

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 9th January 2012

Present:- In The Chair Cllr. R. Brixton, Cllrs:- W. Crampin, P. Grainger, I. Whelpton, Mrs. C. Couch, A. Tulloch, Mrs. P. Spink.

In Attendance:- Ward Cllr D. Wells, Mrs. S. Leach, Mrs. L. Underwood (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES – There were apologies received and accepted from Ward Cllr. P. Clark.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil
3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mrs Leach said no notice of meeting had been displayed; also street lights in Dam Lane were either out or obscured. The Chair reminded that anyone with internet access can report faulty street lights.
4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Two amendments i. Tiscali has only 1 letter L, & Cllr Couch & Cllr Clark walked the A1077 with Cllr Sherwood. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Grainger seconded Cllr Tulloch and agreed and signed as a correct record.
5. MATTERS ARISING – 1. Hilly Pits –no further developments. 2. Letter of thanks to Cllr Sherwood. 3. Archives – Cllr Couch received from Cllr Crampin the documents for the archives and will deposit them as soon as is possible. 4. Play area – A good time was had clearing the area by the few people who were there, and a lot was achieved. 5. Insurance re volunteer grass cutting- The clerk contacted the insurance company and was informed that if a parish council member checks the mower to see as to its good working order then we shall be covered for public liability. Cllr Grainger proposed that he will be responsible for checking the mower. 7. The salt bins are in place and it was agreed Mr. Pawson was doing an excellent job spreading the salt in Dam Lane. 8. Electric Pole –ongoing.
6. VILLAGE MATTERS – Broadband –The rural communities broadband funds aim is to develop broadband for the remaining 10 % of communities.
7. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT – Dam Lane/ Burnham Lane needs the white lining repainting.
8. PLANNING – None
9. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES –None raised.
10. CORRESPONDENCE – 1. Umbrella. 2. NLC Strategic Housing Market Assessment. 3. CPRE –Planning explained
11. FINANCE –1. Thornton Hunt Inn £10.00 proposed Cllr Crampin, seconded Cllr Whelpton that payment be made. 2. BCCRP membership fee £10.00 proposed Cllr Whelpton, seconded Cllr Crampin that this be paid. 3. Precept – A discussion on finances was held and it was agreed to raise the precept, a figure of £1,700 was proposed but was voted against, an increase to £1500.00 was the proposed by Cllr Grainger seconded Cllr. Couch and voted for by a majority. The village fund will be an item for the next agenda; Cllr Couch will speak with Mrs. G. Farrow to ascertain what the fund can be used for.
12. A letter had been received from the Clerk handing in her resignation with effect from the end of May 2012.
13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING –The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 5th March 2012 in the Thornton Hunt Inn