

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 14th May 2018

Westhouse Village Hall

1. Attendance.

The meeting formally opened at 19.25hrs following the AGM.

Present: Chairperson Hunter, Councillors Fawcett, Dawson and Savage. Apologies had been received from Councillor Ramwell. The Parish Clerk and three members of the public were present.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 12th March 2018. The new Councillors were not in attendance at the previous meeting however the Chairperson and two members of the public (Mrs Asbridge and Mr Barnes) were able to confirm that the minutes as recorded by the Clerk were a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairperson signed the minutes.

4. Matters Arising.

Emergency Plan. The 200 sandbags ordered by the Clerk had been delivered to Meadowfalls Caravan Site for further distribution. The Chairperson would contact former Councillor Townley to collect the hard copy emergency plan.

5. Planning.

The Clerk explained the consultation process and summarised the applications as listed on the agenda.

6. Finance.

The Parish Clerk had provided an update at the earlier AGM. However there a number of matters which needed approval for payment.

The "Save a Life" project had purchased new signage for the defibrillators. Dave Holman had purchased the signs at a cost of £72 and was in need of reimbursement. Councillor Savage proposed and Councillor Fawcett proposed that Dave Holman be reimbursed. All were in favour.

The Clerk reported that Hartleys had not banked the last cheque for the November and that the grass on the village green was in need of mowing. He would follow this up.

The Clerk advised the Councillors that the question of a rent review for Turbary Pasture must be considered in the near future. The Chairperson explained the position for the benefit of the new members. The Clerk will supply the background papers to the Councillors for consideration prior to the next meeting in July.

The Clerk confirmed that following an earlier decision by the Council, he had instructed Craven District Council to act as Data Protection Officer for the Parish Council. The annual cost will be £150. There was a possibility that small parish councils such as Thornton in Lonsdale may be exempt from certain aspects of the new legislation. The Councillors agreed that Craven DC should continue to act on behalf of Thornton in Lonsdale.

The Clerk advised that the public liability insurance was due for renewal in June. It would need amending to include the value of the new noticeboards. A discount could be obtained for taking out a three or five year long term undertaking with the current insurer Community Lincs. Councillor Savage proposed and Councillor Fawcett seconded that the Clerk be tasked with arranging for a five year long term undertaking. All were in favour.

7. Project Updates.

“**Save a Life.**” The defibrillators are now fully functional and wired up. Local training sessions would be available and there is a need to actively encourage local people to attend.

B4RN. The scheme has still not reached the south side of the A65. The Chairperson will speak to Jack Pickup to see what can be done to progress the matter.

Replacement Noticeboards. Two new noticeboards had been delivered to Councillor Ramwell and will be fitted in the near future. The new 6 x A4 noticeboard will replace the one at the Village Hall with the existing one being relocated to opposite Post Office Row. The new 4 x A4 noticeboard will replace the one at the Church.

The Chairperson advised the new Councillors that despite efforts to organise the updating of notices, the publication of information remained haphazard. Ideally the task would be undertaken by one of the Councillors. Councillor Savage agreed to take responsibility for updating the information. The locations are: Westhouse Village Hall, Gale Green, opposite Post Office Row, Masongill, the Parish Church and Far Westhouse.

8. Community Emergency Plan.

See above Matters Arising.

9. Any Other Business.

There had been significant traffic problems in the vicinity of the Waterfalls Walk on May Bank Holiday Monday. The road had been blocked and an emergency ambulance had not been able to get through. It is believed that the police had been contacted but did not attend. Large quantities of litter had been left on the roadside/verges. The Clerk will follow this up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.48 hrs.

Date of Next Meeting: 19.00hrs Monday 9th July 2018 at Westhouse Village Hall.

Signed..... Dated.....