

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton Parish Council held on Thursday 7th
July 2016 at 19.30 held at Village Farm, Thornton, by kind permission of
Cllr. Dawson.

Councillors present:

Cllr. Whitwell (Chair)

Cllr. Metcalfe (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Dawson

Cllr. Hayton

Cllr. Mrs. Baker

Cllr. Mrs Chamberlain

The meeting was declared open at 19.30.

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

Matters Arising:

1. Finance

The Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that the Accounts year ending March 2016 had been sent to the Auditors.

2. Highways:

Pot-holes in the village have been filled in.

Common Lane – Cllr. Mrs Baker had met with Cllr. Stathers and in an email to Cllr. Mrs. Baker he says that there was a good meeting, the officer Carl Skelton has agreed to carry out certain work during the next 2 – 3 months which include repairing pot-holes undertaking some roadside work and re-defining and re-surfacing of the two passing places that have become parking areas. A request has been made for 'Passing Place' signs to be erected in the hope that motorists will use the proper car parks. Carl Skelton is also contacting the owner of the field opposite to the parking area to request the roadside dyke is cleaned. Mike Stathers will also write

to the Forestry Commission to seek their views and possibly arrange a meeting with their regional representative.

3. Planning Applications:

The Clerk reported that :

The Hayloft: Mr. & Mrs. Dawson, permission granted.

Abacus: Mr. J. White, permission refused by ERYC despite no objections from the Parish Council, just a couple of requests \ recommendations regarding car parking and reinstating the grass verge.

Additional Planning Applications:

Barn Conversion at Waplington

Thornton House Farm: continuation of rug cleaning business.

4. Electoral Roll:

There are 6 additions to the Electoral Roll.

5. Parish Council Vacancy:

The Clerk informed that Councillors that she has informed ERYC that there was a vacancy on the Parish Council, they had advertised this in the Pocklington Post, as yet no-one has come forward to apply for the post. The Clerk said she would advertise the vacancy in the Parish News.

6. Defibrillator for the Village:

Cllr. Mrs. Baker advised the Parish Council that the defibrillator and a training package have been delivered. There was discussion as to where it would be best sited \ positioned, someone is attending tomorrow from YAS to advise. We also need a cabinet to store the defibrillator.

7. Website:

Cllr. Metcalfe is to set a link to the ERYC website.

Any Other Business:

1. Playing Field:

Mr. Stubbins has cut the grass in the Playing Field – the Clerk was asked to write a letter to Mr. Stubbins to thank him.

2. Emergency Code:

Cllr. Mrs. Chamberlain reminded the Parish Councillors that the Emergency code would need updating and whether the information could be published on the website so it was accessible.

3. Neighbourhood Watch:

The Clerk had been approached by a resident at number 5, Tithe Barn Cottages to ask if he could set up a Village Neighbourhood Watch – the Councillors had no objection to him organising this.

4. St. Michael's Church:

The Clerk (in her position as representative of Thornton PC) raised several issues.

a) Vacancies arising next year are the positions of Church Warden and Secretary as the ladies who currently fill these positions are retiring.

b) Cleaning rota:

The Clerk is to try and organise a cleaning rota to save having to pay a professional cleaning company. There was to be a notice published in the Parish News asking for when people who wanted to help would be available. In the first instance the August cleaning would take place on the 14th August at 10am, it maybe that the September cleanup takes place on a different day \ evening.

c) Pet Service – 17th July at 10.45

d) Concert 23rd September by internationally renowned Manny Vass at 7pm.

e) Gardeners Question Time with Nigel Harrison to be arranged next Spring.

f) Flower Festival – possibility of this taking place next May \ June 2017.

g) Harvest Festival Friday 14th October at 7pm.

5 Village Task Force:

Cllrs. Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Baker and Hayton attended the VTF walkabout on the 21st June with Jim McGivern:

Highways - Church Road – Request for 4 damaged white plastic verge marker posts on left hand side on approach to Main Street to be replaced

Highways – Main Street - request patch repair at entrance to Common farm at western end of village near Field Lane.

Highways – Common Lane - Request for post of 30mph sign at Village nameplate at western entrance to the village to be replaced as post has been cut and sign is constantly being rotated the wrong way.

Highways – Main Street – x 3 pot holes in front of Triffitt

Nurseries, x1 in front of 1 Tithe Barn Cottages, fill in side of manhole cover in centre of carriageway in front of Common

Farm sign on approach to Field Lane.

Stain bench in front of Church.

Weedspray both sides of path from Hall Garth eastwards to North View Cottage.

Clear mound of soil from path approx 50 metres east of Hall Garth and 2 others between this point and access lane on left hand side (to Byholme Farm) and soil from path just past old Church.

Clean village nameplate at eastern entrance to village, and clean signs at junction of Church Road to Main Street.

Cut grass at back of path between Common End Farm and Rowan Lodge.

Cut vegetation back off directional sign at junction with Field Lane at western end of village and paint post and sign white.

Field Lane – cut vegetation back off 'No Through Road' and road hump sign near junction with Main Street.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 20.30.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 19.30.