

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held on 26th November 2024 at 7.00pm at Thornton-le-Street Village Hall, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4DS

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

Clerk: D. Robson-Booth

Attended by seven members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies

2. Lottery Funding for Projects along Cod Beck (Presentation & Questions by Andy Wilson)

To give the Parish Council an insight into the project they invited Andy and David who have formed a Facebook group called Friends of Cod Beck. They currently have over 300 members and the group originally was set up sharing growing concerns to the environment and housing developments around Thirsk and Cod Beck.

(Cllr A. Baker arrived)

Although, the project is still in the ideas gathering stage, they have gained support from Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust who will submit the lottery funding bid and hold the money pot. They want to build good communications with landowners and communities and have asked for feedback from landowners to gauge what improvements they would like. They hope having funding will entice landowners to get on board with the projects.

Initially the Friends were focussing on Cod Beck around Thirsk but now they would like the whole of Cod Beck included, from where it starts in Osmotherley to where it joins the Swale at Topcliffe.

Cod Beck has generally good water quality and is unpolluted and they want to protect it for generations to come. They have highlighted the following points they would like to improve:

- Further improve the sewerage works at Thirsk.
- Educating young people to nurture the environment and possibly organise a youth group as Thirsk is very much lacking in this area.
- Improve the footpaths and access to Cod Beck to enable people to enjoy it.
- Improve the access to Topcliffe Castle as it is inaccessible.
- Form a fishing group where experienced anglers could teach young people or beginners.
- Improve the native wildlife to return.
- Form a local nature recovery strategy.

To join the Facebook group enter 'Friends of Cod Beck and the Flats'.

The Parish Council thanked them for their time.

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

The Parish Council are very dissatisfied that this is the tenth time this item has appeared on the agenda.

The Parish Council met with NYC planning on 9th April and we were expecting it to be determined in October but there is still no decision, communication or explanation from the planning department as to why it is taking so long.

Parish Council to write to NYC planning complaining of the poor service to the community.

4. NYC Councillor Update – Cllr Alyson Baker

- Allerton Waste Recovery Park

Individuals, schools and community groups can book a visit to Allerton Waste Recovery Park to learn more about the process.

The site offers talks, tours and waste related activities to view the state-of-the-art waste treatment technology.

Find out more from <https://thalia.co.uk/.../york.../waste-education-experience/>

- Sutton Bank Closure

A170 Sutton Bank was closed for drainage improvements for 5 days from 18th to 22nd November 2024.

- Stolen Gully Grates

There has been number of reports of gully grates being stolen from North Yorkshire villages along the A19 and A64 corridors.

If you spot any grates missing, please report them as soon as possible at <https://myaccount.northyorks.gov.uk/pothole> or by calling 0300 131 2 131.

If reporting online, please use the map to highlight the exact location or by using what3words when calling, as it will help to determine the exact location and replace the grate as quickly as possible.

- Parish Council Boundary Change

Have your say on ward boundaries in North Yorkshire Council

The consultation ends on 9 December 2024. Have your say by the link.

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-yorkshire>

Our Parish Council will remain in the same ward. The boundaries are changing in an effort to even up the number of parishes in each ward.

- Surgeries

Cllr A. Baker next surgery will take place at Thirsk Auction Mart Gavel Café on Thursday Jan 30th 2025 at 10am until noon.

- Battery Energy Storage Plant

Although, not in our parish, Cllr A. Baker wanted to ensure the Parish Council was aware that a planning application was being considered by NatPower to build one of the UK's largest Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) on productive farmland just east of Thirsk. The 1-Gigawatt plant will host 888 Lithium-ion batteries. The application also includes creating a nature reserve on the remaining two thirds of the 173-acre site.

Knife Hand in Bins

Knife bins are being installed across North Yorkshire. These are secure metal disposal units that allow people to deposit knives that they no longer need. Local media campaigns and engagement will be taking place in the coming weeks. Our nearest location is the Applegarth car park, Northallerton.

5. Public Questions

A member of the public enquired if there has been any attempt to put a heavy vehicles restriction through TLM. The village continues to have problems with large vehicles passing and there was another incident where two wagons had to mount the pavement while passing, this happens almost daily.

The Parish Council decided to ask Highways if this would be possible. Clerk to contact Highways.

6. Police Report – October

The report recorded one act of criminal damage and news of the police's latest campaign to deter burglars and keep safe during the dark nights.

The Parish Council talked about a recent attempt to steal an electric bike in TLM. They arrange a viewing of the bike then pull out a knife and steal the bike. TLM has also been targeted by poachers.

The police are also encouraging residents to register their home CTV cameras with the police as they act as another set of eyes to watch criminal activity.

(Cllr A. Baker left the meeting)

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on Tuesday 22nd October 2024

R. Barr and J. Pinches approved the minutes as a true record.

8. Matters Arising

- **Cadent Gas Limited (Cadent) HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline Project**

This item was on October's agenda and the Parish Council was baffled as to why they contacted our council. Parish Councillor B. Stockdale investigated and it appears the message was intended to reach another village called TLM in the North West.

9. Royal Garden Party Nominations

The Parish Council agreed to nominate the Chair, Jessica Barker.

Clerk to send in nomination to YLCA.

10. Consider Purchasing VAS Signs to Deter Speeding Traffic through TLM

The Parish Council are considering purchasing a VAS sign to help deter speeding traffic through TLM. The VAS is around £4,500 to buy and the Parish Council do not have enough available funds to buy one so they have decided to engage with residents to raise funds. The chair will produce a leaflet to be distributed throughout TLM. The project will only go forward if there is enough interest and donations.

11. Maintenance of TLM Notice Board

The Chair will contact the joiner for a quote to repair the notice board located in TLM.

12. Correspondence - None

13. Planning

New Applications

- a. **Application for alterations and extension to existing dwelling. Laurel Dene, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor. ZB24/02019/FUL**
- b. **Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations and extension to existing listed building. Laurel Dene, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor. ZB24/02020/FUL**

The Parish Council agrees that this application seems well presented and in principle wish to support it with the following reservations.

- An Ecology report is needed. The proposal includes demolition as well as stripping and recovering of roofs. Bats will now be hibernating over the late Autumn, Winter and early Spring period. The existing roofs are a perfect habitat for roosting and hibernating bats. Without evidence to the contrary we would assume that bats are present within the roof spaces and voids.
- Further information is needed on the demolition of the rear single storey offshoot. This is part of the listed property and is part of the story of the dwellings timeline.
- The Council's Conservation Officer will be involved as a consultee. This person's input is vitally important to ensure that construction details respect the buildings listed status and in particular attention should be considered with regard to roof coverings, window and door details, glazing bars, glass type as well as mortar mixes and repointing methods. No doubt a detailed schedule and specification of works will be required and include conditions relating to approval of materials and components as well as a requirement for a sample panel of brickwork.

This is a very important building in the street scene of Thornton le Moor and the Parish Council welcome the proposed improvements to the current condition of the property, which will ensure the retention of a valuable listed building and benefit the streetscape of the village.

14. Finance

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

b. **TLS Village Sign/TLM Bench Quotes and Funding**

The Parish Council agreed to get the bench repair done first on the bench at the Shepherds Purse junction.

c. **Expenses**

Donation to Citizens Advice £25.00

The Parish Council approved the expense.

d. **Budget**

The Clerk prepared a spreadsheet and circulated it to the Parish Council prior to the meeting. The predicted expenses are greater than the predicted income.

e. **Setting the Precept 2025/2026**

The Parish Council considered the budget and agreed to increase the precept by £1,000 to £3150. This will cover the expenses of repairing TLM notice board, repairing the bench, replacing the village sign on entrance to the village of TLS, (full cost not covered by funding) The increase will have a very small impact on residents council tax bill.

Clerk to inform NYC of the required precept amount.

15. Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **7.00pm on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire**

Signed by Chairman:

Date: