

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held on Monday 3rd September 2012 in the Thornton Hunt Inn

Present: In the Chair: Cllr R. Brixton; Cllr A. Tulloch, Cllr C. Couch, Cllr P. Grainger, Cllr I. Whelpton, Cllr E. Davey

In Attendance: Mr J Filby, Mrs S Leach, Mrs C Tooby (Clerk), Ward Cllrs D Wells, P Clark

1. **Apologies for absence** None
2. **Signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office** The declaration of acceptance of office was signed by Mr Edward Davey and witnessed by the Clerk.
3. **Declaration of Interest** None
4. **Public Participation** Mr Filby attended for general interest, Mrs Leach enquired about the play area grass cutting in September and also the state of the Station Road Path. Cllr Brixton confirmed the Station Road path had been weed treated and some of the hedges had been cut. Cllr Couch reported she had a letter from Mr Humphrey regarding grass cutting which would be discussed under item 6(v).
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2012 were amended at item 8 (iii) to read "...waiting times in Barton **and Barrow..**". Cllr Tulloch proposed they be agreed as a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr Grainger and resolved unanimously.
6. **Matters arising.**
 - i. **Hilly Pits.** Nothing further to report.
 - ii. **Archives.** Cllr Couch had delivered the documents to Lincoln archives. They are too large and delicate to copy, but the archive office will go through everything and let the Parish Council have a detailed list of everything held there. Clerk agreed to visit Grimsby archive office to ask what records are held there.
 - iii **Electric Pole.** Clerk reported that the request to move the pole has been acknowledged by CE electric, and a proposed schedule of work should be received by mid-September.
 - iv. **Issue of gas in the village.** Cllr Grainger reported that he had investigated this, and needed to obtain 12 signatures from households in the parish to request an official estimate. It was agreed Cllr Grainer should proceed with this.
 - v. **Play area rubbish.** Cllr Grainger and Mrs Spink have removed the tyres, metal frames and wire rubbish bin from the play area. Cllr Brixton read out a letter from Mr Humphrey to say he could not continue cutting the play area due to ill health. Cllr Couch proposed that a letter of thanks should be written, and Cllr Brixton agreed to write this. Cllr Grainger agreed to liaise with Mrs Leach regarding future grass cutting.
 - vi **Burnham Lane salt bin.** Cllr Grainger reported that NL Council had received and agreed to act on his request for a salt bin.
 - vii **30 mph road signs.** It was agreed to put the summary of the data from the flashing speed sign on the noticeboard. Cllr Couch also agreed to write a summary for the village newsletter. All agreed there had been a positive reaction in the village to the sign, and the data showing average speeds at approx 36 mph should strengthen the case for a permanent sign.
Cllr Davey noted that various 30 mph signs in the village were obscured by dirt. Cllr Tulloch reported the twisted sign had been repaired but not the other one.. All defective signs will be reported to Highways via online form.
 - viii **Parking in Main Street/Highways** Cllr Brixton has written to Safety Neighbourhoods regarding parking on the footpaths. Cllr Clark reported that NL Council have leaflets to distribute to households/motorists. Cllr Grainger agreed to report the overgrown hedges on Station Road via online form.

7. Village Matters

- i Electronic Summons. Cllr Grainger proposed the Parish Council should accept the electronic serving of summons to councillors to attend meetings as per item 3. B (i) of draft Standing Orders, seconded by Cllr Whelpton and resolved.
- iii Draft Financial Orders. Cllr Grainger proposed to the Parish Council should adopt the draft Financial Orders, seconded by Cllr Couch and resolved.
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8. Highways & Transport

- i Rail Service. There has been no response from Network Rail. Cllr Brixton will attend the next BCCRP meeting.
- ii Bus Service. Cllr Grainger had spoken to bus users and listened to their views on how the timetable could be changed.. He agreed to collect 10 signatures for a formal petition to be heard by the review panel at North Lincs Council, clerk to find out further details on where to send petitions.

9. Planning Applications

2011/0734	NPower	Notification of a Public Enquiry. NPower Renewable Energy. Planning permission to erect 18 wind turbines and associated infrastructure on land SW of Brigg Road, Horkstow. Clerk agreed to reiterate the Parish Council's previous objection to the Planning Inspectorate.
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Granted

2012/0577	Weightman	Stables at Burnham Manor, Race Lane. Planning Permission to convert stables into residential accommodation.
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10. Environmental Issues Cllr Couch raised the issue of the road footpath to Wootton. Cllr Couch and clerk agreed to liaise and write to Cllr Nigel Shearwood asking for an update.
11. Correspondence
 - i. Humberside Fire & Rescue –a consultation on integrated risk management plan was noted.
 - ii. Cllr Couch agreed to represent the Parish Council on the Humberside Airport Consultative Committee. Clerk to forward on her contact details.
 - iii. A letter of resignation from Mrs Spink was read out. Cllr Brixton had written a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for her work as a councillor and vice Chair. It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Grainger would fill the position of vice Chair for future meetings.
 - iv. Correspondence received after the agenda was set. None
12. Vacancy for Councillor. No written applications had been received. Cllr Whelpton proposed that Mrs Shirley Leach should be co-opted into the vacancy, seconded by Cllr Tulloch and unanimously resolved.
13. Accounts & Financial Matters Notification was received from the Audit Commission confirming Littlejohn LLP as the Parish Council's external auditors.
14. Agenda for next meeting. The state of Burnam/Dam Lane due to HGV traffic to the animal feed business. It was agreed to report a near miss on the NL Council website, and also the breaking up of the verges. Clerk to write to Thornton Curtis Animal Feeds asking if their suppliers could use smaller lorries, and to restrict their speed, especially on Burnham Lane.
15. Any Other Business/Date and time of next meeting. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting to be held at 8pm on Thursday 5th November 2012.