

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 9EH.

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

Clerk: D. Robson-Booth

Attended by 15 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence - None

2. Co-Opting Phil Hodgson

The Parish Council co-opted Phil Hodgson and welcomed him onto the Parish Council.

Clerk to send the completed register of interest forms to the Monitoring Officer at NYC.

3. Matters Arising

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

Cllr A. Baker has chased this matter and advised the Parish Council that the planning officer is writing the recommendation and we should receive it soon.

4. NYC Councillor Update – Cllr Alyson Baker

- Electoral Register

Residents across North Yorkshire are being urged to check that they are registered to vote at their address or risk losing the chance to have their say on decisions that affect them.

The annual canvass is under way to enable North Yorkshire Council to keep the electoral register up to date, to identify who risks losing their voice at elections and to encourage them to register before it is too late.

- Free School Meals

Over the summer NYC have implemented the [Free School Meals Auto-enrolment programme](#) for the first time for North Yorkshire's schools.

This has resulted in finding around 800 local children who were entitled to claim free school meals (FSM), but weren't actually enrolled, and in bringing in around an extra 1 million pounds in pupil premium funding to our local schools to help our most deprived children. Furthermore, we have estimated an annual saving of around 300k for local families (in not having to pay for / provide school lunches).

The project involved NYC using benefits data to identify North Yorkshire families who were eligible for free school meals but were not currently enrolled or claiming the meals. The eligible families were sent letters over the summer to let them know that

they could claim a free school meal for their child/ren, and that the council would automatically enrol them unless they opt out.

- Parish Drop In

Drop-in Surgeries' and Parish Liaison Meetings being held across the county as part of the work being undertaken by North Yorkshire Council's Parish Liaison Team to improve communication with Town and Parish Councils and to better understand the issues they face. The surgeries will give you the opportunity to meet the team face-to-face and discuss any issues of concern or common interest. The surgeries will also help inform the agenda for a series of Parish Liaison Meetings being held throughout the year. The Parish Liaison Meetings will include an overview of the support available from the NYC Localities Team and officers from other NYC Services will be invited to attend to answer any questions you may wish to ask.

If you are unable to attend the drop-in surgery but would like to add an item to the agenda for discussion at the Parish Liaison meeting, please forward the details to me at parishliaison@northyorks.gov.uk

Thirsk & Malton ▪ Early March 2025 10am – 4pm: Thirsk & Malton Parish Surgery
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QR

- Builders Offered Free Workshops on Energy Efficiency Techniques

Builders in North Yorkshire are being urged to take part in free hands-on building workshops to train in energy efficiency techniques.

As part of North Yorkshire Council's Local Energy Advice Demonstrator (LEAD) project, retrofit training is being offered to help builders transform their approach to building design and construction and conform to Part L Building Regulations.

Part L provides guidance on energy efficiency and covers the thermal performance of a building's fabric and heating systems.

The two half-day sessions will focus on the critical role of airtightness in modern building practices that will shape housebuilding and renovation into the future.

Delivered by an industry leading airtightness company, Partel, the courses will offer practical experience with membranes, tapes, airtight components and tools, and provide expert techniques and troubleshooting tips from industry experts.

The workshop will cover:

- Why buildings need to be more airtight.
- Condensation risk.
- Airtightness and ventilation.
- How to build an airtight structure.
- Retrofitting airtightness.
- Breathability.
- Specifying the correct product(s).

The workshops take place from 8am until 12.30pm on:

Friday, October 4, at The Regen Centre, Riccall, Landing Lane, Riccall YO19 6PW.
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/OctoberWorkshop>

Friday, November 8, at Hutton Rudby Village Hall, Enterpen, Hutton Rudby TS15 0EJ. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/NovemberWorkshop>

In addition to the hands-on workshops, there is a building airtightness webinar by one of the country's leading building airtightness experts Diane Hubbard from Green Footsteps Ltd on:

Wednesday, September 25, Practical Retrofit Airtightness for Builders from 5pm-6pm <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/AirtightnessForBuilders> the project is part-funded by Tees Valley Combined Authority and the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

- Private Landlords - Free Training on Offer for North Yorkshire's Private Sector Landlords

Landlords in the private sector are to be given free advice in a series of courses which start this month and are aimed at improving the quality of properties across North Yorkshire.

North Yorkshire Council is working with the National Residential Landlord Association (NRLA) to provide free online training in condensation, mould and dampness, guidance for landlords and energy efficiency.

