

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton Parish Council held in St Michael's Church at 19.45 after the AGM.

Councillors present:

Cllr. Whitwell (Chair)

Cllr. Metcalfe (Vice Chair)

Cllr. Stubbins

Cllr. Hayton

Cllr. Dawson

Cllr. Mrs Chamberlain

Cllr. Mrs. Baker

The meeting was declared open at 19.45

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising:

1. Finance:

The Clerk asked permission to pay:

A Bowman – hedge flailing (Playing Field)

Aon Insurance £297.46

The Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that the Accounts year ending March 2016 are to be audited, Cllr Whitwell to sign the Accounts and Cllr. Mrs. Baker to act as Internal Auditor.

2. Highways:

The potholes on Westfield Lane and Marketbridge have been mended.

Common Lane – the meeting with Cllrs. Macleod and Stathers had agreed that the road was not fit for purpose. The articulated lorries that are using Common Lane are causing damage to the roadsides, Cllr Whitwell offered to have a word with Cockerills to see if a voluntary one way system could be implemented to prevent further

damage. The Clerk is to contact the Forestry Commission to ask that the dykes be cleaned \ drained so that the road edges are more obvious for the road users.

The drains have been jetted out at the entrance to Mill House Farm and Byholme Farm so there is no longer a risk of flooding.

3. Planning Applications:

The Clerk reported that:

The Hayloft – Mr & Mrs Dawson – no objections

Abacus – Mr J White – there were no objections but there were comments regarding the parking, it was asked if this would be possible to have on the property and that the grass verge be repaired and made good.

4. Fracking:

Nothing further has been heard regarding fracking in the local area although fracking has received alot of publicity within Yorkshire in other areas dividing public opinion.

5. Electoral Roll:

This appears to be current at present.

6. Transparency Code:

The Clerk reported that she had received the Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Forms from Cllrs. Metcalfe, Dawson, Hayton, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Baker, the forms for Cllr. Whitwell were on the Clerk's printer – she had forgotten to bring them to the meeting. Cllr Whitwell assured the Councillors that he would be completing the forms at the earliest opportunity so that the Clerk could post them to ERYC – Julie Lidster. Cllr Stubbins addressed the Council and stated that as a matter of principle he was refusing to sign the forms as he didn't see why everyone should have access to information regarding himself, therefore he was resigning as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect. As ex-Councillor Stubbins left the meeting Cllr Whitwell attempted to thank him for all his time and work on the Parish council. After Mr. Stubbins had left because it was unsure as to whether he had heard Cllr. Whitwell's vote of thanks it was proposed by Cllr. Dawson that an official letter of thanks be sent – Cllr. Dawson was happy to write the letter and send it to Mr. Stubbins.

As this creates a vacancy the Clerk said that she would inform ERYC and follow their policy and procedure.

Any Other Business:

1. Defibrillator for the Village:

Cllr. Mrs Baker has invested a lot of time and effort into gathering information regarding having a village defibrillator. There was a lot of discussion regarding whether the village needed a defibrillator, how it was to be funded (if the go ahead was decided) and where it should be located.

A vote was held with 5 Councillors voting for the village having a defibrillator and 1 Councillor voting against.

Cllrs Hayton & Whitwell agreed that there was sufficient funds in the Account so this was not an issue.

Cllr. Mrs. Baker said that there is a possibility of obtaining a defibrillator through the British Heart Foundation. The defibrillator costs around £750 and successful applicants will receive £400 reduction in price making the total cost £350. BHF contacted Cllr. Mrs. Baker to say that they were now considering requests from organisations for funding and was advised to apply immediately which she has done. The cabinet to house the defibrillator costs around £600 and if there is a successful application from the Local Grant Funding (ERYC) then this can be used for this. The most difficult decision will be where to locate the defibrillator.

All agreed that it needed to be central in the village, several suggestions were made including near the post box, bus shelter, Triffitt Nurseries shed or on a post in the yard entrance, a firm decision is to be made in the future when advice has been taken.

2. Local Grant Funding:

The members of Thornton Parish Council discussed the possibility of purchasing a defibrillator for the village of Thornton.

The village is 3 miles from the nearest GP Practice and 14 miles from York Hospital Trust and it was felt that a defibrillator in the village would be beneficial to the community in a medical emergency.

It was agreed that a request be made to ERYC for a change of use of the remaining Local Grant Funding of £600 to enable the purchase of the defibrillator.

3. Website:

Cllr. Metcalfe said that the site is up and running, it just needs content and information. As the Councillors need to be contactable as in accordance with the Transparency Code Cllr. Metcalfe suggested a generic email for contact. This was agreed by all as being a very good idea.

4. Transparency Code:

Publication of Draft Minutes – 1 month after Parish Council meeting

Agenda items published prior to the meeting

Annual information: all items of expenditure above £100

End of year accounts

Annual Governance Statement

Internal Audit Report

List of Councillors or Members Responsibilities

Details of public land and building assets

5. Membership of ERNLLCA (East Riding and North Lincolnshire Local Council Association).

The Clerk felt that this was perhaps un-necessary as there is the ERYC for advice, guidance and help and this is free.

It was decided to find out further information as to what the benefits of membership would be.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 20.50.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 7th July 2016 at 19.30.