

THORNTON IN CRAVEN
PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held
in the Village Hall on Wednesday
7th June 2017 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Councillor P. Bowdler, Chair
Councillor S. Briggs,
Councillor M. Graham-Roe,
Councillor D. Joyce,
District Councillor P. Mulligan
Margaret Smith, Clerk
Four members of the public

18.17 To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor M. Lockyer,

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

20.17 To receive any declarations of interest.

No declarations were received.

21.17 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th May 2017

Proposed by Councillor Bowdler,

Seconded by Councillor Graham-Roe, and

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

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

The members of the public were concerned about activity at Thornton Hall Farm. The driveway has been extended and there is further work being done near the mast. A dry stone wall enclosure surrounded by bushes has been built in the field near The Summit and it is understood that log cabins will be placed in the field. Do they need planning permission?

The main concern was for the number of events planned especially the 'Boogie Barn' advertised for the 1st July to include 13 bands.

The events are covered by the music and alcohol license which covers both outdoor until 10pm and indoor to 1.30pm issued by Pendle Council.

It was suggested that Earby Town Council is approached at their meeting on 26th June and Cllr Bowdler will contact Thornton Hall Farm and inform them of the residents' concerns. A check on previous planning applications will be made to ascertain the width of the driveway.

23.17 To receive a report from Craven District Council.

In the absence of Cllr Mason, no report was given.

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24.17 To receive a report from North Yorkshire County Council.

Cllr Mulligan reported that the Conservatives had gained ten seats in the local elections. Cllr Mulligan had been elected to the Executive Committee with responsibility for the Education and Schools portfolio.

The Locality Fund would open on the 15th June, new application forms will be available shortly.

25.17 To approve the insurance renewal for 2017/2018

Either 1 year premium £527.03 or

3 year long term agreement Premium £500.68

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Briggs, and

Resolved: That the 3 year long term agreement be accepted and the renewal cheque of £500.68 be sent.

26.17 Annual Return 2016/17

The Annual Return was circulated for consideration.

To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/2017

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Joyce, and

Resolved: That the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/2017 is approved by the Parish Council.

27.17 To approve the Accounting Statement 2016/2017

Proposed by Cllr Briggs,

Seconded by Cllr Joyce, and

Resolved: That the Accounting Statement 2016/2017 is approved by the Parish Council.

28.17 Finance report

Balance of accounts

Current Account Balance at 15th May 2017 £14,638.48

(includes CDC grant of £3,300 (VH extension)

Reserve Balance as at 15th May 2017 £10,001.00

Authorisation of payment

M. Smith Salary Month 2	29.5.2017	£159.76
M. Smith Expenses	29.5.2017	£26.05
J. D & S Pickles	25.5.2017	£295.00
NYCC Street Lighting Maintenance	12.5.2017	£5,949.58**
C. Husbands Audit Fee	22.5.2017	£50.00
Came & Co.	31.5.2017	£500.68
Total		£6,981.07

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The invoice for the Street Lighting Maintenance was incorrect and an amended invoice has not yet been received so was deferred until next month.

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Graham-Roe, and

Resolved: That the Financial Report and Schedule of Payments for May are approved excluding **

29.17 To consider any planning applications.

No planning applications were received.

30.17 To consider any action with regard to the Cattle Grid on Little Moor.

A letter had been received from the owner and Cllr Joyce had spoken to them. It was noted that they wish to resolve the issue which should have been addressed before now.

Proposed by Cllr Briggs, that a price for reinstating the wall is sought and a meeting arranged with the owners to discuss a way forward. A letter requesting a meeting would be sent.

31.17 To note details from CDC with regard to increasing serving Members on the Council from 5 to 7. Email previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr Bowdler,

Seconded by Cllr Graham-Roe, and

Resolved: That a letter be sent to Craven to register our request for a review of the number of Members and an increase in their number.

32.17 To receive an update on the funding for a village defibrillator.

The defibrillator has now arrived and an electrician has been booked to install.

33.17 To consider a 'slow children at play' sign for Booth Bridge Lane.

Cllr Graham-Roe has purchased two signs which will be erected shortly.

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

- YLCA Branches Council Reps – No Councillors were able to become representatives.
- Email from residents re Thornton Hall Farm
Following the discussions in the Open Forum, details of the planning for the driveway will be checked for size.
- Clerk's request for funding of CiLCA qualification.
Agreed that the Parish Council will make a contribution to the qualification.

35.17 Date and time of next meetings.

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th July 2017

There being no other business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.45pm