

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held on Monday 9th July 2012 in the Thornton Hunt Inn, Main Street, Thornton Curtis.

Present. In the Chair: Cllr R. Brixton, Cllr A Tulloch, Cllr P Spink, Cllr P Grainger.
In attendance: Mr J Filby, Mrs C Tooby (Clerk) and Ward Cllrs D Wells and P Clark

1. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Mrs C Couch, Mr E Davey, Mr I Whelpton and Ward Cllr J Wardle.
2. **Signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** Deferred until next meeting due to Mr Davey's absence.
3. **Declaration of Interest.** None
4. **Public Participation.** Mr Filby stated he was attending for general interest and items regarding the hilly pits and parking
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2012 were amended at item 11 to state that Mrs Tooby would replace Mrs Underwood as Responsible Financial Officer. Cllr Grainger then proposed the minutes be agreed as a true and correct record, seconded Cllr Tulloch and unanimously resolved.
6. **Matters arising.**
 - i. **Hilly Pits.** It was reported that there had been some infill of the pits with topsoil. Cllr Brixton had heard nothing further, and it was agreed the Parish Council needed to see a planning application before any action is taken.
 - ii. **Archives.** Cllr Couch is dealing with this item.
 - iii. **Electric Pole.** Clerk was requested to locate the Deeds to the Playing Field, and also to contact YEDL re-open discussions on the re-location of the electric pole.
 - iv. **Issue of gas in the village.** Cllr Grainer suggested that it might be worthwhile looking again at the cost of getting gas into the village and requested permission to do further research on behalf of the Parish Council. It was agreed this would be supported.
 - v. **Play area rubbish.** Cllr Grainger reported that there were several tyres and a see-saw frame in the field. Cllr Spink agreed to arrange for these to be removed. Mr Filby confirmed he had cut the grass in June, and would continue to give his support. The councillors thanked him for his help.
 - vi. **Jubilee Tree.** It was resolved to close this item as a suitable location cannot be found .
 - vii. **Change of bank mandate.** Clerk confirmed the bank mandate has been changed. Cllr Brixton suggested that the retiring Chairman should be retained on the mandate in order to keep up a reasonable number of signatories.
 - viii. **Burnham Lane salt bin,** Cllr Grainer reported no response had been received from the highways department despite submitting two requests for a salt bin. Cllr Wells suggested he contact Nigel Sherwood or Rob Beales, and agreed to forward the link to the request form.
7. **Village Matters.**
 - i. **Jubilee BBQ.** Cllr Spink read out a report from Cllr Couch on the Diamond Jubilee events with a breakdown of how the funds had been spent. Total costs came to £400, and the Clerk was requested to arrange a cheque from the Village Fund Account made payable to the PCC.

- ii **Review of Standing Orders/Financial Orders,** It was agreed Cllr Brixton would look through Standing Orders and circulate to the councillors. The clerk will review the Financial Orders
- iii **Parking in Main Street,** Discussion took place over the white van parking close to the Burnham Lane junction. The police have been out to measure the distance but are unable to take action as it is not within 10m of a junction. Mr Filby suggested that vehicles legally parked on the highway had the effect of slowing down the traffic whereas cars parking on the footpaths caused a problem for pedestrians. Cllr Brixton agreed to pass on registration numbers of any vehicles parked on the footpath to the police.
- iv. **Code of conduct,** Cllr Grainger proposed, Cllr Tulloch seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council would adopt North Lincolnshire Council's Code of Conduct.

8. Highways & Transport.

- i. **Speed sign.** This is to go on lamppost 12. Cllr Brixton reported that Roy Hindmarsh would be in the village the following day to see if this was a suitable location.
- ii. **Rail Service.** Cllr Brixton had taken the complaint regarding a cancelled train to the BCCRP AGM. Their response was that passengers can telephone and request a taxi to continue their journey. The rail representative had promised to follow this up but nothing has been heard since. Cllr Brixton will mention this again at the next meeting of the BCCRP. Cllr Grainger thanked him for his efforts in this matter.
- iii. **Bus Service - 250/450 & update from community transport meeting.** Dave Hewitt from NL Council had responded to the complaint regarding waiting times in Barton saying it was unlikely Stagecoach would wish to reinstate the old timetable. Cllr Grainger agreed to consult the bus users in the village to see what their needs are before this issue is taken further. Cllr Brixton had attended the Community Transport Meeting and will consult with Helen Weeks to see if this could be an alternative to the bus service. A leaflet has been placed on the village noticeboard.

9. Planning Applications.

- i. **To be considered.** 2012/0577/ Weightman. Stables, Burnham Manor. Planning permission to convert stables into residential accommodation. – No comment or objection.
- ii. **Granted.** 2012/0541 Labourne. College View, College Farm. Erection of portal frame building and 2012/0539 Erection of an extension to existing dutch barn.
2012/0643. Evans. Burnham Cottage, Barton Road. Change of use of garage for maintenance & servicing of lawnmower plus cleaning of vintage motorbike components. Also change use of redundant building to holiday let.

10. Environmental Issues. None.

11. Correspondence.

- i. **Housing Manager, NLC.** A request to consider the needs of Gypsies & Travellers was noted with the response that the Parish Council were unaware of anyone with surplus land and did not feel this would be appropriate for the village. Clerk will reply to NLC accordingly.
- ii **ERNLLCA.** There were no resolutions to the AGM.
- iii **Wes Crampin.** A letter of thanks to the Parish Council and parishioners for the shrubs was noted.

12. Accounts & Financial Matters. A consultation from the Audit Commission on the appointment of an external auditor was noted without comment.

13. Agenda for next meeting. 30 mph road signs. Cllr Tulloch will report the faults via the highways online reporting form

14. Date and time of next meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 3rd September 2012 at 8.00 pm in the Thornton Hunt Inn.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.16 pm.