

THORNTON IN CRAVEN

PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held
in the Village Hall on Wednesday
4th January 2017 at 7.00pm.**

Present:

Concillor P. Bowdler, Chair
Councillor S. Briggs,
Councillor D. Joyce,
Councillor M. Lockyer,
Councillor M. Graham-Roe,
District Councillor P. Mulligan,
District Councillor R. Mason,
Margaret Smith, Clerk

178.16 To receive apologies for absence.

None received.

179.16 Recording of meetings. Public and Members advised that recording is allowed.

180.16 To receive any declarations of interest.

Councillors Briggs and Graham-Roe declared an interest in Agenda item 189.16 Planning Application for 69/2016/17666 Crowther Almshouses

181.16 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November 2016

Proposed by Councillor Briggs,

Seconded by Councillor Graham-Roe, and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November 2016 are a true record of proceedings and were signed by the Chair.

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

No members of the public were present.

183.16 To receive a report from Craven District Council.

- Councillor Mason reported that he had signed off on the grant application for the defibrillator.
- The court action against the owner of Nuttercote farm has been adjourned.
- Nominations are sought for the Excellence Awards. These are awarded to people who do voluntary work and make a difference to their area.

The Parish Council wish to thank Cllr Mason for his help in securing the funding for the defibrillator.

184.16 To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Council.

Councillor Mulligan said that the Chancellor's Autumn statement had given more certainty to the Council up to 2020. However, savings of up to £14m have to be made. The Council is now able to add 2% to the Precept for Social Care.

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There is £3,500 left in the Locality Fund and if the Parish Council would like to apply, this needs to be done as soon as possible.

The question was asked; 'As business rates have been reassessed, will housing rates go up the same?' Councillor Mulligan said it was unknown at the moment what would happen with housing rates.

185.16 To receive reports from invited guests.

There were no invited guests.

186.16 Finance report

Balance of accounts

Current Account Balance at	20 th December 2016	£7,355.06
Reserve Balance at	31 st December 2016	£10,000.00

Authorisation of payment November & December 2016

M Smith (Nov Salary)	29.11.16	163.25
JLM Ltd Winter Retainer	13.11.16	300.00
Andrew Pilkington hedge cutting	15.11.16	60.00
M. Smith (Dec Salary)	29.12.16	163.45
P. Bowdler (Christmas lights)	29.12.16	211.22
Total		£897.92

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

Resolved: That the payment to Cllr Bowdler for the Christmas tree lights for the village is approved.

There followed a discussion to find a more permanent solution to the cabling for the Village Christmas tree next year. Option 1 would be to get a stronger, permanent cable or Option 2 to run the tree lights from the street lighting. This will be discussed at a later date.

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

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

187.16 To consider budget projections for 2017/2018

A discussion followed about planned projects for next year, including replacing the two benches at Millennium Corner with resin backless benches and replacing four more street lights on the Main Road which would lead to the Main Rd lighting being handed back to NYCC making a saving on maintenance costs.

Some funds from the reserve account (up to £4000) would be used to complete the lighting project if necessary.

Cllr Briggs would contact Peter Ball of NYCC to confirm what needs to be done to be able to hand the lights over to NYCC.

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

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Seconded by Cllr Graham-Roe and

Resolved: That funding up to £4000 will be taken from Reserves to provide three lighting columns on the Main Road.

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Joyce, and

Resolved: That the budget for 2017/2018 is approved.

188.16 To consider and approve the Parish Precept for 2017/2018

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Joyce, and

Resolved: That the Precept for 2017/2018 be increased by 5% to £12,954.00

189.16 To consider any planning applications.

- Two applications were received after the agenda had gone out.

189.16.01 69/2016/17244 Thornton Hill Care Home, Church Road.

Application to vary condition 2 of original planning consent.

No objections

189.16.02 69/2016/17666 1-5 Smith Crowther Almshouses, Church Road

Listed Building works for installation of cantilever canopy to rear of building.

No objections (Cllr Briggs and Cllr Graham-Roe declared an interest in this application having interest in the Almshouses and took no part in the discussion)

- **189.16.02** Applications Refused
None
- **189.16.03** Applications Granted
None

190.16 To consider options for urban grass cutting by NYCC

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue with their arrangement to cut the grass receiving a payment from NYCC to do so.

191.16 To receive an update from the Cricket Club in response to our letter regarding dog walkers on the field.

This item is deferred and will be on next month's agenda.

192.16 To note damage caused to LP20 and receive an update

NYCC are aware of the damage and have carried out an inspection, work to correct the damage will be carried out shortly.

193.16 To discuss the funding for a village defibrillator.

Funding of £1,000 has now been received from CDC. The total cost of the defibrillator is £1,600. Cllr Graham-Roe will contact the school and other sources for further funding.

Cllr Bowdler will contact the Rotary Club and ask if they would be willing to contribute £500 towards the training required once the unit is installed.

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194.16 To discuss funding for broadband at the village hall.

It was decided that this item would be put on hold while the village hall undergoes extension work.

195.16 To receive an update on the state of the Church Graveyard

Cllr Joyce has taken pictures of the graveyard and will contact the Church herself and report back on any response received.

196.16 To receive an update on parking on Church Road by the Nursing Home.

Cllr Bowdler reported that following his visit to the Nursing Home the parking issue has improved though there are still some vehicles parking on Church Road. When planning is approved for the decking there will be more construction vehicles. Cllr Bowdler will call in and enquire if arrangements have been made for parking during this period.

197.16 To receive an update on moving the bin to Millennium Corner

Jonathan Green has emailed to arrange a meeting next week to take a look. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

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

There was no correspondence or matters brought forward.

199.16 Date and time of next meetings.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1st February 2017**

There being no other business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.35pm