

Thornton-in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday December 14th 2020 (7pm).

The meeting was held online due to covid 19 restrictions.

In attendance Chair K. Savage, Councillors S. Hunter, T.Fawcett and D. Holman, Clerk A. Lund.

One parishioner was also in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence- Cllr. Brian Ramwell. **Action: Chair to attempt to speak to Cllr Ramwell as he has not attended a PC meeting for some time.**

2. Declarations of interest.

Cllr Savage declared an interest in YDNP planning application C/68/640/C at his property.

3. Confirm and sign minutes from last ordinary meeting and AGM (26th October). **Action: Signed by chair**

4. Matters arising from last meeting-None.

5. Planning applications

YDNPA

a) C/68/640/C Sunny Vale (windows) **Action: Supported by PC. PCs had been notified about the application prior to the meeting as the comment deadline to YDNPA was 14/12/20. PC support emailed to YDNPA.**

Craven DC

Applications (a),(b) and (c) below had comment deadlines of 4/12/20,27/11/20 and 27/11/20 (ie between PC meetings) and were emailed to PCs. PC decisions below were then emailed to Craven DC prior to each relevant deadline.

- a) 2020/22097/FUL Thornbrook camping pods. **Action: Supported by PC**
- b) 2020/22145/HH Old School House, Westhouse. Single story extension. **Action: Supported by PC.**
- c) 2020/22180/OUT Two building plots on the old railway at Thornton. **Action: PC objection.**

Application (d) below was discussed at the meeting.

- d) 2020/22220/FUL Netherbank domestic stables. **Action: supported by PC and Craven DC emailed prior to deadline of 28/12/20.**

6. Finance

- a) Update on AGAR submission. Now received and approved by external auditors. As a result of late submission in the summer of 2020, primarily due to the impact of covid and the lockdown, auditors are likely to impose a financial penalty. **Action: An invoice for £80 + VAT was subsequently received and has now been paid by the PC.**
- b) Bills to pay. Clerk's salary was agreed to be paid at the existing rate for the period 24/8/20-13/12/20 (16 weeks). **Action: Cllr Hunter reminded the PC that the clerk pay scale rate is subject to review after 12 months in post (August 2021).** Cllr Holman suggested payment for the Remembrance Day wreath presented by the PC would need to be made. **Action: PC to make payment once details confirmed.**

- 7. Police report– A report to cover the two month period since the last PC meeting was received. Cllr Hunter updated PCs on the latest RTA at the A65/A687 junction near Country Harvest. **Action: PCs asked the clerk to contact NYCC in regard to the road speed near the junction and the potential for a roundabout to make the junction safer for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.**

8. Update on visitors to Waterfalls Trail (parking and working with Ingleton PC).

- a) PCs expressed their frustration and disappointment that matters to improve the on-street parking situation from the perspective of local residents (and visitors) seemed to be making little progress.
- b) Cllrs were particularly disappointed that a planning application from the Waterfalls owners for expanded on-site parking had been rejected by YDNPA. The PC had supported the application. **Action: PCs asked the clerk to contact YDNP regarding the rejection of the parking planning application and to liase with Ingleton PC so that a joint letter could be written to the Waterfalls owners urging them to resubmit the on-site parking plan. The clerk has since spoken to the**

planning officer at YDNPA and the joint letter (Ingleton/Thornton PC) was sent w/c 21/12/2020.

b) 'H' road markings to prevent parking blocking residents driveways have not yet been completed by NYCC highways. **Action: PCs asked the clerk to follow up with NYCC highways who have now emailed to say the work is scheduled but is subject to suitable weather conditions and the road marking vehicle being rostered to be in the area.**

9. Request for financial support from St Oswald's PCC.

A written request had been received from St Oswald's PCC asking the PC to consider a contribution to the repair of the church clock. **Action: Cllrs agreed to make a contribution of £1500 (approximately a third of the repair cost). Cllrs felt strongly that a PC contribution was important for the community and recalled that a decade ago a similar contribution had been made to assist with repairs.**

10. Neighbourhood Plan.

NYCC has previously encouraged PCs to look to develop their own neighbourhood plan. Clapham PC is a local example and **(Action) PCs agreed to look at this before discussing next steps.**

11. AOB

- a) PC website **Action: Now being regularly updated by our webmaster.**
- b) Yorkshire Water mains work. A significant piece of work on the water main in Thornton from St Oswalds' church to the A65 will commence in January 2021. There will be temporary road closures and diversions whilst the work is completed. **Action: Cllrs supported the work and agreed it was important. The clerk was asked to contact YW to ensure temporary "SLOW" signs were installed in Thornton and at the junction of Bank House Lane.**
- c) "Weekend bikers". A group of PCs in the YDNP have formed a group to work with other agencies on reducing the impact of "weekend bikers" (motorcyclists). **Action: Clerk to forward information to PCs so they can stay informed on the groups' work .**
- d) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2021**, again an online meeting.

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