

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at Thornton-le-Street Village Hall, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4DS

Present: Councillors: J. Barker (Chairman) B. Stockdale R. Barr, Cllr Andy Robinson (HDC Councillor)

Clerk: D. Robson

No members of the public attended

1. Apologies for Absence

P. Pybus and Cllr Alyson Baker (NYCC Councillor)

2. Police Report 01/12/22 – 31/12/22

The report revealed that no incidents had occurred during the time period.

North Yorkshire Police gave details about the annual Christmas campaign against driving under the influence of drink and drugs. In the whole of North Yorkshire they made 121 arrest (12 in Hambleton) 49 people have so far been charged. Seven of the 49 have been convicted with a further 42 due at court.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on Wednesday 30th November 2022

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

4. Matters Arising

Review of the Thornton-le-Moor Village Society Report

The chairman had received the report from the TLM Village Society and read it out to the council. As below.

Review of 2022 Events for the Parish Council

Chairman's Review of 2022 Events :-

The Chairman points out that owing to the continued disruption caused by the covid situation, events for the last year had not been as organised as would have been liked.

The Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth was celebrated in June with events held over four days

Thurs saw a Scarecrow & Best Dressed House village competition, on Fri. a 'Children's Fun Day' was held on the Cricket field, on Sat. the village come together on the front lawn of Laurel Dene, (Thanks to the family of the late Les Fisher), for a very lavish afternoon tea, with Pimms, food donated by the villagers & incidental music provided by Jacky Atkinson.

The weekend was completed on Sun. with a performance of Music from 'The Beatles' by a choir in Thief Hall together with a Barbeque Meal.

In August The Durham Shakespeare Company performed in the Churchyard.

The 'Fun Day' organised for Sept was cancelled owing to the Funeral of the late Queen.

November saw a Village Meal and Quiz night in Thief Hall.

In Dec. a carol 'singalong' was held at 'Moor Lodge' TLM, by kind permission of Deanne & Steven Howell, Music was provided by Bedale Band. Mince pies and mulled wine were available, and much enjoyed.

Questions have been raised concerning the future of the 'Black swan' as it has become something of an eyesore. The chairman response to these has been, that as the Pub had now been closed for some 8 years, it was now probably uneconomic to restore it as a 'going concern', so it's future is now in the hands of the new owners

5. Correspondence

a. PARISH.UK Network

The council received communication via email that our information was not up to date on this website. They advised clicking on the link to easily update. NALC did not support this website and questioned whether it was genuine.

The chairman had viewed the website and advised the clerk to update our council's details.

b. Draft Parish Charter Consultation

The council agreed they had received rather a lot of information recently about the changeover of council scheduled for April. They wondered how much was as it claimed still in the consultant stage or already decided. They thought it was information overload and did not see any benefit from digesting it. The clerk had forwarded on all the information to view should they wish.

Hambleton's local consultation date is Thursday 9th February between 10am - 1pm. unfortunately none of the councillors are able to attend.

6. TLM Pub Site – Update

As actioned at the previous meeting B. Stockdale had spoken to the Enforcement Officer, at HDC, who advised he felt HDC had taken the matter as far as they could without taking action against the owner. They have tried to contact the owner by phone and post. B. Stockdale commented he found HDC to be very helpful.

At present the state of the pub is still a major concern for residents of Thornton-le-Moor however local residents acknowledge that the parish council have tried to improve the situation.

The council wondered if the owner will submit any further planning applications.

7. Concerns of Speeding Traffic Through TLM – Update

The parish council have not received any further communication so will remove it from the agenda.

8. Burning Commercial Waste – Update

There has been a couple of small controlled domestic fires in resident's gardens but nothing to cause concern.

B. Stockdale will continue to monitor the situation.

9. Dog Fouling – TLS

Following a complaint from a resident in Thornton-le-Street the council discussed the problem of preventing dog fouling. They thought it occurred as residents are choosing to walk their dogs on the road side leading to The Mill field. More dog walkers are using The Mill field as the cows have been removed. B. Stockdale commented that the majority of residents are very good at cleaning it up and this is an isolated case. They agreed there was enough signage displayed around the village to prompt residents to clean up.

B. Stockdale will monitor the situation and add it to the agenda if it becomes necessary.

10. Parish Policies and Procedures – Update

The clerk has been working through the list of policies needed as highlighted at the YLCA conference in September. A draft for the Financial Regulations is nearly complete. The standing orders were updated as appropriate. The clerk is currently working on producing a risk assessment. From completing these documents the following actions were highlighted:

- Review insurance policy annually before renewing
- Review financial regulations annually before the annual audit
- Check that the parish laptop has antivirus software
- Run a credit check on the clerk/RFO

The clerk will action these points. The clerk will continue to work through the list and add the item to the next meeting to monitor progress.

11. Planning – None

12. NYCC Councillor Update

Alyson Baker not present at meeting to deliver update

13. HDC Councillor Update

The future of how planning will be processed under the new council is still unclear. It has been suggested using one or two planning committees, but this is to be clarified by the council. There are two planning meetings left under the existing council, scheduled for February and March. It is thought the same people will continue to work on planning as they do at present. Hopefully more details will emerge as the changeover date draws nearer.

Council tax across North Yorkshire is set to level up by raising the amount in Hambleton, expect a Band D property to increase by £85 annual.

B. Stockdale forwarded news of two village hall grants (one to improve facilities and the other to provide a warm space for the community during the winter months) to the village hall trustees.

14. Public Questions

No public present

15. Finance

a. Expenses Paid

HMRC PAYE £24.80

b. Expenses to Pay

Clerk's Salary £243.95

The clerk has not had any feedback from YLCA regarding hourly rate of pay. Wages was calculated using the current hourly rate and will be back paid after clarification from YLCA. Council agreed.

16. Date and Time of next meeting

The annual meeting will be held at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 29th March 2023** at **Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire**. The parish council meeting will follow.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: