

# THORNTON IN CRAVEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting that was held in the Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
May 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Councillor Lockyer, Chairman  
PCSO Simon Thornton (til 7.40pm) North Yorkshire Police  
David Walsh and Peter Bryson from SELRAP  
Mags Smith, Parish Council Clerk  
21 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

Councillor R Mason, Craven District Council  
Councillor P Mulligan, North Yorkshire County Council  
Katy Smith, Head Teacher Thornton in Craven Primary School  
Councillor Steven Briggs, Thornton in Craven Parish Council

**The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.**

**1. North Yorkshire Police**

PCSO Thornton reported figures for the last 12 months for Thornton in Craven  
Anti Social Behaviour :- 3 nuisance, 3 personal (neighbour dispute)  
Car Crime:- 2 attempted car thefts on the same evening,  
Thefts:- 2 quad bikes stolen; 1 from a farm in the last week, and 1 mobile left in a  
taxi.

Highways issues:- 5 sheep on road, 6 complaints, 4 collisions

Questions from residents:

- a. Has turning street lights off overnight made a difference?  
PCSO Thornton said it had not made a difference in Thornton but Sutton in  
Craven has been targeted. There was a definite correlation between the lights  
going off and the number of burglaries. N. Yorkshire Police have requested  
NYCC put the lights back on but they don't have to do this.
- b. Who decides speed limits and where speed monitoring is done?  
The Highways department of CDC deal with speeding issues but residents can  
request speed monitoring through the Police Traffic Bureau. It was noted that  
speed cameras had been visible in the village recently.

Thanks to PCSO Thornton for attending.

**2. SELRAP**

The representatives from SELRAP gave a presentation of their campaign to open the  
12 miles of railway line between Skipton and Colne. There had been lots of cross  
party support including 3 County Councils, 4 Transport Networks, and approximately  
60 businesses. The Dept of Transport and Transport for the North are leading on the  
project which is estimated will cost £100 million.

Questions from residents:

- a. Will the new line follow the old line, some of which is no longer there? -  
It is proposed to follow the old line closely. There is a map of the route on the  
Selrap website.

- b. Will any houses be affected? - 20 to 30 houses, mainly in Earby, will be compulsory purchased.
- c. Why not use the line from Hellifield to Clitheroe? - The gradient isn't suitable for freight and from a passenger point of view a direct line to Leeds from Colne is required.
- d. Will there be level crossings? - The new route wouldn't have any level crossings, a bypass of the A56 through Earby would eliminate the need and bridges and underpasses would be used instead.
- e. How many Skipton Building Society employees use the railway? - No figures were available but an analysis had been carried out and it showed an under representation from the Lancashire side.
- f. How many new stations would there be? - Just one at Earby, it was unlikely to be on the old station site and would be moved nearer to Thornton in Craven.
- g. Would there be a public consultation? - The Dept of Transport would do a business case, there would be a year for engineering and design, followed by a public consultation and then there would be Parliamentary debate.
- h. Would it be a single track line? - No, almost certainly double track.
- i. Is there enough demand for train travel? - Train use has doubled in the last few years.
- j. Will it be an electric line? - At the moment it will be diesel but there is a campaign to make it electric, this would cost an extra £20 million.
- k. Are Drax Power Station pushing for the line? - They are supporting the campaign as there is a lack of capacity. There would be no more than 3 Drax freight trains per day. A maximum of 1 freight train per hour will be imposed.
- l. Will Colne be upgraded to a twin line? - A LCC scheme is already on the table to make twin.

2022 is an optimistic start date. There will be a study in Oct/Nov 2018

The Chair thanked the representatives of Selrap for their presentation.

### 3. Public Questions:

Two questions had been received:

1. The state of the trees on Old Road  
 NYCC had been contacted and said that the trees did not belong to them. Why had the fallen trees been removed by NYCC if they were not their responsibility?  
 Clarification was needed as to who is responsible for the trees on the verge. The Clerk would ask NYCC for clarification.
2. The proposed Village Hall Extension  
 The Village Hall Committee are proposing to spend approximately £30,000 of their own money plus a further similar sum of grant funding on building a temporary extension to the hall and in the process almost doubling the size of the hall.  
 As the hall is currently under used could the committee explain their reasoning behind this project and would the money not be better spent extending the kitchen and storage area down stairs.

A member of the Village Hall Committee replied to the question, though he was speaking on his own behalf as it had not been put before the Committee before the meeting.

The extension was not a temporary structure but would be built on stilts with steel supports, timber frame cedar cladding, zinc roof and upvc/alum windows which should last at least 30/40 years. The extension would provide disabled

