

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 16th December 2019

Westhouse Methodist Church Hall

1. Attendance:

The meeting formally opened at 19:02hrs.

Present: Chair Savage, Councillors Fawcett and Ramwell. Apologies received from Councillor Hunter. The Parish Clerk and 4 members of the public were present.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. 21/10/2019 Minutes:

Minutes of the previous meeting confirmed to be accurate and signed by Chair Savage.

4. Matters Arising:

All matters were covered under the substantive agenda and dealt with at the appropriate juncture.

5. Planning:

The Chair gave a summary of the current position in respect of each application.

No discussion regarding any applications.

6. Finance:

- The Clerk gave a summary of the finances.
- With only two signatories on the accounts it is currently difficult to make any new payments. The Clerk is currently organising adding new signatories however this is delayed by the absence of Councillor Hunter.
- Due to new payment difficulties the Clerk has not received wages - this will be rectified as soon as possible by cheque organised by Councillor Ramwell.
- A new annual set donation to the Royal British Legion was discussed and the Council decided on a £50 donation to be paid when possible.

7. Ingleton Waterfalls:

- A letter was sent by the Clerk to David Hill explaining the Council's suggestion to change the signage at Ingleton Waterfalls to improve local parking.
- The Clerk read David Hill's response which stated that they felt the change in the ticket office system will be enough to improve the local parking.
- The Council will wait until the peak Easter period before any further suggestions are made.

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8. New Meeting Venue and Meeting Dates:

- Westhouse Methodist Church Hall will be unavailable after this meeting. The Marton Arms was decided as the new meeting place.
- The next meeting will take place on Monday 17th February 2020 – an amendment to the previously stated 27th January 2020.
- Future dates will be discussed at the next meeting when all Councillors are present.

9. Mobile Rural Watch Support:

- The volunteer group Settle, Ingleton and Bentham Mobile Rural Watch have asked for support from the Council in the form of a donation to help with their equipment costs.
- Councillors agreed a £50 donation which will be given once the relevant signatories become available.

10. AOB:

- (a) Chair Savage read a letter from the Dark Skies Reserve asking for the Council’s support. As our area is not being considered by the Reserve the Council will not give support at this time.
- (b) Due to the resignation of Councillor Dawson at the previous meeting, the Council need to co-opt a new Councillor. Chair Savage and Councillors Fawcett and Ramwell agreed that Dave Holman should be the new Councillor until the next AGM.
- (c) Road Safety
 - Councillor Ramwell has spoken to the local Police regarding lowering the speed limit on the A65. The Police feel it is unlikely due to costs.
 - The safety of the junction next to Country Harvest was discussed and the solution of a roundabout was suggested.
 - The Clerk will write a letter to Craven Council to enquire about the procedure for lowering the speed limit and suggesting a roundabout.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 19:44hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 17th February at Marton Arms.

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