change the use to 'Wild Camping' with no prior consultation or planning permission (if required).
- Wild camping would increase the traffic on the narrow access/egress lane into and out of the village

- potential disruption of noise to the peaceful existence that the local residents currently enjoy.
- parking problems
- wild camping requires no facilities including that for human waste.

To enable the Council to look further into this matter, Councillor Crombie was asked to approach the estate agent for details and to inform the agent and the current landowner of a unanimous objection by the Mason Gill residents to this venture. The council will also approach the local planning authorities to make enquiries.

b/ The parish council were also asked to look into the issue of the dry stone walls on either side of the lanes into and out of Masongill have become increasingly broken down and patched up over the recent year. Again Councillor Crombie was asked if he would look into this and approach the landowner on the matter.

c/ It was raised at the meeting that the hedging at the bottom of the lane into and out of Masongill has not been cut this autumn as it usually is. It was felt that perhaps contractors missed this small section when cut in the autumn and if left until next July (after the bird nesting season) it will be seriously overgrown. The Council were again requested to look into this matter.

9/ Sustrans Lune Valley Stakeholder October 2023 update. Cowan Bridge to Ingleton (Preliminary Landowner Conversations) Sustrans plan to open preliminary conversations with landowners between Cowan Bridge and Ingleton in the near future. We will then conduct a route alignment review and begin concept design stage work for this section of the route for further consultation with landowners. **No further information has been received on this ongoing initiative.**

10/ Police crime report. **A crime report was submitted for the meetings information. (a copy of this report can be found on the parish webpages).**

11/ A.O.B. In respect of the communications regarding traffic speeds on the A65 at Westhouse. The councillors asked the parish clerk if there had been a response from their letter sent to the Highways Authorities following the meeting earlier in October. The meeting was informed that there had been no acknowledgement or response received. The parish clerk was asked to re-send a copy of the letter and request a response. (up-date. Post meeting a further letter has been sent to the Highways Authority requesting a response).

There being no further business the meeting was closed. The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 5th February 2024. This meeting will be via Zoom.

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