

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on Monday 11th March 2013 in the Thornton Hunt Inn.

Present: In the Chair: Cllr R Brixton (Chair), Cllr I Whelpton, Cllr P Grainger, Cllr C Couch, Cllr E Davey

In attendance: Mrs C Tooby (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence Cllr A Tulloch, Cllr S Leach, Ferry Ward Cllrs P Clark and D Wells.
2. To Note Declaration of Interest None
3. To Receive Public Participation There were no members of the public present
4. To Resolve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The minutes of Monday 7th January 2013 were proposed as a true and correct record by Cllr Whelpton, seconded by Cllr Davey and resolved.
5. To Resolve Matters Arising.
 - i. Hilly Pits. Clerk is to contact the Highways Department regarding potential issues with drainage, and also to see if a safety barrier should be installed between the road and pits.
 - ii. Northfield Farm. A planning officer has visited, and will monitor the situation regarding storage of portacabins.
 - iii. Archives. Ongoing.
 - iv. Issue of gas in the village. Cllr Grainger reported that the forms have gone off, and this is in hand.
 - v. 30 mph road signs. Concluded, though some signs still obscured by hedges.
 - vi. BCCRP. Cllr Brixton gave an update - Mr Gathercole, Chair of BCCRP, has agreed to take up the issue of the cancelled train; "Railway Rambles" pack of circular walks in this area will be distributed shortly; The Easter Special will run on 30th March; Thornton Curtis station sign was stolen but has been retrieved and re-fixed.
 - vii. Bus Service/Minibus. The new minibus system is running well.
 - viii. Footpath to Wootton. Correspondence was received from Transport Dept asking for numbers of people who would walk a new footpath, and their reasons for doing this. Cllr Grainger agreed to put a piece in the village newsletter asking for information.
 - ix. Church floodlighting. The PCC are currently looking into changing the type of floodlighting bulbs, this was deferred until the next meeting in Cllr Tulloch's absence.
 - x. Horkstow Wind Farm. The Preliminary Inquiry has taken place, Clerk to check on the website to see what the next stage is.
 - xi. Dog prohibition sign for play area. Cllr Whelpton agreed to fix the sign up.
 - xii. College Road polytunnels. The planning officer will visit next week. Clerk to follow up.
 - xiii. Gladwin's Farm sign. This will be erected shortly.

6. To resolve Police Matters.
 - i. Ferry NATs meeting. Cllr Grainger attended, and expressed the parish council's appreciation over action taken on the parking problems in Main Street. There were no issues in this area, thefts of iron and metal are down, current hotspot is Killingholme and the problems with foreign HGVs. Cllr Grainger agreed to attend the next meeting.
 - ii. Letter to Matthew Grove. Cllr Davey has this in hand.
 - iii. Neighbourhood Watch. There has been no response to the appeal for a co-ordinator. It was agreed to put an occasional article in the newsletter to keep this ticking over.

7. To Resolve Village Matters Cllr Leach has the grass cutting of the playing field in hand.

8. To Resolve Highways & Transport Matters
 - i. Potholes. Thornton Road has been patched but the overall condition of the road is dangerous due to the surface being continually broken up by HGVs.. Clerk was requested to consult the Highways Dept on the feasibility of a weight restriction.
 - ii. Thornton Curtis Animal Feeds. Nothing further has been heard from the planning officer. Clerk to chase up again.
 - iii. Station Road speed limit. Clerk requested to consult Roy Hindmarsh over implementing a 40 mph limit.

9. To Consider Planning Applications None

10. To Resolve Environmental Issues. None

11. To Consider Correspondence
 - i. NL Council Changes to the mobile library service were noted.
 - ii. Martin Vickers MP. It was resolved that a visit from Mr Vickers was not necessary.

12. To Resolve Accounts & Financial Matters
 - i. It was noted that the Parish Council will receive a precept grant of £224 from NL Council
 - ii. Mr Jim Sheard has generously donated £150 towards the costs of the flashing speed sign.. Cllr Brixon agreed to draft a thank you letter.
 - lii. A VAT refund of £15 has been received..
 - ii. Payment of clerk's salary Jan-Mar 13. Proposed Cllr Whelpton, seconded Cllr Couch and resolved.

13. To Consider the Agenda for next meeting. Any items to be forwarded to Cllr Brixton or the Clerk

14. To Resolve the Date and Time of next meeting Due to alterations being carried out in the Thornton Hunt, the dining room will no longer be available for Parish Council meetings. After consideration, It was unanimously resolved that Goxhill Parish Room was the most suitable venue until somewhere in the village could be found.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm. The next meeting will be The Annual Parish Meeting.at 7.30 pm Monday 13th May 2013, immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.