

Thornton in Craven Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st April 2015.

Present:

Councillor P Bowdler, Chair
Councillor M Lockyer,
Councillor S Briggs,
Councillor M Graham-Roe

1. To receive apologies for absence, and to consent to the absence

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillor D Joyce and County Councillor P Mulligan.

2. To receive any declaration of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2015.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th March were approved as a fair and correct record.

4. Open Forum – For residents to raise issues to the Parish Council.

No issues.

5. To receive a report from Craven District Council.

None.

6. To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Council.

None.

7. To receive reports from invited guests.

None.

8. Finance Report

Balance of accounts: at the end of the financial year there is a balance of £1486.94 to carry forward to the next financial year. However, there is one outstanding cheque to The Rural Law Practice, which has been held back prior to agreement of work completed.

Annual Audit of Parish Council accounts: it was agreed that Christine Husbands would be asked to undertake the internal audit for financial year 2014/15. The completed audit return is due in by the 8th June 2015.

Authorisation of payments: the following payments were authorised

NYCC street lighting energy costs. Transfer of power to new lighting columns	1.4.15	921.71
Jane Killeen salary month 12	31.3.15	187.35

9. To consider planning applications.

Application number 69/2015/15472

Proposal: fell 3 no pine trees

Location: Rectory Bungalow, Church Rd, Thornton in Craven, Skipton, BD23 3TN

No Comments

Appeal Ref: APP/C2708/A/12/2186488/NWF

Proposal: erection of 3 wind turbines

Location: land adjacent to Brightenber Hill, Gargrave, Skipton, BD23 3PA

Appeal by: Energiekontor UK Ltd

No Comments.

10. To review progress on the installation of new lighting columns.

Report on progress of the transfer to new lighting columns.

This work is now completed.

11. To consider measures to record speeding on the A56 through centre of the village.

Logging data has yet to be completed.

12. To review progress regarding boundaries on the common land at Little Moor.

Councillor Graham-Roe has not received a satisfactory response from Craven District Council regarding help with this matter.

Common land issues are usually dealt with by NYCC but in this instance it was passed back to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council sent a letter to The Rural Law Practice on the 12th March to request information relating to the work undertaken by them on behalf of the Parish Council and the cost for this, which was invoiced in early March 2015. A reply was received from The Rural Law Practice on the 1st April and this was discussed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that part of the costs would be paid but that the agreed work must be completed before the payment would be made. A letter would be sent to the RLP with this offer.

13. To review the event held at Thornton Hall Farm on the 7th March 2015

There were a couple of complaints regarding the level of noise from this event. An officer from Pendle Environmental Health Dept. did attend and ask for the noise to be turned down. It was agreed that a letter informing the Planning Dept. of this should be sent.

14. To discuss and plan the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 10th June 2015.

It was agreed that Councillor Briggs would email village residents to request items for the agenda. Invitations to the Police, the Head Teacher at the school and District and County Councillors are to be sent out.

15. To consider the time table for the election of the Parish Council following 7th May 2015.

Polling day is the 7th May 2015. The old Council will stand down on Monday 11th May and a meeting of the new Council is to be held on the 13th May. The Chair and Vice Chair will be nominated and elected at this meeting.

16. Minor Matters.

Tim Mayman from Craven Forestry is to trim the trees round the new street lamps.

Litter picking was carried out on the main road through the village to the boundary in March.

Councillor Graham-Roe is to buy plants for the Millennium corner and for round the Love Tree.

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting. 13th May 2015 at 7.00pm, Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by a business meeting.
3rd June 2015 Parish Council Meeting,
10th June 2015 Annual Parish Meeting,
1st July 2015 Parish Council Meeting.