The first course will be held on Wednesday, October 16, covering common causes and the different types of dampness, as well as legislation and the responsibilities of landlords, agents and tenants. The course will also highlight the importance of heating, ventilation and thermal insulation.

It will take place from 1.30pm until 4.30pm with places bookable at www.nrla.org.uk/training-academy/safety-and-hazards/northyorks-condensation-and-dampness

The topic of energy efficiency follows with an event on Friday, November 8, from 9.30am until 4.30pm. It will cover regulations and other legal requirements affecting energy efficiency, grant funding streams, and energy performance certificate changes.

To book, log on to www.nrla.org.uk/training-academy/local-authority/north-yorkshire-energy-efficiency

Next year brings the remaining two courses, with an event on February 10 running from 9.30am until 4pm and focused on providing basic advice and guidance for landlords.

It will cover pre-tenancy and liabilities for energy performance certificates tax and insurance, the responsibilities of a landlord surrounding tenancy agreements, gas safety, houses in multiple occupation, property standards and ending a tenancy.

To book, log on to www.nrla.org.uk/training-academy/core-courses/north-yorkshire-landlord-fundamentals.

The subject of electrical safety will be discussed on another course on Wednesday, March 12, from 10am until 4pm. It will look at the basic principles of an electrical survey, when a qualified electrician should be used, electrical installation condition reports, and portable appliance testing.

To book, log on to www.nrla.org.uk/training-academy/local-authority/north-yorkshire-council-electrical-safety-for-landlords

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Anyone who is unable to attend, is asked to cancel their place as there is usually a waiting list.

- Clr Alyson Baker Surgeries

Open to the public, Alyson will be available at:

- Galtres Centre, Friday 8th November 10am until noon
- Thirsk Auction Mart Gavel Café, Thursday 14th November 10am until noon

Stell Bank

NYC has reviewed the ongoing A19 central reservation upgrade works and the impact the closure of Stell Bank will have on the local community if they were to take place at the same time. A decision has been taken to delay the works at Stell Bank until the A19 works are complete. Stell Bank Replacement will now commence on **7th October 2024**. The estimated scheme length again been increased, to **15 weeks** (from 12), to accommodate delays caused by the wetter weather we are likely to encounter.

Location of Bridge - Stell Bank Bridge, Leake Lane
Leake, Hambleton, North Yorkshire,

Post Code - YO7 4BL

Grid Reference

443236 , 491180

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54.314386 , -1.3369004

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- Emergency Planning - Advice for Businesses to Prepare for Emergency Situations

Business owners in Yorkshire and the Humber are being given free advice through a new online service on how to deal with a range of emergency situations to ensure that their enterprises are able to cope during major events.

The new artificial intelligence tool has been launched to provide interactive conversations for businesses across the region about how to prepare for

emergencies ranging from flooding, fires and extreme weather to power outages, cyber-attacks and pandemics.

Using an artificial intelligence chatbot, the online tool will allow businesses to have real-time, two-way conversations about emergency preparedness.

Launched this week, the tool will initially be offered to businesses throughout North, West, South Yorkshire and the Humber through a website.

Members of the public can also use it to talk about emergency awareness through the interactive website and QR codes.

Visit www.yorkshirereadytogether.co.uk to find out more and join the conversation about ensuring businesses are prepared for emergency situations.

- Locality Budget

Cllr A. Baker confirmed she is giving £300 to TLM Cricket Club as previously agreed.

5. Police Report – September

No crimes were recorded on the report.

Arrest

The police did send some additional Information including news of an arrest following a Community Message sent on the 15th September 2024. Following a number of enquiries they have arrested a male in connection with a Burglary of an outbuilding on Mill Hill Close, Brompton, Northallerton.

Register Security Cameras/Ring Door Bells

Residents are encouraged to register security cameras/Ring door Bells

To register contact the police by emailing to **digitalevidence@northyorkshire.police.uk** stating that you would like to register your business or home security cameras. Wait for an email reply – you will be contacted by a colleague from North Yorkshire Police with a link and an information pack. Click the link in the email to securely register your cameras, and upload any images.

Community Messenger

A polite reminder to join our Community Messaging Service! Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community. Sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

If you'd like any further information or if you'd like to join please email:-

SNAnorthallerton@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024

The minutes were approved as a true record by B. Stockdale and P. Hodgson.

