

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Thornton-le-Street Village Hall, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4DS**

**Present: Councillors:** J. Barker (Chair) Attended part of the meeting, B. Stockdale, P. Pybus, R. Barr, Cllr Andy Robinson (HDC Councillor) and Cllr Alyson Baker (NYCC Councillor)

**Clerk:** D. Robson

Attended by one member 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**

J. Barker advised she may be arriving late so B. Stockdale chaired the meeting.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

P. Pybus and R. Barr approved the minutes as a true record.

**3. Police Report received for period 16<sup>th</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

No crimes were committed during this period.

The chairman highlighted the reports local news which included a warning about starting fires and arson during the very dry weather.

Bedale Neighbourhood Policing Team attended RAF Leeming family's day, where they enjoyed a display by the Red Arrows.

Parking at Osmotherly reservoir has become a problem as everybody is trying to cool down. Northallerton Neighbourhood Policing Team have been focusing this week on foot patrols and promoting Park Smart.

**4. Matters Arising**

**Data North Yorkshire**

The clerk has finished setting up this medium to display the parish council's agendas and minutes and the site is active.

J. Barker is uploading a link to the site from the TLM village website and B. Stockdale will do a link from the TLS village website. The clerk will sent the council a link to access the site.

**5. Correspondence**

**Short Term Holiday Lets**

Information was received about a policy consultation regarding short term holiday lets. NALC is requesting that all responses to the consultation are received by 5pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. The council plan to have a close look at the policy before replying.

## **YLCA Government Reform of the Planning System Webinar by Andrew Towleron**

YLCA have a training webinar scheduled for Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> August and repeated Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at a cost of £25 or £12.50 (for smaller parishes) the chairman felt that someone from the parish council should attend. It is unclear if our parish is regarded as a small council. Determining this would be helpful when budgeting training costs.

### **Energy Efficiency Grant HDC**

The council has received Information about a grant to improve their homes energy rating. Cllr A. Robinson will explain more within his update. (Item 8)

#### **6. Planning**

##### **a. Granted**

**Change of use of existing garage to residential annex to Mill House and holiday accommodation. The Mill House, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk. Ref: 21/02917/FUL**

This was granted however the parish council supported the application provided it was a holiday let or annex. The application indicates a stand-alone dwelling but the plans suggest the location of a possible addition of a double garage. The building is listed and the parish councillors will be interested to see if there are any further developments or applications to this dwelling.

##### **On-going Applications**

**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**

No further information from HDC planning officer has been received in relation to this application. The council would like the clerk to send Marc Pearson, planning officer at HDC, an email to check on the progress and developments of this application.

The council hope that HDC will consult with the parish council prior to reaching a decision. Some residents have responded by writing directly to HDC or through a parish councillor. Their comments are displayed on the planning website. The council are aware that residents living in rented accommodation are less likely to respond to planning applications.

The parish council feel the application is poorly worded when it was submitted and there are still a lot of unanswered questions.

#### **7. NYCC Councillor Update by Cllr Alyson Baker**

##### **Second Homes**

Discussions about how to treat second homes have come into question due to the increased number. When unoccupied these homes are a strain on the community because they do not contribute to the economy when unoccupied. The definition of a primary home is defined by the address resident's use for registering their driving licence, for example. It is anticipated that the rates for these homes will be increased to deter people from having a second home.

## **Environment**

The Independent Party, Lib Dems and Green Party want to form another Scrutiny Committee to look at the environment and green issues. The cost involved and timing is not ideal due to the transition and hand over of the council in April. NYCC already have in place an executive member appointed and in charge of this issue and NYCC are not sure if this is necessary at this stage

### **8. HDC Councillor Update by Cllr Andy Robinson**

The Old School House at Thornton-le-Moor have had their planning application go to appeal. The parish council will be consulted in due course.

The HDC Apprenticeship Scheme continues to deliver results and has seen 240 apprentices since it started in 2012. The scheme is still available. This will be the final year with HDC and it is hoped that the scheme will continue with NYC after the council change over in April 2023.

The construction of Sowerby Sports Village is now complete and the next focus will be on the Pavilion.

The cabinet has received funding to display a sculpture by Ray Longsdale, at the Treadmills site. The nature of the art work or the cost is unknown at this stage.

Maple Park Crematorium at Thirsk, has held over 170 services to date. The contract for the café facility has been secured and is at the solicitors been finalised.

Through Investment Plans, £50,000 has been allocated to each market town in a drive to boost the economy vitality.

HDC has launched the Energy Scheme which residents can apply for up to £25,000 (more likely to be allocated £10,000) towards energy improvements to their home. It is essentially means tested but worth each household investigating. Cllr A. Robinson is slightly concerned that not everyone in the parish will be aware of the scheme.

### **9. Public Questions**

The member of the public raised questions about the planning application at Church Farmhouse, Thornton-le-Street. The concern raised related to the fact Highways and Environmental Health only made comments on the business use, and did not address how the two businesses will operate at the same site together.

The chairman requested sending Marc Pearson, planning officer, an email asking for an update of this application.

The council asked Cllr A. Baker if the planning process will be different after April 2023. At this stage it is uncertain however it may become slightly different.

Cllr A. Baker advised the councillors to encourage local community groups to apply for a share of the Locality Budget. Applicants should apply directly to Cllr A. Baker and if successful could receive £300 - £1000. Local groups that could benefit are: The Cricket Club, History Group, Gardening Group and maintaining Butterfly Bank at

TLM P. Pybus will inform the cricket club and contact Ernie in relation to Butterfly Bank.

(J. Barker arrived at the meeting)

## **10. Finance**

### **Expenses**

Clerk's salary for 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. 35 hours charged due to the additional work of the elections, audit and setting up Data North Yorkshire. Council approved cost.

Salary £359.05

HMRC PAYE £17.20

### **Bank Mandate**

The clerk has issued the forms to the parish councillors which just require signing and posting.

## **11. Any Other Business**

### **First Aid Training**

P. Pybus has received a request from a villager asking for the parish council to host a first aid course. The council are in favour of the idea and the clerk will look for a suitable course to be hosted at Thief Hall. Clerk to forward possible courses to the chair for approval.

## **12. Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at **8.00pm** on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022** at **Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire**

Signed by Chairman:

Date: