

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton-le-Moor with Thornton-le-Street Parish Council held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at Thief Hall, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 9EH.

Present: Councillors: J. Barker (Chairman) B. Stockdale, P. Pybus, R. Barr and Cllr Alyson Baker (NYCC Councillor)

Clerk: D. Robson

No members of the public attended

The chair opened the meeting by expressing deep sadness by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September. The meeting was postponed from 14th September due to the country observing 10 days of mourning. – Long Live King Charles III.

1. Apologies and Approval for Absence

None received

2. Police Report received for period 26/07/22 – 04/10/22

The report revealed two crimes were committed during the period 26/07/22 – 04/10/22.

The police report included a warning about the latest scams. The councillors had received a copy of the report.

The councillors would have liked some details about the incident at the entrance to Brawith Park where the council believe a stolen car travelling from Knayton drove into the gate throwing it into the hedge in the early hours one morning. They are also concerned by recent activity of poachers close to the village of Thornton-le-Moor. Some of the villagers have been shouting from their homes in an effort to scare them off.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes held on Wednesday 27th July 2022

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

4. Matters Arising

Planning Application Church Farmhouse, Thornton-le- Street. Ref: 22/00850FUL

The council have had no response to the clerk's request for an update from Marc Pearson.

TLM & TLS Data North Yorkshire

The village websites have been updated to include the link directly to the Data North Yorkshire website to enable users to view the parish council agendas and minutes.

Change to Bus Service

The council have received an updated bus service timetable for Service 70: Northallerton – Thirsk – Ripon which shows minor timing changes to enable connection with Service 30/30X at Thirsk Market Place for onward travel to Easingwold and York.

YLCA Civil and Respect Pledge

The chair has signed the pledge to show our council will act respectfully to each other. The council received a certificate as proof.

Websites

HDC provided the council with a flyer containing information and support available to help residents cope with the rising living cost. Information can be accessed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/cost-living-support

Clerk to display flyer on village notice boards.

Let's Talk Campaign

HDC are providing sessions on the merging of the two councils for the public to attend. Sessions are as follows:

10th October – Thirsk Market Place

5th November – Northallerton Market Place

7th November – Thirsk Leisure Centre

9th November – Northallerton Leisure Centre

5. First Aid Training

As requested by the villagers the chair has organised first aid training for residents of the parish. The training will not be certificated but will cover the basics of first aid. It will take place at Thief Hall, Thornton-le-moor on 8th November at 6pm – 8pm. It is a drop in session so booking a place is not necessary.

6. Denis Sturdy Award for Service to Parish Council

The council decided that a silver engraved cup would be a nice way to commemorate Denis service to the council, the cup can be given out and kept for a year as an award for services to the community. With a couple of worthy residents in mind, a planned village society dinner on 5th November will provide an opportunity to award the cup. Mrs Sturdy will have the honour of awarding the cup for the first time.

7. Road Repairs to TLS (Including a Thank You to Metcalfes Of Thirsk)

Repairs were carried out as planned on 1st September, the contractor was on time and tidied up before leaving. However, as there was a delay from marking out the potholes to the work been done some of the markings had faded away so these holes were not filled. It is a shame as they missed out a large area, the council are unsure if the repairs had been scaled down last minute to reduce cost.

The council wishes to thank Metcalfes Of Thirsk for allowing residents to park their vehicles on their property whilst the work was completed. The council was very appreciating and instructed the clerk to write them a letter to show the councils appreciation.

Cllr A Baker advised the council to send Highways photos of the areas missed out by the repairs.

8. Report on YLCA Webinar. Government Reform of the Planning System

The councillor passed on his experience of the recent training he completed through YLCA. The training was informative but seemed slightly out of date with the changing council and could have been delivered differently.

9. GDPR

A councillor informed the chair that on some emails forwarded to him by the clerk other email address were visible, he was concerned that this could be a Data Protection breach. As nobody else had experienced this the chair advised him to forward any emails of concern to her for further investigation.

Clerk to check if there is an existing Data Protection policy.

10. Eric Waller. TLS Former Long Serving Parish Councillor

The council was very saddened to hear about Eric's passing. The council instructed the clerk to write a letter of condolence to his wife. The council went on to share memories of Eric and reminisced about some of the projects and tasks that Eric had done for the community.

11. Correspondence

a. Citizens Advice Donation Request

The council decided that it is not appropriate for the parish council to use the precept to give away to charity. Individuals are able to donate if they wish.

12. Planning

a. New Applications

- a. Demolition and replacement of former stable outbuilding to create ancillary accommodation. Moor Lodge, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton. Ref: 22/01928/FUL

No objections raised by the council, clerk to inform HDC.

- b. Extensions to create orangery and bridal make up area. Thief Hole Farm Holiday Cottages, Thieffhole Lane, Thornton-le-Moor, North Yorkshire. Ref: 22/02122/FUL

No objections raised by the council, clerk to inform HDC.

b. Granted

- a. Conversion to garage to bedroom and wet room. Holme Farm Cottage, Main Street, Thornton-le-Street, Northallerton. Ref: 22/01840/FUL

13. NYCC Councillor Update by Cllr A Baker

Let's Talk Campaign

Cllr A Baker highlighted HDC wish for feedback and the public's options on what they want from the new council and how they see it working, planning, highways and expenditure etc. HDC have devised a platform called "Let's Talk Campaign" where the public can have their say. They can attend the meeting or by accessing it online. Cllr A Baker requested advertising it on the village notice boards to ensure it gets a good response.

Clerk to display on the village notice boards.

Foster Care

HDC is keen for people to offer long and short term foster care to help with the shortage of safe homes for children in need. HDC try and keep children within their home county where possible.

Opening of Brompton Bridge

The construction of the new bridge is complete however, they are waiting for it to be signed off, and the delay is a technicality to be resolved between the railway and developers Taylor Wimpey. It is thought that there is some disagreement regarding the width of the bridge for cars and pedestrians. They are keen to open the bridge to pedestrians to enable the school children to access the school from the new housing estate on Darlington Road.

Sutton Bank Maintenance

Cllr A Baker visited Sutton Bank while it was recently repaired. She informed council that they have to hire engineers that can climb, in addition they also have to have a geologist on site at all times whilst work is completed. The engineers have replaced the crash barrier on the south hairpin and weather station. They have put access chambers in the carriageway that you can put props down to monitor traffic. They have replaced all setts on the carriageway and repaired the road through Sutton village.

Council Tax

Following a council meeting today, it is revealed that Council tax for our district will go up in stages to bring it into line with the rest of North Yorkshire. Hambleton currently pay the least amount and after the merger our district should see the same services as Harrogate District Council presently experience.

Cllr A Baker answered the councils questions about how HDC will process the information gathered from the 'Let's Talk' campaign and enquires about a funding

available called 'Rural England Prosperity Fund'. The chair advised to forward the information so the council can investigate further.

14. HDC Councillor Update by Cllr Andy Robinson

Cllr A Robinson not present.

15. Public Questions

No members of the public present.

16. Finance

a. Expenses Paid

YLCA Training on 09/08/2022	£12.50
YLCA Conference 23/09/2022	£120.00
HMRC Clerk's PAYE	£47.40

b. Expenses to Pay

Denis Sturdy Award	£38.00
Clerk's Salary	£191.95

c. Bank Mandate

The forms are complete. The councillors getting added to the mandate just need to show identification at the bank.

d. Money Received

HDC Precept £1,076.25

HMRC Fee Incurred

Recently the council incurred a £200 fee from HMRC due to the clerk not declaring the months when no wages are paid on HMRC basic tools. The clerk is waiting to hear the outcome of our appeal to the fee. The error was highlighted by HMRC conducting random spot checks.

YLCA Conference Outcome

The chair attended the conference which highlighted what documentation our parish council should have in place. The chair and clerk met prior to the meeting to discuss the current state of our policies and procedures and to determine what action is required.

Clerk to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Hedges Needing a Trim

One of the councillors raised a safety issue regarding some hedges when turning out of Thief Hall.

The chair will speak to the owner.

17. Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 30th November 2022** at **Thief Hall**, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire

The council agreed that the meeting will commence an hour earlier due to the dark nights and approaching Autumn/Winter weather.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: