

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd October 2023 at Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 9EH.

Present: Councillors: J. Barker (Chairman) B. Stockdale, P. Pybus, and R. Barr

Clerk: D. Robson

Attended by 12 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Alyson Baker (NYC Councillor)

2. Police Report/ Meeting Attended by PCSO Loughran

The police reports for August and September were received and circulated to the Parish Councillors. The reports revealed no recorded crimes.

The Parish Council welcomed PCSO Loughran to the meeting. PCSO Loughran explained the criteria for recording and including incidents on the monthly police report. She also explained that the police force have to adhere to data protection laws so they have to be careful about what information they release. Road traffic accidents are not included in the report unless a crime was committed.

PCSO Loughran explained how the community messenger worked and encouraged everyone to sign up. The police sends useful information via email or phone of current local information including scams and other events happening in the area. The community messenger is a two way correspondence and the user can choose which groups to be a part of. PCSO Loughran left some leaflets for anyone who may be interested and answered the public questions satisfactorily.

3. Tribute to Bob Baker

The Chair read out a tribute to Bob Baker.

A True Gentleman and good friend to so many of us....

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Bob Baker in the early hours of Tuesday 19th September.

We cannot imagine how difficult this must be for Bob's family, but from all of us we offer our heartfelt condolences.

Bob was held in such high regard in our area and by so many, he had such a huge impact in so many areas and lives.

We are sure there will be many people who have fond memories of Bob, he will never be forgotten and will always be remembered with the utmost respect. Please keep Bobs family, Alyson, Catherine, Jonny and David in your thoughts and prayers.

The funeral is due to take place this Friday 6th October at the Methodist Chapel in Thornton Le Beans at 2pm followed by a wake at The Gravel Café, Thirsk Rural Business Park (the mart).

The family have asked for donations towards RABI - Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and Diabetes UK.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on Wednesday 26th July 2023

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

5. Matters Arising

a. Brawith Bridge

The end stones have been renewed in sandstone to match the profile of the stolen stones. The new stones will weather over time to blend in with the rest of the old bridge.

The workmanship from the contractor who carried out the work was appalling leaving debris from used cement on the ground and a bits of loose stone. A Parish Councillor has taken this matter up with Highways and they will look into it.

b. Highways Bump in the road TLS

Highways have been out to look and assess the bump that has formed over about 8 years. It has been cut out, inspected and repaired.

c. Fading Cul-de-Sac Sign TLS

The Clerk has reported the fading sign on the website and it was issued with a job number. It does not appear to be a high priority for Highways.

d. Replacement of Foot Path Bridge 10.155/4640 TLM

The bridge is scheduled to be completed in October and the Clerk will be informed when the contractor has a date to commence work.

e. Parish Benches Maintenance Update

The bench at the top of Thirsk road coming out of TLM has a solid frame but the wood planks that form the seat are rotting and need replacing. The double bench located on Main Street in the middle of TLM has a split lower plank which will possibly cause splinters when seated. This plank needs repairing or replacing.

The Chairman will ask a joiner to provide a quote for completing the repairs.

f. Bus Shelter

The Clerk was asked to establish the owner of the bus shelter in TLM. NYC show no record of building the shelter and advised the Parish Council to check on the Land Register, NYC have asked Highways if they know and the Parish Council are waiting for their reply. Local residents seem to remember the shelter being built for the school children, by the local community.

g. Black Swan Pub TLM

No further updates or information on the status of the pub.

6. Correspondence

No significant correspondence received. No further information from YLCA regarding the Climate Literacy training they offered to Parish Councils.

7. Updates on NYC Website

Updates have reduced considerably after the formation of the Council Unitary in April. Information is received in drips and drabs which is more digestible however. It does seem to cover a larger geographical area and is not always applicable to our Parish.

8. Planning

New Applications

- a. Change of Use of Stables, a Former Store and an Arched Passage to Provide Extension to Existing Dwelling (Retrospective); Replacement of Existing UPVC Door with Timber Door and Provision of Splayed Steps to Ground Level in South Elevation (Proposed); Retention of 6 No. Rooflights in West Roof Slope of the East Range (Retrospective); Replacement of 2 No. Timber Doors with New Timber Doors Within the West Elevation of the East Range and Provision of Splayed Steps and Handrails (Proposed); and Retention of Existing UPVC Double Glazed Arch Infill to North Elevation of North 20th Century Range (Retrospective) Park House Thornton Park Thornton Le Street Thirsk. Ref: ZB23/01577/FUL
- b. Change of Use of Stables, a Former Store and an Arched Passage to Provide Extension to Existing Dwelling (Retrospective); Replacement of Existing Unauthorised UPVC Door with Timber Door and Provision of Splayed Steps to Ground Level in South Elevation (Proposed); Retention of 6 No. Currently Unauthorised Rooflights in West Roof Slope of the East Range (Retrospective); Replacement of 2 No. Unauthorised Timber Doors with New Timber Doors Within the West Elevation of the East Range and Provision of Splayed Steps and Handrails (Proposed); and Retention of Existing Currently Unauthorised UPVC Double Glazed Arch Infill to North Elevation of North 20th Century Range (Retrospective) Park House Thornton Park Thornton Le Street Thirsk. ZB23/01578/LBC

The Parish Council commented the application was well presented and of very good quality. Clerk informed NYC.

Applications Granted

- a. Construction of a first floor rear extension. Bellview, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor. Ref: 22/02252/FUL
- b. Works to tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order 1992/09. Holme Farm House, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor. ZB23/01679/TPO

Ongoing Planning Applications

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

An update was provided by R. Barr who has been in contact with the Planning Officer. The agent for the application provided a rebuttal letter refuting all the 18 objection letters they have received including one sent by the Parish Council. One or two people have responded to that but the Parish Council has not as the Planning Officer is waiting to receive some further information. Once this information is received a meeting will be arranged with the Parish Council. The scheduled deadline dates for receiving information has already passed.

TLS has submitted a drawing showing how the application will impact the village, this is yet to appear on the NYC planning portal.

9. Public Questions

A resident enquired if they were allowed to paint and erect shelves in the bus shelter at TLM. The Chairman allowed residents of TLM to paint the interior and put up shelves so they can use the shelter for book swap.

The hedge on the corner heading towards Thief Hole Lane from Main Street TLM is overgrown forcing pedestrians onto the road. A resident will ask the owners if they would consider trimming back the hedge.

A resident enquired if anything can be done to improve the state of the pub in TLM. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council have put pressure on NYC and exhausted all the avenues of ways to improve the situation and have been unsuccessful.

10. Finance

- a. Expenses to Pay

Clerks Salary
Clerk HMRC PAYE

The Parish Council approved the total cost of the Clerks wages and expenses of £336.45. The Clerk has received a tax rebate from HMRC.

- b. Quotes to Consider

Defibrillator Battery Replacement Adult £105 plus VAT each.

The Parish Council approved the cost of purchasing two pad paks for both of the Parish defibrillators. The batteries expire date is May 2024.

- c. Consider Parish Council Budget

The Parish Councillors considered items to include in the budget. They looked at the bank statement dated 31st March – 29th June 2023 showing a current balance of £7,571.87. They concluded it was a healthy balance and are aware that the Parish Council will need to set the precept for 2024/25 by 31st December 2023.

Put on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

Kevin Hollinrake

Parish Councillor would like to invite our local MP to our next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk to action.

11. Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 29th November 2023** at **Thief Hall**, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

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