

THORNTON IN CRAVEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 28th January 2013

Present

Councillor S. Briggs (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors M. Graham-Roe, R. Machin

Also in attendance County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, District Councillor Robert Mason

130128-1	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllrs P.Bowdler & D. Joyce
130128-2	Declarations of interest Councillors S.Briggs, M. Graham-Roe & R. Machin declared a financial interest in agenda item 12, budget & precept with a dispensation to speak & vote.
130128-3	Minutes of the Last Meeting Resolved: That minute 121119-10.2 be amended to read “ <i>It was reported that further investigations had taken place but no progress had been made</i> ”, and that the resolution in minute 121119-10.7 be amended to read “ <i>That Mrs Roberts be thanked for clarifying the matter, that no further action be taken with regard to the Land Registry & that the residents of the neighbouring properties be informed of the situation</i> ” and that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 19 th November 2012 be approved and accepted.
130128-4	Police Matters There were no members of the police present.
130128-5	Reports from invited guests <i>District Councillor Robert Mason reported that:</i> Craven District Council had not yet approved its Development Framework. Craven District Council had 50% of appeals against planning decisions allowed and it had been assessed as an “average” performing Council in regard of determining planning applications. A proposal to elect all Councillors to Craven District Council at the same time had not been approved. Revenue from car parking had been falling and enforcement for car parks and on street parking would be transferred from the police to Harrogate Council in the Craven area. The planning application for an Aldi store in Skipton had been approved. Charges for the collection of green waste had not been approved. Resolved: That Councillor Mason be thanked for his report and that further information be sought on drawing up a Parish Plan for Thornton in Craven. <i>County Councillor Patrick Mulligan reported that</i> North Yorkshire County Council's Craven Area Committee would consider a report on HGV traffic using the A6068 and A56 at its next meeting. A member of the public had requested a street light on Booth Bridge Lane. Resolved: That County Councillor Mulligan be thanked for his report and that the street light opposite Church St at its junction with the A56 was not working.
130128-6 130128-6.1	Planning Applications Application No 53/2012/13190 Installation of wind turbine, Bent Lathe Farm Lothersdale Resolved: That the Council object to the application in that the scale of the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity of the surrounding area. That should the application be approved, a condition be imposed that the structure be painted grey to reduce the visual impact on the surrounding area.

130128-6.2	<p>Notice of grant of permission Renewal of Planning Permission 69/2009/9958 (Stable Block with Home Office and creation of menage) at The Mount Resolved: That the report be noted</p>															
130128-7	<p>Correspondence to report Notice of a meeting of North Yorkshire County Council's Craven Area Committee Resolved: That the report be noted</p>															
130128-8	<p>Updates/ actions on the following outstanding items:</p>															
130128-8.1	<p>Registration of Green Spaces Resolved: That no further action be taken</p>															
130128-8.2	<p>Village Website It was reported that little progress had been made Resolved: That the report be noted</p>															
130128-8.3	<p>Street Light repair / replacements It was reported that the work had been completed Resolved: That the report be noted</p>															
130128-8.3	<p>Insurance Claim The Clerk reported that the Council's insurer had requested a photograph of the damage Resolved: That the insurer be informed that the lighting column had been removed for safety reasons.</p>															
130128-9	<p>Bus Shelter It was reported that approximately 25 people per day used the bus. No evidence of public support had yet been received. Initial enquiries indicated that the cost would be in the region of £5000 - £10,000. Resolved: That written quotations be obtained and that the matter be referred to a future meeting of the Council.</p>															
130128-10	<p>Cam Lane To consider a response to the proposed stopping up order Resolved: That the Council object to the proposal</p>															
130128-11	<p>Finance</p>															
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130128-11.2	<p>Report of the RFO The RFO reported: That the cash book showed a net expenditure of £14990.26 for the year to date and that the balance was £9397.69 allowing for uncleared cheques. This was reconciled with the current bank account balance. That expenditure year to date was £1915 in excess of the original budget. That the forecast closing balance for the financial year is £12,992.</p>															
130128-12	<p>Budget / Precept for 2013 The Clerk reported that changes in legislation, the Localisation of Council Tax Support, will affect the council's Council Tax Base. Craven District Council had indicated that a grant would be available to meet part of any reduction in precept arising from the change. Resolved: That Council notes the anticipated balance of £12,992 That the offer of grant be accepted That the precept for 2013/14 be set at £11,322, less any grant offered That the following expenditure budget be approved:</p>															

	Staff Salaries	2,465.00
	Admin Expenses	300.00
	Grass Cutting / Village Maintenance	2,600.00
	Street Lighting Maintenance	500.00
	Street Lighting Electricity	1,600.00
	Street Lighting Columns	3,100.00
	Village Hall Rent	160.00
	Insurance	600.00
	Subscriptions	190.00
	Misc s137 Payments	190.00
	Audit Fees	200.00
	Website Maintenance	220.00
	Training	100.00
	Trees, Bulbs	150.00
	Village Maintenance	700.00
	Total	13,075.00
130128-13	Report of the External Auditor Resolved: That the report be noted and that the Clerk be instructed to address the points raised.	
130128-14	Council Timetable The Clerk submitted a timetable to ensure administrative tasks are undertaken in a timely manner. Resolved: That the report be noted	
130128-15	Cricket Club The Cricket Club had made a request to erect advertising boards on the cricket field to attract sponsorship. Resolved: That permission be granted provided that the signs are removable, clipped to the concrete walls, and removed after matches.	
130128-16	Report of The Clerk / Chairman It was reported that: Land at Thornton Hall Farm which had been used for Quad Biking had not been reinstated. That a footpath was required between the Bus Shelter on Church Road and the nursing home in the interest of road safety. Rubbish & leaves accumulate at the front of Thornton House. Resolved: That the Clerk investigate and report to the next meeting of the Council.	

The next meeting of the council will be on the 18th February 2013