

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 9EH

Commencing at 7.30pm a presentation was given by Gareth Dadd, Thirsk Member and Deputy Leader for the council unity. The presentation focussed on providing up to date information about the council unity which is set to replace the existing eight council districts in 2023. Gareth answered public questions satisfactorily and the presentation was enjoyed by all.

(Gareth Dadd left after the presentation)

Present: Councillors: A. Wond (Chairman) B. Stockdale (Vice Chairman) P. Pybus, J. Barker, Cllr Andy Robinson (HDC Councillor) and Cllr Robert Baker (NYCC Councillor) **Clerk:** D. Robson

Attended by five members of the public

The chairman informed the council that the meeting was being recorded by the clerk to aid with writing the minutes, it will be deleted afterwards.

1. Apologies and Approval for Absence – None received

2. Police Report received for period 30th Sept – 22nd Nov 2021

A police representative was unable to attend the meeting but a report was received which stated that no incidents were reported for this period.

It provided information on renewing shotgun and firearms licences. The report also contained information on casualty reduction which is their latest major campaign.

Clerk to include the police report with the published meeting minutes.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on Wednesday 29th September 2021

The minutes were approved by A. Wond and B. Stockdale

4. Matters Arising – none

5. Correspondence

RAF Leeming - An invitation was received from RAF Leeming to meet the Swiss Air Force Detachment Commander, along with members of the RAF Leeming operations team, and take a look around the Exercise site at 10am on the 30th November. Two people from the parish are welcome to attend and RAF Leeming have requested we confirm by providing names of attendees by 29th November. A. Wond encouraged councillors to attend as he believed it will be worth attending.

6. Planting a Tree to Commemorate the Queen's Jubilee

To support the Queen's Green Canopy Campaign the district council were allocated £50,000 (they only anticipate spending £7,000) on purchasing 28 trees, one to plant in each ward. Cllr A. Robinson was asked to gather possible planting locations from each parish. The tree will be awarded to the parish with the best location for planting.

Our parish has already submitted the proposed location which is at the top of Thirsk Bank joining Crindle Carr Lane where there are some trees already growing (when leaving TLM to join the A168). Cllr A. Robinson will let us know if our suggestion was successful.

7. Dennis Sturdy's Parish Council Contribution

The council wanted to commemorate Dennis Sturdy's long contribution to the parish with a gift to Joan Sturdy. A Wond will liaise with B Stockdale to determine a suitable gift.

8. Thornton-le-Street Potholes Update

Cllr B. Stockdale thanked Cllr Baker for organising a meeting with highways to discuss the state of the road in Thornton-le-Street. A total price of £6750 has already been approved by Cllr Baker, £5,000 will come out of his Community Budget. Highways will fund the rest. The work will be completed and paid for in this financial year.

The stretch of road on the A168 between Thornton-le-Moor and Thornton-le-Street is scheduled for work in the next financial year. It was noted that standing water has improved after work was done on drainage south of Thornton-le-Street.

Planning

a. Granted

- 1. Application for construction of a pig finishing shed. Land West of Brockholme Farm, Corpse Road, Thornton-le-Moor. Ref: 21/01928/FUL**

b. New Applications- None

c. Refused

- 1. Construction of one new dwelling (land North-West of The Old School) and one replacement dwelling (in place of Corn Cob Bungalow) with detached garage to serve The Old School and the proposed new dwelling. Corn Cob Bungalow (and land North West of The Old School) Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor. Ref: 21/01478/FUL**

9. NYCC Councillor Update

Cllr Baker was satisfied the presentation covered most of keys points of concern and the latest information regarding the council unity. Cllr Baker expressed an interest as to how the new unity will level up the difference of council tax paid by residents between Harrogate and Hambleton as it was revealed in the presentation.

10. HDC Councillor Update by Cllr Andy Robinson

Cllr Robinson enquired if the parish council had received an invite to the NYCC briefing sessions on the progress being made on the transition to a new unitary council for North Yorkshire. The two sessions are held on Wednesday 1st December

at 7pm-8.30pm and Friday 3rd December at 2pm-3.30pm. At the time of receipt the email was forwarded to all parish councillors by the clerk.

Thirsk Rural Arts had received a grant of £43,000 (not from HDC).

Grants are being offered by HDC to tenants and landlords to improve their property energy rating and heating their homes.

Thirsk Leisure Centre has reopened after its £4 million refurbishment. From January the gym will be open 24hours.

HDC are providing free car parking across Hambleton from the 1st December to 4th January 2022. Time restrictions will still apply.

11. Public Questions

Public questions centred on the council unity. Cllr A. Robinson commented that everyone is just getting on with it and it is business as usual. Everyone is working as normal until the elections in May 2022 when changes will start and decisions can be made. Cllr Baker agreed that everyone is working well and are supportive of the unity.

There has been cases of bird flu confirmed on the air field and owners of poultry are advised to keep their birds inside. Trading standards doing their best to manage the situation.

12. Finance

a. **Expenses**- none

b. **Precept for Financial Year 2022/23**

The precept was discussed and considered based on a spreadsheet showing predicted expenditure and income produced by the clerk and chairman. The chairman proposed keeping it the same B. Stockdale and J. Barker seconded the decision.

13. Date and Time of next meeting

The parish council usually alternate between venues at TLM and TLS. In January it is supposed to be held at TLS however the councillors feel it would be better to hold it at TLM given the current COVID-19 risk. All councillors agreed. Cllr Baker advised everyone to get their Covid vaccinations and boosters jabs to help stop the spread.

The next meeting will be held at **8.00pm on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire**

Signed by Chairman:

Date: