

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 15th June 2022 at Thornton-le-Street Village Hall, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4DS

Present: Councillors: J. Barker (Chairman) B. Stockdale (Vice Chairman) P. Pybus, R. Barr, Cllr Andy Robinson (HDC Councillor) and **Clerk:** D. Robson

Attended by three 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 – Cllr Alyson Baker (NYCC Councillor)

2. Election of Vice Chairman

The councillors nominated and elected Cllr B. Stockdale as Vice Chairman. He accepted the role.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on Wednesday 18th May 2022

Cllr B. Stockdale and Cllr P. Pybus approved the meeting minutes as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

Highways – A168 between TLM and TLS

Highways responded to the clerk's email by contacting Cllr B. Stockdale. They advised him that the road has regular safety inspections and is structurally sound. The problem is with an existing surface dressing which is 'stripping', resulting in a rough surface texture, and affecting the ride quality for motorists. Unfortunately it is unlikely that the £700,000 needed to fund the work on the stretch of road is not available in this financial year as originally planned and has been put back to 2023/24 years budget.

Highways – Thornton-le-Street village Potholes

Highways responded to the clerk's email by phoning Cllr B. Stockdale and apologised for the delay in these works being completed. They advised that the work is on their system and will possibly be done in July. They will contact Cllr B. Stockdale prior to starting work so he can organise villagers to park their vehicles out of the way.

5. Correspondence

a. Collapsed Bridge on Thornton-le-Moor Footpath

Andy Brown advised that the bridge has successfully received the funding to be completed. October 2022 is the estimated likely timescale.

Mr Brian Forbes attended the meeting and he explained to the council the process of emails back and forth to reach a successful outcome. He also talked about a Local Access Forum he virtually attended which he found very interesting and helpful.

6. Planning

On-going Applications

- a. **Change of use of land for the siting of 6no. Proposed lodges for short term holiday let purpose. Church Farmhouse Thornton-le-Street. North Yorkshire. Ref: 22/00850/FUL**

The clerk has forwarded the parish councils comments to HDC. The council will monitor this application carefully and act on any further developments.

7. Approval of the Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22

The clerk read out the Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22 to the councillors. The councillors approved the audit and the Assets Register implemented by the clerk to satisfy the auditor. The chair signed the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2021/22 Form 2 that must be returned to Littlejohn by the end of June 2022.

8. Black Swan Pub, Thornton-le-Moor

Following on from Cllr B. Stockdale's telephone conversation with David Seavers from HDC, Cllr B. Stockdale learnt that Mr Seavers had visited the site on 28th April 2022. Mr Seavers has informally contacted the developer who is struggling to obtain a workforce and materials, they hope to be able to restart the development this summer and wish to complete the project as a whole, rather in stages. The owners agreed to make some improvements to the appearance of the property and to keep on top of the vegetation growth at the front of the property.

9. NYCC Councillor Update by Alyson Baker – Not Present

10. HDC Councillor Update by Cllr Andy Robinson

Chief Planning Officer, John Berry has left HDC and taken up another position. The councillors were disappointed that John Berry had left as they found him very proactive. (Some of the councillors met Mr Berry when he came to visit Thornton-le-Street.) Interim Officer, Mark Russell has taken over his position, he came from outside Hambleton.

11. Public Questions

One question from a member of the public referred to publishing the parish council's agendas and minutes on the village website. The village website has been under construction and Cllr B. Stockdale is keen to restart publication. The clerk is in the process of setting up publishing the parish documents on Data North Yorkshire. There has been a few issues with usernames and passwords to the point where the clerk will likely have a face to face meeting to resolve it. Hopefully this will be completed by the next meeting.

12. Finance

a. Expenses

Ian Smithson Internal Audit £93.75

13. Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **8.00pm** on **Wednesday 27th July 2022** at **Thornton-le-Street village hall**, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4DS

Signed by Chairman:

Date: