

# Thornton in Craven Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Present:

Councillor S Briggs, Vice Chair and in the Chair, Councillor M Graham-Roe, Councillor P Bowdler, County Councillor P Mulligan, Councillor R Mason.  
Jane Killeen, Clerk.

**1. Apologies for absence, and to consent to the absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor D Joyce.

**2. Declaration of interest**

Councillor Briggs declared an interest in planning application 69/2013/14088

**3. Approve Minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Item 17, Common Land, Little Moor. The last line of the second sentence is to be amended to: the Parish Council to give permission to fence the common.  
With the amendment the Minutes were approved as a true and correct record.

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

The bench, which is to be placed near the bus stop on Skipton Rd, has been ordered.

**5. Report from Craven District Council.**

There has been no satisfactory answer to the request to extend the collection of the green waste bins for a further month. Councillor Mason will follow up this issue. A request was made for road/footpath sweeping.  
Craven District Council is currently working on its Development Plan.

**6. Report from North Yorkshire County Council.**

Councillor Mulligan attended the consultation meeting regarding the proposed Colne by-pass. There is to be a representative from Lancashire County Council at the Craven Area Committee meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December to answer any questions regarding the plans.  
There has been an appeal in Carlton regarding the loss of bus passes. However, the road has been deemed a safe route to school and bus passes have been withdrawn.  
Superfast broadband will be available in Thornton. Please visit the Superfast North Yorkshire website for more details.

**7. Co-option of New Council Member.**

Mr Martin Lockyer has shown interest in co-option to the council. He will attend the meeting in January to discuss further.

**8. Reports from invited guests**

None

**9. Finance Report**

Bank Mandate and deposit account. The bank statements are now being sent to the Clerk's home address. The deposit account held at Barclays Bank will need an update of the bank mandate.

Payment of invoices. The following payments were approved:

JLM Flailing work in the graveyard	4.12.13	216.00
Andrew Pilkington hedge cutting	4.12.13	60.00
Robert Hall donation towards wreath	4.12.13	30.00
Steven Briggs re Ackers and Battle exp for batteries	4.12.13	143.52
J Killeen salary month 8 + £6 stamps	4.12.13	182.59

The balance in the current account is £5139.06.

The estimated budget for 2014/15 will be prepared and sent out to all council members before the next meeting to be discussed and approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

#### **10. Planning.**

Application number: 69/2013/14088

Proposal: proposed roof replacement (from mono pitch to dual pitch) and part change of use to garden room.

Location: Peel House, Thornton in Craven, Skipton, BD23 3TU

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Dean.

Comments: the roof should be of natural stone or slate and the windows should be of conservation type in line with conservation area criteria.

The Parish Council also commented that there was no detailed description in the plans of the construction materials or the roof windows.

Proposed: Felling of 3 Sycamore trees and 3 Ash trees

Location: Cam Farm, Cam Lane, Thornton in Craven.

Notice of split decision for part refusal and part permission to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 14 1978

#### **11. Grass Cutting and Village Maintenance**

Update to work on verge opposite cottages on Boothbridge Lane.

Mr Chris Myers, from Queens Garth has agreed to produce a scheme to plant up the verge on Booth Bridge Lane.

#### **12. Provision of Footpath**

Progress made on the plans for a footpath from the nursing home to Church Rd bus stop.

The petition will be completed by the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

#### **13. Road Safety and Speeding**

Review of speed on Skipton Rd. Feedback from 5Alive.

It was agreed by the Council that further progress could not be made on this issue.

#### **14. Village Website**

Progress on Social Media Policy.

To be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **15. Children's Play Area**

Progress on the development of the play area.

Councillor Graham-Roe has been in contact with Blake Morrison who would be open to offers of rent on the .5 acre of land off Church Rd. However, the council considered the possibility of developing a play area on Morrison's Meadow and it was agreed that the clerk would investigate the planning requirements with CDC.

#### **16. Contribution to Graveyard Maintenance.**

Update on progress of the work at the grave yard.

The work that was agreed has been completed. The sheep will keep the grass down but it will probably be necessary to flail again next year. A digger will be needed for half a day to level out the ground and fencing to make the boundary safe.

**17. Common Land, Little Moor.**

Progress report on securing the boundaries at Little Moor.

Expert advice has been sought from John Pallister, Chartered Surveyors. The Parish Council agree that legal advice is important to ensure that this issue is dealt with in a correct and professional manner. Councillor Briggs will request a letter from John Pallister to the relevant land owners setting out the legalities in terms of what can and cannot be done at Little Moor. Councillor Mason will approach CDC to ask whether there is any help available both financially and practically.

**18. Minor Matters.**

The Clerk will write to Highways to request that trees and hedges on Booth Bridge lane are cut back from the road from the cricket field to Power House.

**19. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.00pm.

5<sup>th</sup> February 2014

5<sup>th</sup> March 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014

7<sup>th</sup> May 2014, AGM followed by business meeting

21<sup>st</sup> May Annual Parish Meeting.