

**THORNTON IN LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Minutes from the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**

**Attendance:** The meeting formally opened at 19.00hrs, present at the meeting were councillors Kevin Savage (chair) Sheila Hunter (vice chair), Dave Holden, Parish Clerk (Alan Barton).

**1/ Apologies for absence,** Frank Hasleden, Graham Crombie.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023. None.**

**4/ Planning Applications.** There were no new planning received since the last meeting however there were three amendments to planning applications received previously.

**5/ Finance.** The parish clerk gave a brief overview to the current account held with references to income and expenditures.

**6/ Turbary Pastureland.** Following the parish councillors meeting with Rob Davies at Davis Bowring a site visit of the pastureland had been undertaken and Rob Davis had met with the current leaseholders prior to their departure.

It was confirmed that all outstanding wall gaps (on the walls that are the leaseholders responsibility) will be done prior to departure. They explained they are responsible for the western (top) and southern walls, whilst Kingsdale Head are responsible for the northern wall, and Braida Garth for the Southern. It was propose that after 31<sup>st</sup> October Mr Davis will complete another inspection and inspect what has been done and then report any gaps on the walls that are not the responsibility of Turbary Pasture to the responsible parties. The parish councillors are aware of a small number of people who have expressed an interest in a short term lease of the pastureland. The councillors are content for discussion and information to be shared with any interested parties, but in the interest of impartiality it was agreed that the pastureland lease should be publicly advertised.

A preliminary meeting was held with Napthens solicitors of Kendal in respect of looking to manage the pursuance of the title deeds to Turbary pastureland and its Land Registry status. The meeting agreed to the terms and conditions of business with Napthens including their costs.

**7/ Police Report.** An up to date report was not available at the time of the meeting, however the councillors were informed that once received it would

be passed onto them for their information. (the following day of the parish meeting a report was received and shared with the councillors. A copy of this report can be found on the parish council webpages or please contact the parish clerk should any parishioner require a copy of the report).

**8/** The parish councillors were made aware prior to the meeting of a letter received from a parishioner expressing concerns to the recent road traffic accident on the A65 near Westhouse. The hazards concerning this stretch of road was discussed and the number of recent incidents over recent times some of which resulted in fatalities. Historic letters of concern sent to North Yorkshire Police and the Highways Commission requesting action by way speed restrictions have proven so far not to have been effective, however in view of the recent tragic accident the parish clerk has been requested to again write asking for action.

**9/ Parish Precepts.** The councillors have again this year been asked by Craven District Council if it was their intention to apply for the annual precept grant (submissions have to be made by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023). **Outcome.** The councillors briefly discussed whether to accept or reject the application and unanimously agreed **not** to ask for a precept grant but to continue to provide their services to the parish without charge and to continue funding initiatives and projects by means of money raised through the Parishes' assets. By doing this and not resorting to asking for a precept grant will negate the need for a levy being applied in the council rates to the Thornton in Lonsdale Parish residents.

#### **10/ A.O.B.**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 20.30pm.

**Date of the next Parish Council meeting scheduled for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 19.00hrs.**