7. Correspondence

a. Donation Request to Purchase a Ride-on Lawnmower for TLM Churchyard

The Parish Council discussed the request and decided not to donate any money. Clerk to reply.

b. Area2 Highways

• Thornton-le-Street Village Dead End Sign

The sign in question has now been inspected by both the local Highway Officer and the Maintenance Manager and they both advise that it does not currently meet the criteria for replacement. However, they would ask that the resident refrain from any further interference with this sign as it does not help the Highway Officer to get a clear assessment of the current condition and ultimately may delay this being highlighted for replacement in the future.

• Speeding and Traffic Through Thornton-le-Moor

Highways suggested considering purchasing vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). Highways will put us in touch with the relevant person should the PC wish to pursue. It may be necessary to do some fund raising to enable the PC to purchase.

Clerk to obtain some prices and discuss at the next meeting.

• Planned Maintenance to Thief Hole Lane

Highways confirm that some work was carried out on Thief Hole Lane in July. However at that point there were plans to possibly carry out some more extensive patching works whilst on site but these works were then put on hold as they were informed that this road may be subject to a capital surfacing scheme in the 2025/26 financial year. Highways are still awaiting confirmation that this scheme will go ahead and are unlikely to know if the funding is confirmed until early next year. Highways will let the Parish Council know as soon as dates are confirmed for a scheme. In the interim period Highways are managing and maintaining the road to a safe condition via regular safety inspections and when appropriate localised repairs. To this end the road was inspected this week by a Highway Officers and an order has been raised for repair to several defects that meet the intervention criteria. This order has now been passed to Highway's contractors to be programmed according to priority

• State of Pavements on Hillside and Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor

They should be reported by residents on the North Yorkshire Council website and will be dealt with in turn.

• Planned Workshops by Highways for Parish Council

P. Hodgson and R. Barr have booked a place to attend a session.

c. Donation Request from Citizens Advise

The Parish Council decided to donate a sum of £25. Clerk to organise payment.

d. Quickline Fibre Optic Broadband Plans for 2025

The Parish Council discussed the matter.

e. Request to Support a Potential Lottery Funding Bid for a Cod Beck Project

The Parish Council received an email from a group of local people trying to gain a lottery grant to use to improve mainly wildlife along Cod beck. The Parish Council are interested and would like to find out more about it.

f. Cadent Gas Limited (Cadent) HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline Project

The Parish Council are slightly baffled why our Parish Council has received this notification as it appears to be around Cheshire.

B. Stockdale to investigate.

(Cllr A. Baker left the meeting)

8. Planning

Granted

- a. **Proposed Extensions and alterations to an existing property to provide a Utility space, Garden Room at the rear and Boiler room along with a Porch, as amended on 9th September 2024. The Old Police House, Thieffhole Lane, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton. ZB24/01456/FUL.**

New Applications

- a. **Application for the Conversion of a redundant agricultural building to a dwelling. Thornton House Farm, Corpse Road, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton. ZB24/01529/FUL**

The Parish Council commented that it was a professionally presented detailed application and they do not have any objections.

- b. **Change of use of former public house to dwelling. Black Swan, Main Street, Thornton Le Moor, Northallerton. ZB24/01504/FUL**

The Parish Council discussed this application. The meeting was attended by many residents who shared their views. It is with regret that the village will lose the pub but the Parish Council considered the application sensible given the current state of the building and they support the application. It has reached the point where something needs to be done with the building to improve it.

The Parish Council dismissed the idea of buying the pub as a community asset due to lack of support from the community.

The Parish Council would like a condition implemented to state timescales for starting and if possible, completing the work, the Parish Council and village residents would like the building refurbished without delay as it has been in a state of disrepair long enough.

9. Public Questions

Many of the public questions were about the planning application to turn the pub into a dwelling.

A resident enquired if the street lighting was adequate to illuminate the defibrillator in TLM.

10. Finance

a. Parish Council Bank Balance as of 27/09/2024 - £7,058.46

b. Expenses to pay

Clerk's Salary & Expenses £240.20

The Parish Council approved the expenses.

c. Expenses Paid

HMRC Clerk's PAYE £12.40

d. Payment Received

NYC Locality Funding for Bench Maintenance and TLS Sign £500

11. Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **7.00pm** on **Tuesday 26th November 2024** at **Thornton-le-Street village hall**, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4DS

Signed by Chairman:

Date: