

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 9EH.

Present: Councillors: A. Wond (Chairman) B. Stockdale (Vice Chairman) P. Pybus, J. Barker, Cllr Andy Robinson (HDC Councillor) and Cllr Robert Baker (NYCC Councillor) **Clerk:** D. Robson

Attended by seven 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- None

2. Police Report received for last period

PCSO Kim Laws has moved to a different team and the police report was not sent when requested.

Clerk to organise obtaining the latest police report and send to councillors.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 24th November 2021

P. Pybus and J. Barker approved the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

5. Correspondence

20's Plenty Campaign

The parish council have received communication of a campaign to reduce all speed limits in villages across North Yorkshire, from 30mph to 20mph. NYCC have rejected this proposal however Cllr B. Baker advises NYCC are not opting for an all-out ban but if the parish put their case forward they are willing to look at each case individually.

Cllr B. Baker advised the main reason it was rejected was due to the police not able to enforce a 20mph speed limit as currently their equipment is not calibrated to 20mph, an issue the councillors hope can be addressed easily.

With input from the members of the public the council recognized a hotspot area is entering TLM from the A168 coming down Thirsk bank to where the cars park. Residents have noticed large vehicles entering the village at speed. They agreed that parked cars along Main Street naturally slow traffic down. Cllr B. Baker offered to support the parish council should they decide to pursue reducing the speed limit.

Andy Wond to investigate how to take the necessary steps to get the speed limit through TLM reduced.

6. First Responders & Volunteer Drivers

The matter raised questioned, should the need arise, would it be possible for a neighbour to take someone living in the community to the hospital as it can take up

to an hour for an ambulance, in which case it may be too late. The councillors discussed various forms of rotas that could be used however they concluded that the community is fairly tight knit and the parish council is reluctant to take on the responsibility of producing a fool proof rota.

Andy Wond carries out routine checks on the defibrillator at TLM and says they are designed to be operated whilst taking direct instruction from the NHS (999).

Andy Wond agreed to use the email distribution list to ask the community their thoughts as to whether there is a need for the Parish Council to implement a rota system, or is the community tight knit enough to help others anyway.

7. Thornton-le-Street Village Hall Open Day

To promote the venue and attract new users an open day has been organised for Saturday 2nd April (time TBC) unfortunately during Covid lockdowns the hall lost some regular users and income. It is hoped the event will generate some interest and future bookings for the village hall.

8. Flood Debris in Cod Beck Thornton-le-Street

B. Stockdale informed councillors that the beck floods constantly and every time debris build-up, the large items were removed from the east but there was still a good amount of small debris remaining. There is also debris in the mill field on the west side

It was agreed that B. Stockdale will make contact with the relevant authority to report the debris in the beck.

9. Planning

1. New Applications

- a. Variation of plans – Amendments to garage, oak frame to sun lounge including external boundary wall. The Maples, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor. Ref: 21/02924/MRC**

The councillors discussed this application and do not have any objections. Clerk to reply to HDC.

- b. Change of use of existing garage to residential development. The Mill House, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire. Ref: 21/02917/FUL**

Councillors do not object to the planning application but do have some observations. There was concern that conversion could potentially be sold off separately from The Mill House. Councillors suggested applying a Section 106 agreement.

Councillors would have preferred an application to change the garage into a residential annexe or holiday accommodation. Clerk to reply to HDC

- c. Replacement dwelling. Winterleigh Cottage, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton. Ref: 21/02799/FUL**

The parish councillors thought the proposed scheme has been well thought through and consideration had been given to the adjacent Listed Building, Laurel Dene. The applicant has done well to get so much accommodation into a relatively small space. They support the application with no objections. Clerk to reply to HDC.

2. Granted

- a. Rear extension, two storey pitch roof with single storey flat roof and lantern, first floor windows altered and internal alterations. Wellfield, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton. Ref: 21/02763/FUL**

No comments sent to HDC, Clerk to ensure comments are passed on in future.

3. Refused - none

10. NYCC Councillor Update

The county council are meeting for the first time in person on Wednesday 16th February to discuss council tax. They are increasing it by 3.9% which is under inflation, it could have increased to 4% or even 5% but they went with the recommended amount. It will be necessary to dip into the reserve to get through until the next budget.

The A168 between Thornton-le-Street and Thornton-le-Moor will be resurfaced in the next financial year stretch, from April 2022.

After 25 years of service as county councillor, Cllr B. Baker informed council he will not be standing for county council re-election in May, however his wife, Alyson will be standing as a candidate for the Conservative party.

11. HDC Councillor Update by Cllr Andy Robinson

There is no increase for the cost of the Green bin licences for this coming April.

The crematorium in Thirsk is almost complete and should be open within a week. Weather permitting.

The grant from HDC of £500,000 to the football foundation for a full size football pitch at Thirsk & Sowerby was successful.

HDC Apprentice Subsidy Scheme supported 18 apprentices in the last year, training as dentist's nurses, bricklayers and electricians etc., they aim to support 30 by April 2022.

There has been 12 cases of bird flu locally. The last case was a month ago and it looks like the outbreak has peaked. 350,000 birds were slaughtered at the Skipton air field alone. Anyone finding a dead bird should contact Defra. Everyone in Hambleton received a letter informing residents if they keep more than 50 birds by law they must be registered. Cllr B. Baker praised the efforts of Trading Standards linked with Environmental Health and Animal welfare on their hard work and effort to stop the spread of the disease.

The Making a Difference grant applicants find out in March if their bid was successful.

Cllr A. Robinson chose South Kilvington village green to receive and plant the Queens Green Canopy tree. Thanks to everyone for putting their ideas forward. Unsuccessful applicants are still able to plant their own jubilee tree if they wish, providing it is in a suitable location.

£32,000 funding was approved to replace the current lighting to LED at Thirsk & Sowerby outdoor hockey pitch, it should pay for itself in 4 years.

Possible new government legislation coming into force in March, if passed, the new condition on planning will require planning applications (new dwellings) to include a 10% bio-diversity or they will not be considered.

12. Public Questions

Concern over a wall erected at TLM pub and whether it required planning permission. A wall would be needed between any housing and the caravan park but the councillor who raised the issue should look into it, if necessary.

The financial report which was published about the council restructuring, but wasn't available at the time of the last meeting (presentation by Gareth Dadd) has now been obtained by a member of the public. He will forward it to anyone interested.

A member of the public asked Cllr B. Baker if it is possible to apply for funding from the Active Travel grant to fund a footpath from TLS to the lodges through Thornton Park. Cllr B. Baker suspects it will only be allowed in the field. Cllr B. Baker will look into it.

13. Finance

Expenses approved by parish council

Clerk Salary (1st Oct – 31st Dec 2021) 18 Hours £152.26

Clerk's HMRC £38.00

Andy Wond (.org.uk. Domain Renewal) £25.18 (including £4.20 VAT)

14. Andy Wond

The chairman informed the council that he will not be putting himself forward for the May elections.

15. Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **8.00pm on Wednesday 30th March 2021** at **Thornton-le-Street village hall**, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4DS – **VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED**

Signed by Chairman:

Date: