

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 21ST MAY 2012

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

In Attendance:- Mrs. S. Holmes & Mrs. L. Underwood (clerk)

1. APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted from Ward Cllrs D. Wells & P. Clark.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None
3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mrs. Holmes was very concerned about the new bus timetable as it gives only minutes in Barrow before the return journey. She wondered if the Parish Council were able to assist, Cllr. Brixton suggested contacting Wootton Parish Council as their bus users would be having the same problem, he thanked Mrs. Holmes for bringing the matter to his attention and would do whatever he could to assist
4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – The meeting held 5th March was proposed Cllr. Tulloch seconded Cllr Whelpton and agreed a correct record. The extraordinary meeting held 2nd April was amended at item 5 to read ‘the Chair will engage Mrs. Tooby if no other applicant’ it was then proposed by Cllr. Grainger, seconded Cllr. Mrs. Spink and agreed that these minutes be correct.
5. MATTERS ARISING – a. Hilly Pits – No further developments – however it was noted that it was flooded during the rains and remains so. b. Archives – Cllr. Mrs Couch reported that the Archives were now open and she will take the documents after hopefully getting photocopies done. c. Co-option of councillor –There were two applicants E. Davey & A. Miller; a vote was taken E. Davey the result 4 to 1 in favour of E. Davey who will be informed he was successful. d. New Parish Clerk – Mrs Tooby has received her contract of employment and will commence 1st June. e. Lawnmower inspection – done. f. Flashing speed sign booked for August, Roy Hindmarsh will contact the Chair as to where it will be sited, Cllr. Whelpton will identify the location. g. ERNLLCA – Thornton Parish Council are now members; the chair will send the user name & password to Cllrs and suggested that they look at the site before the next meeting. h. The shrubs have been purchased for Mr. Crampin, Cllr Mrs Couch had brought them to the meeting to show members. i. Salt bin at Burnham – Cllr. Grainger is dealing with this. j. Localism & Standards Act -this is still being circulated. k. Barton Directory – Cllr Mrs Couch has passed on the parish council’s comments.
6. VILLAGE MATTERS – a. Jubilee BBQ – Cllr Mrs Couch has purchased 10 tins of biscuits for the older residents who are unable to attend also at present 8 free tickets are confirmed, the cut off date will now be 28th May. b. The oil buying group has been set up.
7. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT –Cllr. Grainger has been in correspondence with Northern Rail as although the text said the train was running, it didn’t and he depended on the service to get him to London. Replies he has received from Northern Rail have been most unhelpful. The Chair will bring the matter up at the next BCCRP meeting, Cllr Grainger request the parish council write regarding the failure of information to passengers.

8. PLANNING –a. College Farm – agricultural for information only. b. Thornton Curtis Animal Feeds - Cllr. Whelpton had spoken to Martin Wilson the enforcement officer about the concerns. Mr. Wilson had visited the site in early May and subsequently written to the owner on 11th May. The owner claimed he did not realise he needed planning permission due to the site being 'agricultural'. The owner was advised that as TCAF is selling foodstuffs not grown on farm land planning is required and he must submit an application for:- Demolition of existing building and construction of new; Change of use & permission for use of caravan as an office. Once the application has been received Highways will have an input regarding the entrance and safety.
9. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES – Cllr. Mrs Couch stated that the amount of litter was a disgrace also dog fouling was a problem especially in Burnham Lane onwards.
10. CORRESPONDENCE a. NLC Restructure of neighbourhood services b. NLC Markets Policy c. Selrap (n/a)
11. FINANCE – AON Insurance £350.46 proposed Cllr Whelpton seconded Cllr Mrs Spink and agreed this be paid. Clerks honorarium £375.00 proposed Cllr Mrs. Couch seconded Cllr Tulloch and agreed this be paid. Bank Mandate remove Mrs Underwood (the retiring clerk) and add Mrs Tooby (the new clerk) proposed Cllr Whelpton seconded Cllr Tulloch and agreed this be approved.
12. VILLAGE MATTERS – a. Issue of gas in the village – this will be explored. b. Play area needs a clean up rubbish has been thrown over the fence, the old iron frame of the seesaw needs removing. c. Residents have suggested planting a 'Jubilee tree' but where to plant it? the corner of the play area on the field side has been suggested, this will be discussed further at the next meeting.
13. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday 2nd July 2012 at 8.00pm in the Thornton Hunt Inn.

This meeting was then declared closed at 8.40pm.