

Thornton in Craven Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor P Bowdler, Chair

Councillor M Lockyer

Councillor M Graham-Roe

Councillor R Mason

Jane Killeen, Clerk

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

Apologies from Councillor S Briggs, Councillor D Joyce and County Councillor P Mulligan were received and approved.

2. To receive any declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September 2015.

Councillor Bowdler asked for Item 10 to be clarified. It was agreed that village residents would be informed by email when to visit the village website for information regarding planning applications which were not within the Craven District Council area.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September 2015 were then 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 reported that the wind turbine application for Thornton in Craven had been turned down due to visibility and proximity to listed buildings.

The new access road to Thornton Hall Farm had been approved. The comments made by the parish council regarding improving the access road were ignored. A request to Highways to move the 30mph sign on Church Rd further out of the village past the turn into Thornton Hall Farm was also ignored. The reason for this was that moving the 30mph sign would not reduce the risk of accidents and if the sign were to be moved, on the advice of the police, it would be nearer to the village centre. The Members of the Parish Council agreed that the policy of local decision making seems to be rhetoric only.

CDC had recently received a presentation from the Chief Constable who said that despite budget cuts Craven will remain a safe place to live and work.

There has been a successful Lottery Grant awarded for the refurbishment of Skipton Town Hall. The long term aim of the town hall is to achieve financial self- sufficiency.

Highways are introducing an IT system for the reporting of necessary road works e.g. pot holes.

Devolution remains a high priority, with the four options now being considered by Central Government.

The Local Plan development has approved the increase of new build houses to 250 a year. There has been a planning application submitted for major building works at land near Snaygill in Skipton.

Councillor Bowdler asked Councillor Mason if he could assist in any way with getting a 20mph speed limit on the A56 at school times. Councillor Mason will report back to the next meeting.

The funding of a defibrillator for the village was discussed and it was agreed that information regarding CDC Community Grant scheme would be made available to the parish council.

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

None.

7. To receive reports from invited guests

None.

8. Finance Report

Balance of accounts:

The second instalment of the precept has been paid into the account.

The balance in the current account is £7144.00, with £1487.00 having been brought forward from 2014/15, which is ring fenced for funding towards the two new lighting columns.

The deposit account balance is £11,500.00

Authorisation of payments: The following payments were authorised, Councillor Bowdler is to contact Mr Pickles to ask him not to do another cut this year unless asked specifically.

JD & S Pickles grass cutting	7.10.15	850.00
J Killeen salary month 6	30.9.15	155.12
HMRC PAYE July to Sept	30.9.10	116.40

9. To consider planning applications.

None.

10. To review any work needed to repair or replace the village benches.

Councillor Bowdler is to repair one of the village benches this week.

A new bench is needed at Morrisons Meadow. It was agreed that funding via Councillor Mulligan would be sought to replace this. The future plan is to replace old wooden benches with the re-cycled plastic benches.

11. To discuss the benefits of membership to the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would join this association and arrange for the vacant clerk position to be advertised across Craven via their website and the White Rose magazine.

12. Progress report on the installation of two new lighting columns.

The two new lighting columns on Old Rd have been installed. The transfer of power is to be arranged via NYCC.

13. To report any progress regarding setting up a working party to campaign for a 20mph speed restriction at school times.

This item is on hold until the school has contacted the Parish Council.

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

Councillor Bowdler is to re-submit the bid for funding to the Rotary. An application will be made to CDC for 50% matched funding. This issue will continue to be an item of discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

Progress report on securing the boundaries at Little Moor:

Registration of the land to the Parish Council is to go ahead following which further options regarding the resolving of any problems will be discussed.

16. Minor Matters.

Village Bonfire: this is to go ahead as last year on the 5th November. Jane will contact the insurance company with the necessary paper work.

Clerk vacancy: Jane has given a months notice and will terminate the post on the 31st October. If a new Clerk has been recruited by then a formal hand over will be arranged, if the new Clerk comes into post after the end of October, Jane will meet to carry out the hand over.

Councillor Bowdler will issue a press release regarding the vacancy to The Craven Herald. Jane will let Councillor Bowdler have the contact details of Clerks in Pendle. For further information of the position please call Councillor Bowdler on 07831700608.

Neighbourhood Watch Signs, it was agreed that as the village does not have a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, new signs are not necessary.

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting.

4th November 2015, 2nd December 2015, Finance Meeting.