

THORNTON IN CRAVEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd April 2012

Present

Councillor S. Briggs *Vice-Chairman in the Chair*

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

Also in attendance District Councillor R. Mason, County Councillor P. Mulligan, 6 members of the public.

030412 -1	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor P. Bowdler
030412-2	Declarations of Interests None were declared
030412-3	Minutes of the Last Meeting Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on the 7 th March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
030412 3.1	Open Forum Members of the public expressed concerns on planning application 13/12/0102 at Thornton Hall Farm as follows - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓢ The proposed activities would result in an unacceptable level of noise nuisance. Ⓢ The proposed activities would pose a distraction to road users. Ⓢ The application would result in the loss of the land for agricultural use. Ⓢ The application states that quad biking activities are for children but the site has been advertised for all ages, including hen parties, on the internet at quadtrex.co.uk. Ⓢ Some of the proposed activities present a danger to users of the public footpath which crosses the land. Ⓢ The application is for change to D2 use – D1 would be more appropriate in this location. Ⓢ The access to the site will cause considerable traffic dangers and problems if the estimated 30,000 visitor numbers are realistic – access is in a 60 mph zone.
030412-4	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Two members of the Church Council explained that they were planning to install a stained glass window to commemorate the diamond jubilee. The cost would be approximately £6000 and they hoped to raise £5100 from donations. The chairman stated that the Parish Council had intended to mark the occasion with works at the village hall. Resolved: That an item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council for discussion of the Church and Village Hall projects.
030412 -5	Reports from Invited Guests <i>District Councillor R. Mason reported that:</i> He had requested that the planning application affecting the village hall be determined by the planning committee. Resolved: That District Councillor Mason be thanked for his report and that it be noted.
030412 -6	Planning Applications

<p>030412 -6.1</p>	<p>Application No 56/2012/12386 (Amended Plan Revised View point 4) Erection of a 50kw Wind Turbine On An 25M Tower With overall Height To Tip Of Rotor Of 35M. - at Southfield Farm, West Marton, Skipton, BD23 3JH Resolved: That whilst the Council agrees in principle with the generation of power from wind turbines it considers the size of the proposal to be excessive. That should permission be granted conditions should be imposed relating to the colour of the tower and rotor in that they should be grey rather than white to minimise the visual impact.</p>
<p>030412 -6.2</p>	<p>Application No 69/2012/12474 Minor amendment to planning Approval 69/2008/8701 For live/work Unit, Highgate Farm, Gaylands Lane, Earby, Barnoldswick BB18 6JR Resolved: That the Council make no comment.</p>
<p>030412-6.3</p>	<p>Application No 13/12/0102P Full: Change of use of land and buildings from agricultural use to mixed agricultural use and recreational use as a farm visitor centre with play barn, cafe, car park, D2 assembly and leisure use and quad biking (Retrospective). Thornton Hall Farm Thornton in Craven Skipton BD23 3TJ Resolved: That the Council make strong objection to the proposals for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⑩ The proposed activities would result in an unacceptable level of noise nuisance. ⑩ The proposed activities would pose a distraction to road users. ⑩ The application would result in the loss of the land for agricultural use. ⑩ The application states that quad biking activities are for children but the site has been advertised for all ages, including hen parties, on the internet at quadtrex.co.uk. ⑩ Some of the proposed activities present a danger to users of the public footpath which crosses the land. ⑩ The application is for change to D2 use – D1 would be more appropriate in this location. ⑩ The access to the site will cause considerable traffic dangers and problems if the estimated 30,000 visitor numbers are realistic – access is in a 60 mph zone. ⑩ Some of the proposed activities are adjacent to a public footpath and could be hazardous to people using the footpath <p>The Council also considers that should the application be granted that the following conditions be imposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⑩ That 20m tree screens be planted adjacent to the private access road to the house and to the area know locally as “The Wissack” ⑩ That activities are limited to daylight hours and certain days of the week ⑩ That no activities take place when alcohol is available ⑩ That an age limit be set for quad biking. ⑩ That quad bikers not be permitted to use their own bikes / vehicles. ⑩ That temporary permission be granted in order that any nuisance may be monitored <p>That the Clerk send copies of the objections to North Yorks & Lancashire Highways, North Yorks & Lancashire Police, Footpaths Officer and the Ramblers Association</p>
<p>030412 -7</p>	<p>Planning Decision Notices Decision No 65/2012/12363 Planning permission to replace an extant planning permission in order to extend the time limit for implementation of approved permission</p>

	<p>63/2009/9347, Willis Depot, Gargrave Road, Skipton BD23 1UD – Granted Decision No 72/2012/12319 Proposed erection of a 25 metre high wind turbine (29.02m to blade tip), Hard Head Farm, Rathmell, Settle, BD24 0LJ – Refused Resolved That the decision notices be noted</p>
030412 -8	<p>Correspondence <i>Craven District Council</i> Poster for The Skipton Triathlon <i>YLCA</i> Newsletter <i>Craven District Council</i> Training Events Resolved: That the correspondence be noted</p>
030412 -9	<p>Meeting Dates The dates of the next meetings of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting were considered. Resolved: That the Annual General Meeting of the Council be held on the 14th May 2012 and the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 28th May 2012. That N Yorks Police, Craven District Council (Localism Speaker), Village Hall Committee, School, Social Committee and Church be invited to the latter.</p>
030412 -10	<p>Audit / Internal Audit Year Ending 31st March 2012 - Appointment of Internal Auditor & Related Issues The Clerk reported that Les Pickering had agreed to undertake the internal audit at a fee of £55. Resolved: That Les Pickering be appointed as Internal Auditor and the fee be approved.</p>
030412 -11	<p>Replacement of street lights It was reported that a quotation for £1997.00 for connecting the street lights adjacent to the Village Hall had been received. Resolved: That the quotation be approved and that authority be delegated to the Clerk to place an order in conjunction with the Chairman.</p>
030412 -12	<p>Removal of the dry stone wall at The Mount It was reported that no progress had been made. Resolved: That the report be noted.</p>
030412 -13	<p>Village Website It was reported that investigations into alternative websites had been made and costs varied from £500 for a basic package to £750 - £900 for more sophisticated offerings. Hosting costs were in the region of £120 per annum. Resolved: That further information be sought and be reported to the next meeting of the Council.</p>
030412 -14	<p>Risk assessments of village property It was reported that some risk assessments had been completed Resolved: That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.</p>
030412 -15	<p>Removal of trees on Church Road It was reported that no progress had been made Resolved: That the report be noted.</p>
030412-16	<p>Appointment of Clerk to the Council Resolved: That the Clerk / RFO be appointed from the 6th April 2012.</p>

030412-17	<p>Registration of Green Spaces The Clerk reported that an application form had been received. Resolved: That further consideration be given to the registration of the cricket ground and the matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting. That authority be delegated to the Clerk to incur expenditure on maps & legal expenses.</p>
030412-18	<p>Finance There were no invoices due for payment The RFO reported that no correspondence had been received from the External Auditor or the Banks Resolved: That the report be noted</p>

Approved as a correct record *Chairman* *Date*