

# Thornton in Craven Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
February 2015.

Present:

Councillor P Bowdler  
Councillor M Lockyer  
Councillor D Joyce  
Councillor S Briggs  
County councillor Patrick Mulligan  
Jane Killeen, Clerk.

Ms Katie Smith Acting Head Teacher, Thornton Primary School.

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

There were no apologies.

**2. To receive any declaration of interest**

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor D Joyce and Councillor P Bowdler for agenda items 9 and 15.

**3. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

The Minutes of the above meeting were approved.

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

It was agreed by the Council that issues of dog walking/fouling on Summerfield lane and Thornton Hall Lane must be dealt with privately by the owners of the lane.

Contact will be made with Highways to request that the footpath at the bottom of Thornton Drag is cleaned and maintained.

There has been a complaint regarding parking at the Primary School by parents when dropping children off. This has caused an obstruction to the access out of Cam Lane onto Skipton Road. Parking on the yellow lines also causes difficulty for motorists when pulling out onto Skipton Rd as the view both ways is restricted/obstructed.

Ms Smith will address the issue of access out of Cam Lane directly with the parent involved. In addition she will send out a letter plus a map to all parents with advice about where to park and where not to park. It was agreed that a fine balance between keeping the school a friendly environment and monitoring the parking problems is important. However, it was also agreed that the obstruction of entry/exit into or out of Cam Lane is unacceptable.

Further traffic control measures have been turned down by the police as the site is too near residential homes.

**5. To receive a report from Craven District Council.**

None.

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

The financial difficulties of County Councils continue and NYCC has to make savings of approx. £174 million by 2020. A project called Stronger Communities aims to recruit volunteers to run some local services, e.g. libraries, community services and community transport. Subsidies for transport are being cut and transport for children at primary

school will be available for those who live a distance of three miles or more rather than two miles. There will be some funding available for some small local initiatives. Further information will be available in the coming weeks.

#### **7. To receive reports from invited guests**

None.

#### **8. Finance Report**

The balance of accounts at the end of January 2015 is £4553.13

In line with the National Association of Local Councils the Clerks salary was increased by 23p an hour from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.

The following payments were authorised:

Rent for hire of village hall	4.2.15	150.00
J Killeen salary month 10	4.2.15	187.35
Andrew Pilkington. Hedge cutting	4.2.15	60.00

#### **9. To consider planning applications.**

Planning Decision Notice.

69/2014/15252

Replacement of existing front door with timber door with double glazing  
Elmtree House, Thornton in Craven, Skipton BD23 3TU

**Application no.**13/15/0038P

**Application Type:** Householder

**Applicant's Name:** Dr S Bryan

**Applicants address:** Bobbin Mill Booth Bridge Lane Thornton in Craven Skipton  
North Yorkshire BD23 3TQ

**Application location:** BOBBIN MILL BOOTH BRIDGE LANE THORNTON IN CRAVEN  
SKIPTON BD23 3TQ

**Proposed development:** Full: Replacement of timber windows and doors with UPVC  
windows and doors.

No comment.

#### **10. To Consider the information received from NYCC regarding the Street Lighting Energy Reduction Programme.**

This initiative affects the street lights at Sycamore Court. The Parish Council noted that this information will be sent out to all residents in the village in April 2015.

#### **11. To consider the Co-option of a new Member to the Parish Council.**

It was resolved that this vacancy will be advertised via the notice board, website, Facebook and by email to the village residents.

#### **12. To review progress on the installation of new lighting columns.**

The new lights are in place and lit but some finishing work has yet to be completed. The transfer of power to the new lights is to cost approx. £400.00 more than was estimated due to the change of position of one of the lights.

#### **13. To consider measures to record speeding on the A56 through centre of the village.**

A speed camera has been used recently but not in a place that would record traffic as it approached the village. It has been agreed that a speed camera is to be set up in two

places: these being Skipton Road just by the junction with Old Rd and on Church St just beyond the Rectory.

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

Councillor Briggs is to contact the solicitor from The Rural Law Practice to review progress.

**15. To consider the development of a passing place on Booth Bridge Lane.**

This piece of land is maintained by NYCC Highways dept. and as such is protected from any development.

**16. Minor Matters.**

None.

**17. Date and Time of Next Meeting.** 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.