

# Thornton in Craven Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Present.

Councillor S Briggs, Vice Chair and in the Chair, Councillor M Graham-Roe,  
Councillor D Joyce, County Councillor P Mulligan and Councillor R Mason.  
Mrs Margaret Thompson,  
Jane Killeen, Clerk.

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor P. Bowdler.

**2. Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Approve Minutes of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013**

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

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

Mrs Thompson thanked the Parish Council members for the work that has been recently completed on Boothbridge Lane.

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

Councillor Mason reported that it is possible that Council Tax will increase from up to 2%. The final decision will be made by the end of February 2014.

The closure of older people's homes in the district will be followed by investment into Extra Care provision.

There has been a proposal that all District Councillor's are given free tablets to enable a paperless council. A meeting has been arranged to discuss the cost/benefits of the proposal.

Councillor Mason was asked if he could find out whether the green bin collection could be extended for a month as there is still plenty of green waste to be removed.

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

The polling station is to be moved from the school to either the village hall or the church. It was agreed that although the village hall is a good venue it poses too many risks due to the busy road. The council agreed that the church would be a more realistic option. A letter will be sent to CDC to suggest this.

County Councillor Mulligan expressed his concern regarding the proposed Colne by pass and the lack of any consultation between Lancashire and Yorkshire County Councils.

Councillor Mulligan will raise questions regarding this and the effect that this proposed piece of road would have for Thornton in Craven.

The Tour de France is due to be in Yorkshire from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. It is expected that this will cause major disruption of local roads due to road closure. The event will have a positive economic effect for the district.

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

The procedure for co-option has been followed and the council can go ahead with the co-option of a new member. Councillor Bowdler and Councillor Briggs will lead on this matter.

## **8. Reports from invited guests**

None.

## **9. Finance Report**

Bank Mandate and deposit account – the current account statement is now going direct to the clerks address. Councillor Graham/Roe is making progress with the change of details for the deposit account.

Payment of invoices – The following payments were authorised:

JD & S Pickles	6.11.13	550.00
JLM Ltd winter maintenance retainer	6.11.13	300.00
JLM Ltd works to Boothbridge lane	6.11.13	204.00
Jane Killeen salary month 7 + £600 stamps	6.11.13	182.59
Steven Briggs concrete sleeve out of pocket exp.	6.11.13	9.00
Akers & Battle batteries for speed camera	6.11.13	143.52

The balance in the current account is £16.65. The second half of the precept will have been paid into the bank within the last week.

A donation of £30.00 was agreed to go towards the wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

The Parish Council agreed that the payment of £160.00 for 2011/12 and 13 has not been paid to assist with the maintenance of the graveyard.

## **10. Planning.**

Application Number: 69/2013/13962

Proposal: Felling of three sycamore trees and three ash trees

Location: Cam Farm, Cam lane, Thornton in Craven, BD23 3SX

Comment: The Parish Council would prefer to keep the trees unless they are diseased or unsafe.

Application Number: 69/2013/13991

Proposal: construction of a stable building with an attached building housing additional male and female disabled WC facilities and general purpose storage facility.

Location: Thornton Hall Farm, Thornton in Craven BD23 3TJ

Comment: The Parish Council requested a shelter belt of trees along the main access road from Church Rd to provide a screen from neighbouring houses.

Application Number: 69/2013/14032

Location: Claremount, Brearlands, Thornton in Craven, BD23 3TA

Applicant: Mrs Renata Klysz

Comment: No comment.

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

Update to work on verge opposite cottages on Boothbridge Lane.

The above work is completed. Councillor Briggs is to ask Chris Myers for some advice on how to plant up the banking in the Spring.

There will be no more grass cuts this year.

## **12. Provision of Footpath**

Progress made on the plans for a footpath from the nursing home to Church Rd bus stop. Councillor's Briggs and Joyce are to discuss the possibility of an online petition.

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

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

The enquiry to 5Alive for speed checks to be implemented on Skipton Rd has not yet been acknowledged. A second enquiry will be submitted for Church Rd.

### **14. Village Website**

The training session was well attended. It was agreed that there is a need for a policy document on IT and social media. Councillor Joyce has a model document. All people with access to the website will have to sign up to the policy. A disclaimer will be used on the Events page of the website regarding images of local events. This can also be emailed to residents and a notice put in the village notice board.

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

Progress on the development of the play area.

Efforts will continue to try to identify ownership of the piece of land off Church Rd.

Councillor Graham-Roe will contact Blake Morrison as it is thought he may own it.

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

Update on progress of the work at the grave yard – Councillor's Briggs and Graham-Roe have met with Father Nicholas and JLM and it was agreed that the long grass will be flail mowed. A few sheep will be used to keep the grass down and pathways can then be mowed through this in future. Father Nicholas has since written to say that the rocks and stones will be cleared.

The initial quote from JLM for the mowing was £180.00

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

Progress report on securing the boundaries at Little Moor.

A meeting to discuss the above was held with Councillor's Briggs and Bowdler, Mr and Mrs Preston, Mr Clamp and Mr Wilkinson. Following the meeting proposals were made to include: Mr and Mrs Preston to fence their boundary and access road. Mr Wilkinson will rebuild the wall and the parish council to fence the boundary of the common land.

However, before any definite decisions can be agreed Councillor Briggs will investigate the rights of common land and Councillor Joyce will look at agricultural subsidies and the process of claiming.

### **18. Minor Matters.**

The three seater Irwell bench will be ordered from Kedel.

Mrs Thompson will look at the possibility of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and will also see if it is possible to buy 'No Cold Callers' signs.

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

4<sup>th</sup> December 2013

8<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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.