

THORNTON IN CRAVEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th May 2013.

Present

Councillor Philip Bowdler, Chairman

County Councillor P Mulligan, 30 members of the public.

ITEM	POINT FOR DISCUSSION	NOTES
13.5.13.1	Approve Minutes of the meeting held 28 th May 2012	These were approved as a fair and correct record. Proposed by Steven Briggs and seconded by Debbie Joyce.
13.5.13.2	<p>Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from the police • What measures can be taken to reduce speed of traffic on Church Road? • What can be done about the dangerous and chaotic parking at the junction of Cam Lane and A56? • Questions from the floor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are nine PC's and two PCSO's covering the villages in Craven. • No crime trends in Thornton in Craven. Stone theft reported. • Country Watch has been launched. • The police station in Crosshills has two members of staff on each rota. • Always report any unusual/suspicious activity. If not urgent ring 101, urgent ring 999. • Measures to reduce speeding include the regular use of the speed gun. The 95 Alive partnership is working in a co-ordinated way to improve safety on the roads. • Car parking by parents at school time is, in some cases causing high risks, especially at the bottom of Cam Lane. It was agreed that a meeting of interested people would be arranged by Mrs K Hawkins to begin to address these issues. • There are no plans to develop cycling lanes in the village.
13.5.13.3	<p>School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Mrs Hawkins – Head Teacher • What can be done about the dangerous and chaotic parking at the junction of Cam Lane and A56 • What can school do about parents parking around the Lough Tree area? • Could an area be found as a drop off zone? • Why does the school have to be used as a polling station? • Questions from the floor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently there are 79 pupils at the school. Six teachers including the Head and two teaching assistants. • The school is due to have a visit from Ofsted. • The catchment area included Elslack, E and W Marton. Increasing numbers of children come from Earby and Barnoldswick. • Parking issues to be addressed later in the meeting. • Polling station to be discussed later in the meeting.

<p>13.5.13. 4</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chairman's report – Mr P Bowdler • Finance report - Mrs M Graham-Roe • Could part of Morrison's Meadow be turned into a true wild flower meadow? • Could a basic play area with equipment for families be provided in the village? • What is the procedure for tendering the grass cutting contract and who has been awarded it this time? • Why has the agenda/minutes of the PC not been published on the website? • Did the PC have any input about the yellow lines/signs at the junction of Cam Lane/ A56 • What can the PC do about the dangerous and chaotic parking at the junction of Cam Lane and A56 • Why is the matrix sign not working? • Can we have a bus shelter on the village green outside Peel House? • Can the area opposite the cottages on Boothbridge Lane be tidied up? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Killeen is the new Clerk. • The finance report was given by Councillor Graham-Roe. • Non-compliance of planning decisions by Thornton Hall Farm is being reported to Pendle Borough Council and Craven District Council • It was agreed that the road side verges could be left un-mown to create areas of wild flowers. • There have been four new street lamps during last year. • It was agreed that the PC will consider the development of a children's play area in the village. • Tenders were received from three contractors for grass cutting. The cost this year will be £3390.00. • Yellow lines at Cam Lane were the responsibility of the police but this will be handed over to Craven District Council this year. • Agreed that a working group to be set up to address parking issues. • The matrix sign batteries need regular charging. Councillor Steven Briggs has been doing this but would welcome some volunteer support. • 50% of villagers are in favour of a new bus shelter. Before any plans can go ahead confirmation of whether building is legal on the village green must be sought. • PC said they would look at tidying the area down BBL
<p>13.5.13. 5</p>	<p>Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can a footpath be constructed between the bus stop and A56 in front of Thornton Hill Nursing Home? • Can stones /shrub bed obliterating the footpath just below 9 Boothbridge Lane be removed? • What measures can be taken to reduce speed of traffic on Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety issues a priority. Strategy to be discussed with PC and NYCC. • No • See above under police report.

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13.5.13. 6	North Yorkshire County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from our County Councillor 	County Councillor Patrick Mulligan reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savings of £91m have to be made and budget cuts will continue to 2017/18. • The priority is to protect front line services. • A superfast broad band service will be available in Thornton in Craven from September 2013. • The site of the village polling station is under review. • The Tour de France will be good for tourism in N Yorkshire this year.
13.5.13. 7	Craven District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from our District Councillor 	
13.5.13. 8	Village Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could the wall be taken down to form a drop off point for school? • Could the money spent on the hall been better used to build a new hall/cricket pavilion on the village field where parking is better? • Could the school playground be used for parking? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not viable due to safety issues. • The village hall has now been renovated and re-decorated and a new extension is planned. • School playground can be used for parking, insurance permitting.
13.5.13. 9	Village Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for help to run it 	
13.5.13. 10	Any other question from the floor – time permitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs V Pearce agreed to take photographs each day of the week to collect evidence of how many caravans use Thornton Hall Farm at any one time and for how long each caravan stays.
	Signed Date	