

THORNTON IN CRAVEN

PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held
in the Village Hall on Wednesday
1st June 2016 at 7.00pm.**

Present:

Concillor P. Bowdler, Chair
Councillor S. Briggs,
Councillor D. Joyce
Councillor M. Graham-Roe
Councillor P. Mulligan – North Yorkshire County Council
Margaret Smith, Clerk

87.16 To receive apologies for absence.

No apologies were received.

88.16 The Chair to sign the Declaration of Office as agreed at the meeting on 4th May 2016 Agenda item 69.16

Councillor Bowdler signed the Declaration of Office.

89.16 Recording of meetings.

90.16 To receive any declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest were received.

91.16 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th May 2016

Proposed by Councillor Joyce,

Seconded by Councillor Briggs, and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th May 2016 are a true record of proceedings and were signed by the Chair.

92.16 Open Forum - For residents to raise issues to the Parish Council.

No residents present.

93.16 To receive a report from Craven District Council.

No report received.

94.16 To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Council.

- Councillor Mulligan announced that the Localism Fund was again open for applications. We had been discussing wifi for the Village Hall and he suggested the Stronger Communities in N.Yorks fund may be appropriated.
- Fracking had been in the news following the approval of fracking by Ryedale Parish Council. Craven is highly unlikely to be considered for fracking as half is in the National Park where it is not allowed and also the geology is not suitable.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mulligan for his input at Parish Council meetings and for information about grants.

95.16 To receive reports from invited guests.

There were no invited guests.

96.16 Finance report

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96.16.01

Balance of accounts

Current Account Balance at	19 May 2016	£ 6,988.76
Reserve Balance at	31st May 2016	£10,000.00

Authorisation of payment

M Smith Salary Month 2	£161.72	29.05.16
Postage and mileage	£18.29	29.05.16
Viking – Stationary	£38.96	29.05.16
J D & S Pickles	£570.00	29.05.16
NYCC – Lighting Maintenance	£1852.36	29.05.16
Christine Husbands (Auditor)	£50.00	29.05.16
Total	£2,691.33	

Proposed by Councillor Bowdler,

Seconded by Councillor Graham-Roe, and

Resolved: That the Financial Report and Payment Schedule is approved.

96.16.02

2016/2017 National Salary Award

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached agreement on a 1% cost of living increase for local council/parish meeting employees with effect from 1 April 2016. All councils that employ their clerks and other staff under the NJC terms and conditions via the joint National Association of Local Council and Society of Local Council Clerks National Agreement will need to act on this information and ensure that the pay award is given. Details previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Bowdler

Seconded by Councillor Briggs, and

Resolved: That the Council accepts the salary increase of 1% for the Clerk.

97.16 Annual Return

To approve the Annual Governance Statement

Proposed by Councillor Bowdler,

Seconded by Councillor Briggs, and

Resolved: That the Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16 is approved.

98.16 To approve the Annual Accounting Statement

Proposed by Councillor Bowdler,

Seconded by Councillor Briggs, and

Resolved: That the Annual Accounting Statement for 2015/16 is approved.

99.16 To receive an update on disputed invoices with Rural Law

We have not received a response to the letter sent on 10th May 2016.

It was suggested the next stage for Little Moor would be to get a written statement from residents as to the history of the land.

100.16 To consider any planning applications.

None received to date

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101.16 To update the Risk Assessments.

Councillor Graham-Roe has completed the risk assessments and produced a list of repairs which need to be attended to. Urgent repairs are needed to the wall at Morrison's Meadow and the flags at Millennium Corner. Also one of the benches has a rotten slat. Councillor Briggs will write a summary and get two quotes for the work.

Proposed by Councillor Bowdler,

Seconded by Councillor Graham-Roe, and

Resolved: That work goes ahead on repairing the wall at Morrison's Meadow, the flags at Millennium Corner and the repair to the bench once a quotation is received on condition that the cost is under £1,000.

The BT phone box needs painting and the windows replaced. The Clerk will contact BT to ask if they will repair the phone box as it is a Listed building.

All the benches need painting and Councillor Bowdler will send out a request for volunteers to do this.

102.16 To receive an update on a bench at Morrison's Meadow

Councillor Briggs reported that the benches were ready to collect. He advised that the base at Morrison's Meadow should be extended or leveled off flush to the ground. This would be an extra cost so it was agreed to fix it on the original pad.

103.16 To discuss the placing of a sign on the Cricket Club field gate.

An email had been received from a resident unhappy with the placing of a sign on the gate by the Cricket Club. The ground was for use by the village not just the Cricket Club. It was difficult to comment without seeing the original lease which we will try to locate.

104.16 To consider Wifi connection for the Village Hall

It was suggested that there was not enough demand for wifi at the Village Hall to warrant installation and ongoing monthly costs. Councillor Briggs suggested a link could be beamed to the corner of the building from his house.

This item is deferred while costs are received.

105.16 Correspondence and matters brought to the attention of the Chair.

- The School have a £500 grant for a defibrillator which would cost £615 plus VAT and ask if the Parish Council would partner them with ongoing costs. The Defibrillator could be placed either on the Village Hall wall or just outside the school gates.

The Council agreed this is a good idea in principal and ask for specific costings.

106.16 Date and time of next meetings.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th July 2016**

There being no other business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.25pm