

Thornton in Craven Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 30th June 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor M Lockyer, in the Chair,
Councillor S Briggs,
Councillor D Joyce,
Councillor R Mason,
Jane Killeen, Clerk.

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

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor Graham-Roe and Councillor Bowdler.

2. To receive any declaration of interest.

Councillor Joyce expressed interest in planning application 69/2015/15892.
Councillor Lockyer expressed interest in planning application 69/2015/15850

3. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd June 2015.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd June 2015 were approved.

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

None.

5. To receive a report from Craven District Council.

Councillor Mason offered his support with the issues of the proposed wind turbine at Thornton Hall Farm. It was agreed that a group of people should attend the Area Committee meeting at which this planning application would be discussed. The consensus in the village is against the proposal with visual impact being the main objection. Councillor Joyce will put out a reminder on to Facebook that people should register their objection via the Pendle Council Planning website.

Waste collection points: Councillor Mason has not heard that any changes are imminent in Thornton but he will follow this up and report back to the next meeting.

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

The foot path at the bottom of Thornton Drag is in a very poor state. This has been taken up at highways by Councillor Briggs following a complaint made by Mrs Whittaker. A further request will be made to the Area 5 team.

There is a consultation ongoing, which is looking at the reduction of bus subsidies in North Yorkshire. The Budget due on the 1st July will determine whether there will be any new cuts to spending.

A meeting has been arranged of all District Councils to discuss the way forward in regard to devolution.

Community grant funding will, hopefully, be available in the next few months.

East and West Martin has currently got a petition, which is being held at the village shop asking for a reduction on the speed limit on the A59 through the villages. Councillor Mulligan is happy to help with the Thornton in Craven campaign to reduce the speed limit to 20mph.

It was agreed that an email would be sent to the Manager of Waste Services to ask for more information regarding specific changes in Thornton.

7. To receive reports from invited guests

None.

8. Finance Report

Balance of accounts.

There is a balance of £2968.52 in the current account, with £1487.00 ring fenced for new lighting columns and £11500.00 in the deposit account.

Authorisation of payments;

JD & S Pickles grass cutting	30.6.15	540.00
J Killeen salary month 3	30.6.15	155.12
stamps and postage	30.6.15	7.67
HMRC April, May, June	30.6.15	116.20
NYCC lighting maintenance	30.6.15	2587.61

The cheque payment for NYCC was to be held back pending enquiries regarding the 15% admin charge.

9. To consider planning applications.

Case Number: 13/15/0242P

Proposal: Full: Erection of an 85Kw wind turbine (Hub height 24.8m, maximum height to tip 36.6m) with foundation, access road and cabling.

Address: Thornton Hall Farm Thornton In Craven Skipton BD23 3TJ

Objection to be submitted via the Pendle planning website.

Application number: 69/2015/15850

Proposal: fell 1 Ash tree

Location: 16 Boothbridge Lane, Thornton in Craven, BD23 3TE

No comment

Application number: 69/2015/15892

Proposal: insertion of glass entrance into existing barn opening

Location: Middle barn, 3 Thornton manor court.

Applicant; Miss Emma Thorton.

No comment

Application number: 69/2015/15899

Proposal: removal of 1 sycamore protected by TPO 1953

Location: 7 Sycamore Court

No comment

Application number: 69/2015/15898

Proposal: 5% crown reduction to 1 sycamore protected by TPO 1953

Location: 10 Boothbridge Lane.

No comment

10. To consider the purchase of two new lighting columns. And the replacement of the broken light on Old Rd.

The broken light at the bottom of Old Rd is to be replaced and another new light to be put in 50 yards away to comply with NYCC regulations.

It was resolved that two new lighting columns are to be purchased from Anderson & Heeley. The new lights are to be the same style as existing lights.

11. To consider the request from Thornton Hill Nursing Home for a new bench to be placed at the bus stop on Church St.

It was resolved that this request is to be granted. The details of the Kedel website and the bench purchased for the bus stop of Skipton Rd last year are to be sent to Thornton Hill. Councillor Briggs will obtain a quote for installing the new bench.

12. To consider changes to the collection of waste and decide whether to invite Mr Paul Florentine, Waste and Recycling Manager to discuss.

See item 6.

13. To consider the possibility of setting up a working party to campaign for a 20mph speed restriction at school times.

Councillor Mulligan said that NYCC does not, as a rule, introduce 20mph areas. To agree to one would set a precedent. Limiting the speed will not affect the parking problems. Following discussion it was decided that the school, the PTA and the parents might like to lead on this issue. An email will be sent to the Head-teacher suggesting that a petition may help in regard to the speed limit and that a school walking bus from the Church to school may be helpful. The Parish Council will support the school to address these issues.

14. To consider grass cutting outside Nutter Cote Farm.

The Parish Council resolved not to take on this area of grass cutting as they have a policy of not cutting outside individual properties.

15. To consider the request from the annual parish meeting regarding grass cutting and the pruning of trees on Boothbridge Lane.

It was resolved that the grass on the steep bank would not be cut again until September this would give the wild flowers a chance to grow. Councillor Briggs will instruct Mr Pickles accordingly.

The canopy of the Rowan trees on Boothbridge Lane is to be raised.

16. To consider the possibility of funding for a defibrillator.

It was agreed that the funding application for a grant towards a defibrillator from the Rotary is to be progressed.

17. To reconsider the grazing of sheep in the Church yard.

A letter is to be sent to Marjorie Lord regarding the management of sheep grazing in the grave yard. This months when the sheep should not be in the grave yard should be agreed between the Church and the Farmer.

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

Progress report on securing the boundaries at Little Moor:

There has still been no response from The Rural Law Practice.

There has been a letter from DEFRA which indicates that the cattle grid has been installed without regard to the legally required procedure. Councillor Briggs is to arrange a free consultation with Fosterlaw at Broughton Hall for a way forward.

19. Minor Matters.

The speed box has been used on Church Rd, but unfortunately this was during the period when the road was being gritted and speed was reduced to 20mph. A request for the box to remain in place for a further two weeks is to be sent to Jeff Richardson.

20. Date and Time of Next Meeting.
9th September 2015
7th October 2015
4th November 2015
2nd December 2015, Finance Meeting.