

THORNTON IN CRAVEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 19th November 2012

Present

Cllr P.Bowdler (Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors, S.Briggs, M. Graham-Roe, D. Joyce, R. Machin

Also in attendance County Councillor Patrick Mulligan

121119-1	Apologies for absence None were received
121119-2	Declarations of interest Clouncillors P.Bowdler, S.Briggs, M. Graham-Roe, D. Joyce and R. Machin declared a pecuniary interest in item 12, review of budget / precept.
121119-3	Minutes of the Last Meetings (Enclosed) Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on the 15 th October 2012 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman.
121119-4	Police Matters No report had been received Resolved: That the situation be noted.
121119-5	Reports from invited guests No reports were submitted.
121119-6	Dispensation Scheme The Clerk reported that a scheme for dispensations on matters where there are disclosable pecuniary interests was necessary, particularly when more than 50% of members declared such an interest which would result in the Council being inquorate. Resolved: That the Council determines applications for a dispensation.
121119-6.1	Applications for a dispensation to speak and vote on an item where members have a disclosable pecuniary interest in setting the precept. Councillors P.Bowdler, S.Briggs, M. Graham-Roe, D. Joyce and R. Machin had applied for a dispensation on the setting of the precept. Resolved: That dispensation be granted as the transaction of Parish Council business would be impeded because more than 50% of the members entitled to vote would be unable to do so and the meeting would not be quorate. That the dispensation be valid until May 2014 .
121119-7	Planning Applications To consider the Council's response to any applications received prior to the meeting. 69/2012/13043 Loft Conversion raising the height, first floor extension, Juliet balcony, repositioning of chimney. Tree Preservation Order 1 1975 & 1 1953 1x Sycamore remove & replace, The Gate House, Colne & Broughton Rd
121119-8	Correspondence The Clerk reported on rotine correspondence Resolved: That the report be noted
121119-9	Consultation on Craven District Draft site allocation preference criteria Craven District Council had submitted a report on housing site allocations preferences. The report did not specify any sites within the parish. Resolved: that the report be noted.

121119-10	Outstanding items:
121119-10.1	Registration of Green Spaces It was reported that evidence of unhindered public use for twenty years was required before an application would be considered. Resolved: That the matter not be pursued at this time.
121119-10.2	The Mount It was reported that further investigations had taken place. Resolved: That the report be noted.
121119-10.3	Village Website It was reported that content was now required
121119-10.4	Street Light repair / replacements It was reported that 4 (one replacement) street lights would be installed on the 28 th November 2012 at a cost of £1400 each plus a connection charge of £850. A quotation of £400 had been received to install one socket. Resolved: That the report be noted and that the provision of a socket not be pursued.
121119-10.5	Insurance Claim The Clerk reported that the Council's Insurance Brokers had confirmed that street lighting was covered by insurance, that a £250 excess would apply and a no claims discount of approximately £25 would not apply on renewal. An invoice from North Yorkshire Council together with a photograph of the damage were required. Resolved: That the insurers be provided with the necessary documentation as a matter of urgency.
121119-10.6	Bus Shelter The Clerk reported that two grant funding opportunities were available from Craven District Council but it would be necessary to provide a detailed design and estimate of the cost together with evidence of public support before any application would be considered. Resolved: That enquiries be made as to the cost of a shelter similar to that at Long Preston and that bus users be encouraged to provide evidence of public support..
121119-10.7	Ownership of Land at Lough Tree It was reported that enquiries had been made at the Land Registry but no information had been received. Mrs Roberts informed the meeting that the land surrounding the Lough Tree had been registered in order to ensure that the neighbouring properties could gain access to their land which could be obstructed by parked cars. Resolved: That Mrs Roberts be thanked for clarifying the matter and that no further action be taken. Mowing Contract It was reported that the current contract did not expire until the end of the 2013 season.
121119-10.8	Resolved: That no further action be taken at this time.
121119-11	Finance
121119-11.1	To approve payment of invoices
121119-11.2	To consider a report from the RFO
121119-12	Review of Finance / Budget / Precept for 2013
121119-13	Review of procedures / documentation for Audit
121119-14	Review of policies and procedures
121119-15	Report of The Clerk / Chairman To consider the report of the Clerk / Chairman on any minor matters

The next meeting of the council will be on the 21th January 2013