

Thornton in Craven Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th January 2014.

Present:

Councillor P Bowdler, Chair, Councillor S Briggs, Councillor M Lockyer, County Councillor P Mulligan.
Jane Killeen, Clerk.
Mr Peter Lofthouse.

1. Apologies for absence, and to consent to the absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor M Graham-Roe, Councillor D Joyce and Councillor R Mason.

2. Declaration of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approve Minutes of the meeting on 4th December 2013.

The Minutes were approved as a correct and true record.

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

Mr Peter Lofthouse, 3 Fence End Avenue attended the meeting to bring to the attention of the Parish Council problems with the sewerage drain on Cam Lane. The drain is flooding regularly and spilling raw sewerage out down across the main road. Yorkshire Water has been out several times and has said there is not enough capacity in the drain. This is a health and safety problem as school children have to walk through the mess. It was also identified that a similar problem exists on Booth Bridge Lane. Councillor Bowdler will contact Yorkshire Water to discuss.

5. Report from Craven District Council.

None.

6. Report from North Yorkshire County Council.

Proposed by-pass – the consultation has now been completed although the result of this has not yet been made public. A committee has been created to keep abreast of the development and Councillor Mulligan will be part of this group. Councillor Mulligan is concerned that there has been no 'joined up thinking' in regards to the by-pass continuing to the A59. Councillor Mulligan will bring this to the attention of the MP Julian Smith. The planning proposal for the erection of storage containers at Elslack has been turned down.

7. Co-option of New Council Member.

The Parish Council voted in favour of the co-option of Martin Lockyer as a new member of the Parish Council.

8. Reports from invited guests.

None.

9. Finance Report

Budget for 2014/15 – The budget for 2014/15 was agreed. In order to set an adequate budget the precept was increased by 5%. In addition it was agreed that £1550 from reserves would be used.

Deposit account – Mr Stephen Cohen is in discussion with Barclays Bank to resolve the issues regarding access to this account. The Parish Council agreed that this account should be closed and the funds transferred to the Yorkshire Bank. A decision could then be made about the opening of a new deposit account.

Payment of invoices – the following payments were authorised:
Jane Killeen salary £176.59.

10. Planning.

Application Number: 69/2013/14032

Location: Claremount, Brearlands, Thornton in Craven, BD23 3TA

Applicant: Mrs Renata Klysz

Permission granted.

Case Number: 13/13/0577P

Full: Erection of an orangery extension to provide additional dining room accommodation for cafe.

Address: Thornton Hall Farm Thornton in Craven Skipton BD23 3TJ.

No comment.

11. Thornton Hall Farm

Re-shaping the soil mounds in the field next to the Wysick. The Appeal lodged by Pendle Borough Council has been settled and the enforcement withdrawn but there has been no information made available to the Parish Council. Currently, the area is a bigger eyesore than it ever has been. Jane will contact Neil Watson at Pendle to ask for further information.

12. Grass Cutting and Village Maintenance

Update to work on verge opposite cottages on Boothbridge Lane – Mr Chris Myers has agreed to produce a scheme for planting this area for Spring.

13. Provision of Footpath

Petition completed. Next steps. The petition is to be sent to Mr Ken Martin from Highways.

14. Village Website

Progress on Social Media Policy – deferred to the meeting on the 5th February.

15. Children's Play Area

Progress on the development of the play area – information from the Planning Dept. suggests that play equipment could be erected on this field. However, the council asked for further information regarding possible restrictions for the use of the field. Jane will contact planning for this. It was agreed that if this development is to go ahead a group of village residents would need to work together to raise funds to supply the equipment.

16. Contribution to Graveyard Maintenance.

Update on progress of the work at the grave yard – this work has been completed. However, it was agreed by the council that a cheque for the fencing to JLM Ltd would not be paid until Councillor Briggs had inspected the work.

17. Common Land, Little Moor.

Progress report on securing the boundaries at Little Moor – there has, as yet, been no response from Mr and Mrs Preston to the letter sent to them by John Pallister, Chartered Surveyors.

18. Minor Matters.

Consultation on the proposed withdrawal of subsidised bus service, evenings and Sundays. Service X80 operating Preston – Clitheroe – Gisburn – Skipton. No Comment. It has been confirmed that the Polling Booth site will now be at the Church.

19. Date and Time of Next Meeting

5th February 2014

5th March 2014

2nd April 2014

7th May 2014, AGM followed by business meeting

21st May Annual Parish Meeting.