

Thornton in Craven Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council which was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor P Bowdler
Councillor M Lockyer
Councillor S Briggs
Councillor M Graham-Roe
County Councillor P Mulligan
Councillor R Mason.
Jane Killeen

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

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor D Joyce.

2. To receive any declaration of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April 2015.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April 2015 were approved as a correct and fair record.

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

Alex Iveson and Robert Hall attended the meeting. Mr Hall wished to bring to the attention of the Members of the Parish Council that the campaigning leaflet issued by the five existing councillor's was illegal. Mr Hall had lodged this complaint with Craven District Council so after some discussion it was agreed that this matter would be dealt with by the Electoral Commission.

5. To receive a report from Craven District Council.

Councillor Mason gave thanks to the village residents for their support, he has been elected Chair of the Council.

The selection of specific committees is underway.

There are six new council members.

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

The new leader of the County Council is Councillor Carl Les. The Deputy leader is Councillor Gareth Dodd.

There will be many changes to the way services are delivered over the next few years. With an increase in the use of technology. The Conservatives have done well in North Yorkshire with all seven Districts now Conservative lead.

7. To receive reports from invited guests

8. Finance Report

Balance of accounts.

There is a balance at the bank of £5035.21

Annual Audit of Parish Council accounts

The internal audit is completed and the report from the auditor was read by the Clerk. The Council approved the end of year accounts and the Chair Councillor P Bowdler signed the Audit Return Statement. This is now ready to be returned to the Audit Commission.

Authorisation of payments

The following payments were authorised:

JD & S Pickles grass cutting	13.5.15	540.00
Christine Husbands Internal Audit	13.5.15	50.00
Jane Killeen salary month 1	31.4.15	155.32
HMRC	31.4.15	38.60
stationary and ink cartridges	13.5.14	43.73
Came and Company annual insurance premium	13.5.15	493.86

9. To consider planning applications.

Tree Preservation Order

Application Number: 69/2015/15650

Proposal: 1 Ash, remove dead wood, fell 1 Oak, fell 1 Ash, fell 1 Sycamore, 4 Ash remove dead wood, 1 Ash remove dead wood and epicormic growth.

Location: Farther Fence End Farm

No comments.

Proposed work to protected trees

Application number: 69/2015/15689

Proposal: fell 1 copper Beech and pollard 3 Copper Beech

Location: Manor View, Church Rd,

No comments

Proposed work to protected trees

Application number: 96/2015/15603

Proposal: fell 1 Sycamore, resubmission of previously refused application

Location: The Gate House, Colne and Broughton Rd.

No comments

Proposed work to trees

Application number: 69/2015/15695

Proposal: 1 Beech, reduce outer limbs, thin crown and re-shape tree to form a better shape.

Location: Thornton house, Old Rd.

No comments

10. To consider measures to record speeding on the A56 through centre of the village.

The Clerk will write again to Jeff Richardson and request a second visit.

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

Progress report on securing the boundaries at Little Moor.

To date there has been no response to the letter which was sent to the Rural Law Practice on the 2nd April 2015. The Clerk is to write again.

Councillor Briggs will write to DEFRA to request some assistance with this matter.

Councillor Graham-Roe has not had a satisfactory reply from Craven District Council regarding the breach of planning. It was agreed that she would send a copy of her email and the reply from CDC to NYCC requesting some clarification on this issue.

12. To consider the proposal made by DC21 to erect a wind turbine at Thornton Hall Farm.

There has been a significant response from village residents regarding the above proposal. Mr Charles Ashton from DC21 is to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the 10th June.

13. To discuss and plan the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 10th June 2015.

A letter of invitation is to be sent to the village residents. Agenda items will be sent direct to the Clerk.

14. Minor Matters.

None.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting. 3rd June,
10th June Annual Parish Meeting,
1st July 2015.