

THORNTON IN CRAVEN
PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held
in the Village Hall on Wednesday
3rd May 2017 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Councillor P. Bowdler, Chair
Councillor S. Briggs,
Councillor M. Graham-Roe,
Councillor M. Lockyer,
Ward Councillor R. Mason
Margaret Smith, Clerk

01.17 Election of Chairman 2017/2018

Proposed by Cllr Graham-Roe,
Seconded by Cllr Lockyer, and

Resolved: That Cllr P. Bowdler is elected as Chairman for 2017/2018 and the Declaration of Office was duly signed.

02.17 Election of Vice Chair 2017/2018

Proposed by Cllr Briggs,
Seconded by Cllr Graham-Roe, and

Resolved: That Cllr M Lockyer is elected as Vice Chairman for 2017/2018 and the Declaration of Office was duly signed.

03.17 To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor D. Joyce,

04.17 Recording of meetings. The Public and Members are advised that recording is allowed.

05.17 To receive any declarations of interest.

No declarations were received.

06.17 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th April 2017

Proposed by Councillor Graham-Roe,
Seconded by Councillor Lockyer, and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th April 2017 are a true record of proceedings and were signed by the Chair.

07.17 To review the Standing Orders as required.

The Standing Orders were reviewed and it was noted that the quotations for the insurance had not been received. The decision on the renewal of the insurance policy was deferred until the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Lockyer, and

Resolved: That the Standing Orders were reviewed and approved.

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

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No members of the public were present.

09.17 To receive a report from Craven District Council.

Councillor Mason reported that the Council is looking for further income streams. He advised that the house building project would include 'right to buy' Planning charges have been increased, this is to cover the cost of the Local Plan. The Parish Council advised that drain cleaning of once a year wasn't enough. A litter pick was needed throughout the village. Cllr Mason will report this back.

10.17 To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Council.

- Councillor Mulligan was absent so no report given.

11.17 Finance report

Balance of accounts

Current Account Balance at 30 th April 2017	£16,023.21
(includes CDC grant of £3,300 (VH extension) and half Precept £6,477.00)	
Reserve Balance as at 30 th April 2017	£10,000.00

Authorisation of payment

M. Smith Salary Month 1	29.4.2017	£159.96
J. D & S Pickles	25.3.2017	£295.00
NYC Street Lighting Electric	28.3.2017	£882.68
Payment into reserve to reactivate account	29.04.2017	£1.00
Total		£1,338.64

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Graham-Roe, and

Resolved: That the Financial Report and Schedule of Payments for April are approved.

12.17 To consider any planning applications.

No planning applications have been received.

13.17 To note any response from Defra on land at Little Moor and consider further action.

A letter had been received from Defra, though not conclusive as we still need to ascertain if the cattle grid had planning permission. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the owners by recorded delivery asking them to reinstate the dry stone wall within 30 days and removal of the cattle grid. The Parish Council agreed to support a retrospective planning application for the cattle grid as long as a formal agreement is put in place covering the upkeep and liability of same.

14.17 To consider report from NYCC for street lighting.

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Following report and regulations from NYCC with regard to heritage lamps and savings to be made, it was agreed that the Parish Council should continue with their plans for the street lighting and not hand them over to NYCC.

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Graham-Roe, and

Resolved: That NYCC will be notified that the Parish Council do not wish to proceed with the transfer of ownership of the street lights to the local authority and that the Parish Council is disappointed that the traditional theme we have in the village they are unable to guarantee to maintain.

15.17 To receive an update on the funding for a village defibrillator –

Cllr Graham-Roe reported that the defibrillator had been ordered, along with the cabinet. We need to arrange for it to be installed at the village hall and a mail shot should go to residents advising of its installation. Cllr Graham-Roe has been in touch with NY Ambulance Service and they advise that no training is necessary. The Clerk will check if this needs to be named in the insurance policy.

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

- Increasing Councillor numbers from five to six.

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Briggs, and

Resolved: That, if possible, the number of Councillors should be increased from five to six. The Clerk will contact Craven District Council for information of how to proceed.

- Bus Shelter – This was brought up at the Parish Meeting. It was felt it would be too expensive but a cost would be sought and discussed at the next meeting.
- Speed of traffic on Booth Bridge Lane. – It had been noted that the speed of traffic using Booth Bridge Lane had increased and a suggestion that a 'children at play' sign be erected. Cllr Graham-Roe would look into prices and report back at the next meeting.
- The Clerk advised that NYCC had placed the request for a new sign for the top of Booth Bridge Lane on their next order which will be in mid-May.

17.17 Date and time of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday **7th June 2017 at 7pm**

There being no other business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 20.30pm