

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 9EH**

**Present: Councillors:** J. Barker (Chairman) B. Stockdale, R. Barr and Cllr Alyson Baker (NYC Councillor)

**Clerk:** D. Robson-Booth

Attended by two members of the public

**1. Apologies for Absence - None**

**2. Police Report**

The police report was circulated to the Parish Councillors and revealed one crime of anti – social behaviour. No further details are provided.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

B. Stockdale and R. Barr approved the minutes as a true record.

**4. Recruiting New Parish Councillors**

The Parish Council co-opted John Pinches to represent Thornton-le-Moor. John completed his forms of declaration and the Clerk will take them to the Monitoring Officer at Stone Cross.

**5. Matters Arising - None**

**6. Parish Council to Consider Adopting a .gov.uk Domain**

The Parish Council considered the proposal and agreed for the size of our Parish Council and expense involved it is not a priority at this time. Our precept is small and an expense needs to be planned for. It may be considered again at a later date.

**7. Correspondence**

The Chairman and B. Stockdale both competed the Community Views on Flood Risk Management sent by a ENV – Postgraduate Researcher.

**8. Planning**

**New Applications – None Received**

**Granted - None**

**Ongoing Planning Applications**

**a. Creation of a replacement workshop (Use Class E) Church Farmhouse, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk. Ref: ZB23/01088/FUL**

There has been very little progress. After three weeks information has not yet been uploaded onto the planning portal. The planning application is causing a lot of concern to the residents of Thornton-le-Street.

Cllr Roosje Barr will organise a meeting between the Parish Council and planning officers at Stone Cross.

## **9. NYC Councillor Update – Cllr A. Baker**

### Garden Waste Collection (Green Bin)

Garden waste green bins are due to be paid. Due to cost there will not be a Christmas tree collection this year.

### School Children Commuting to School Survey

The survey exploring the future demand and expense of school children travelling to school closes in April.

### Photographic Identification to Vote at Elections

Another reminder that it is a requirement to show photographic i.d to vote at all elections. Information on acceptable i.d is available on the HMRC website and village notice boards. A free voter card can be obtained on the HMRC website for those who do not have photographic identification.

### Free School Meals

Cllr A. Baker encouraged those eligible to claim their free school meals.

### Council Tax

This April will see an increase in council tax, the increase will reflect the rising costs of materials and wages. Social care is by far the largest major cost. From this year, the council tax is charged at the same rate throughout the former districts of North Yorkshire.

### Surgery

Cllr Alyson Baker is holding a surgery where members of the public are welcome to attend.

5<sup>th</sup> April – Galtres Centre, Easingwold. 10am – Midday.

### Road Closure – from Sandy Bank, Northallerton to Knayton

Due to problems with the contractor the dates the road will close to rebuild Crosby Bridge has changed to now until 5<sup>th</sup> April.

### Choice of Secondary Schools for Pupils Living in Silton

Pupils living in the village of Silton, Northallerton have got the right to choose whether they attend Thirsk or Northallerton secondary schools. This decision follows the tradition of pupils from Silton been in the catchment area for Northallerton. Since the closure of the Silton School pupils attend Knayton School which has the option to choose their secondary school.

## **10. Public Questions**

Public questions enquired about the amount of NYC reserves as some Councils have gone bankrupt.

There was also a discussion about the planning application for Church Farmhouse and an enquiry about possible updates on the pub in TLM.

## Cricket Club Update

John Pinches gave a brief update on the progress of Thornton-le-Moor Cricket Club.

They have secured funding of £25,000 from ECB. They are currently working on improvements in the pavilion and hope to be finished by summer. The changing rooms are finished.

Shepherds Purse have offered £4,000 sponsorship over 4 years. The Cricket Club hope to secure more funding from local business.

(Cllr A. Baker Left the meeting)

### **11. Finance**

a. **Parish Council Bank Account Balance as at 29/12/2023 - £6,045.92**

b. **Expenses**

Clerks Salary & Expenses (5 hours) £326.51  
(Including Back Pay £263.36)

The Councillors approved the expenses.

c. **Appointing an Internal Auditor**

The Clerk has appointed Ian Smithson, the same auditor as last year who will charge £100 to do the audit.

### **12. Any Other Business**

B. Stockdale will contact the Environmental Agency to address the flood debris building up in Cod Beck in Thornton-le-Street.

R. Barr has booked onto YLCA training course Planning Appeals and Enforcement webinar on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### **13. Date and Time of next meeting – Annual Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held at **7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Thornton-le-Street village hall, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4DS**

Signed by Chairman:

Date: