

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd July 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 two members of the public

(Meeting done in a different order to agenda to allow Councillor Baker to leave)

1. Apologies for Absence – None.

2. Request for Grant Money from NYC Councillor A. Baker

The Parish Council enquired about receiving funding from the Councillors locality budget. They would like funding towards replacing the Thornton-le-Street village sign (south entrance) the sign is set on a stone plinth and the metal plate displaying the text has lost its reflective finish. Cllr A. Baker awarded a total sum of £500 towards the cost of the sign and possibly a new bench (to be determined)

The Parish Council highlighted a faded cul-de-sac sign in Thornton-le-Street. They would like it replacing as currently residents repaint it when necessary. The Parish Council assume it is the responsibility of Highways as it is street furniture. Cllr A. Baker will contact Highways to establish responsibility.

3. NYC Councillor Update – Cllr A. Baker

Helmsley Post Office

The post office will reopen part time after it closed in November 2022.

Sutton Bank Closure

Sutton bank will be closed for 8 days starting on 8th September while they undertake annual maintenance.

Proposed Kerbside Bin Collections

A proposal to replace the blue box with a kerbside green lidded bin is going for consultation in July. Roadside collections may become three bins collected alternative weeks. (Green garden bins will remain unchanged) larger and smaller bins may be available

Black bin (general waste) – emptied fortnightly

Blue lid (paper and card) – emptied once every 4 weeks

Green lid (plastic, cans and glass) – emptied once every 4 weeks

This proposal is estimated to save 1.5million as they don't require different vehicles.

NYC are pleased to say they have not sent any waste to landfill in May.

Landlord Forum

This forum will provide key advice to the private housing sector.

Small Business Grants

The closing date is 12th July 2024 for small business to apply for small grants of £1000 - £10,000. They are intended to improve productively within businesses.

Working Families

Families with children aged 9 months and older can apply for funding starting in September.

Surgeries

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

25th July – Galtres Centre, Easingwold.

Crosby Bridge

The bridge between Borrowby and Thornton-le-Beans will be closed in August.

Planned Road Restriction Notification - Thief Hole Lane - Thornton le Moor

The road will be closed for carriageway pothole patching works.

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 1 day on 3rd July 2024.

Proposal to Close A19 Crossing Gaps

The A19 link 7 (Knayton – Ellerbeck) gap improvement scheme encompasses safety improvements at all 20 central reserve gaps between Knayton and Ellerbeck, with 4 of these gaps being put forward for permanent closure.

Limekiln Road Gap – the central reservation opening at Limekiln road is formed where the farm/residential access track meets the A19 on its eastern side.

Hollins Farm – the gap is located 1.42kms south of the Jeater Houses junction.

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Layby north of Harbrough farm – the gap is located 0.75kms southbound of the A684 junction/interchange.

Bin collection in Thornton-le-Moor

Cllr A. Baker sorted out a mix up over bin collections after a resident highlighted the bins in Thornton-le-Moor were missed on collection day.

Thornton-le-Beans

The proposed planning application to site caravans in an elevated location is looking into siting them on lower ground.

Highways

Ryan Wiggins has joined the team at Highways and is in charge of roads.

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

Today, Cllr A. Baker has spoken to Marc Pearson, the planning officer dealing with this application and she read out his reply.

"I've advised the agent we can't support the proposal on landscape grounds in either location and intend to turn the application short. I've asked if they wish to convert back to the original proposed location, that's over the existing workshop or reconsulted location over to the west which raises further concerns from my perspective with regards to use of the yard area as discussed in previous appeals on site."

The Parish Council has not received a reply from the two emails they sent him. It is nearly 14 months since this application was first submitted and the Parish Council would like a date when a decision will be determined.

(Cllr A. Baker left the meeting)

4. Police Report – May and June

The May report revealed one crime of other crimes including drugs and there was no crimes on the June report.

The June report contained a newsletter about 'The 11 Principles of Crime Prevention' which the Parish Council found helpful and will display on the village social media.

5. Approval of the Annual Meeting Minutes and Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2024

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

6. Matters Arising

7. Correspondence

- YLCA Joint Annual Meeting on Saturday 20th July at Drax near Selby

Unfortunately none of the Parish Council are able to attend and the clerk will send apologies.

8. Concern of Road Traffic Accidents on A168 at Thirsk Norby Junction.

A lot of residents and the Parish Council are very concerned about the number of road traffic accidents on the A168 Norby junction. The junction consists of two lanes of two way traffic with two slip ways on one lane, essentially making six lanes in total. Ideally, the Parish Council would like the existing confusing layout changed into a roundabout, which would be a lot simpler. They understand that this would be expensive. Accidents happen frequently and many are fatalities.

The Parish Council asked the clerk to obtain some accident statics from highways and to ask the newly appointed Ryan Wiggins his opinion on this accident hotspot.

9. Impassable Overgrown Footpath on Endican Lane, Thornton-le-Moor

The grass which was cleared last year is now overgrown in hedgerow, with growth up to 6ft high. The footpath is impassable in places.

The Parish Council agreed to ask a local farmer to cut back the hedgerow.

10. Refurbishing the Parish Public Seat Located at the Shepherds Purse Lane Entrance

The Parish Council decided to clean the bench at the Shepherds Purse entrance and assess whether it is fit for purpose or needs replacing. The clerk recently checked the bench and it appears to be alright but it is flimsy and covered in moss making it undesirable to use.

B. Stockdale volunteered to clean the bench.

11. Public Questions

Members of the public enquired whether the newly refurbished wooden benches were treated. The Chair explained they were all treated and the price included the joiner retreating them in another three years.

The state of the pavement in Thornton-le-Moor came into question as a member of the public told the Parish Council how work men had left it in a terrible state five years ago after doing repairs.

The Chair advised the member of the public to report it on the NYC website.

12. Traffic Speeding on Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor

A number of residents of Thornton-le-Moor are very concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. This problem has been on-going for some time and the Parish Councils efforts to get the traffic monitored so far have been unsuccessful. The residents are very concerned that the village has seen an increase of children and fear a child will get hurt or killed. One resident told the Parish Council that she saw an incident of a large vehicle heading towards pedestrians while it mounted the kerb to go around a cement mixer. A dog in the village was recently run over.

The Parish Council discussed the matter and suggested the villagers continue to park their cars in a manner that makes the traffic slow down, however the villagers are reluctant as they do not want their cars damaged. The Parish Council decided to contact Ryan Wiggins, the newly appointed Highways officer for advice.

13. Planning

New Applications

- a. **Application for construction of a building for the storage of farmyard manure. Brockholme Farm, Brockholme Lane, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton. ZB24/00922/FUL**

The Parish Council do not object to the application but have comments for consideration.

The prevailing wind is from the South West and as such there could be wind driven smell towards Thornton le Beans, however the proposed building is enclosed apart from the access into it. The Parish Council has no serious concerns about this application as long as there is no importing of manure from sites other than Brockholme Farm. The Parish Council note the design statement

does refer to manure from the farm, so it will be interesting to see if this restriction is included as a condition of approval.

Granted

- a. **Demolition of existing and construction of a single storey rear extensions. Moor Lodge, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton. ZB24/00631/FUL**
- b. **Change of use of paddock to residential garden, proposed timber framed double garage, replacement field access gate, new vehicular entrance with dropped kerb with drive and off street parking area. Park House, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton. Ref: ZB23/02615/FUL**

14. Finance

- a. Parish Council Bank Account Balance as at 28/03/2024 - £5,361.91
- b. Expenses
Clerk Salary & Expenses 15 hours £189.45

The Parish Council approved expenses.

15. Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **7pm on Tuesday 3rd September 2024** at **Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire**

Signed by Chairman:

Date: