

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on
Monday 4th November 2013 in the Parish Room, Howe Lane, Goxhill DN19 7HS

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Roy Brixton, Cllr I Whelpton, Cllr S Leach, Cllr P Grainger, Cllr C Couch
Ferry Ward Cllrs D Wells, P Clark, and Cllr J Wardle, Mrs C Tooby (Clerk)

1. **To Note Apologies for Absence** Cllr E Davey, Cllr A Tulloch
2. **To Note Declaration of Interest** Cllr Grainger and Cllr Couch declared a personal interest in item 5vi. due to being members of the PCC.
3. **To Receive Public Participation** There were no members of the public present.
4. **To Resolve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Cllr Leech proposed the minutes of Monday 2nd September 2013 as a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr Whelpton and unanimously resolved.
5. **To Resolve Matters Arising.**
 - i. Hilly Pits. Ward councillors informed the meeting that the application would go to committee in December at the earliest. As it is a major application, up to 5 members of the public may speak for 5 minutes each. Cllr Wells agreed to look into whether members of the parish council may attend. It was noted the motorcross activities have ceased.
 - ii Archives. Ongoing.
 - iii. Issue of gas in the village. Cllr Brixton has received no response from Martin Vickers MP and it was agreed to drop this item from the agenda as the cost was too prohibitive.
 - iv BCCRP. Cllr Brixton attended the last meeting. There have been more train cancellations due to Transpennine giving priority to other lines during staffing shortages. Cllr Grainger has made 2 written complaints but received no response. The BCCRP do not think the situation will improve until the franchise is re-let in 2016.
 - v Bus Service Contract 450/Minibus. There has been no news on the contract tender. Cllr Grainger reported the 2 minibus users were very pleased with the service.
 - vi Church floodlighting. The PCC report that the electricity costs have reduced since the trees were removed. Cllr Brixton agreed to work out the exact cost of the floodlighting from the itemised bill.
 - vii College Road polytunnel boiler and fan. Discussed under item i. Parish Councillors may attend committee meetings, but not speak.
 - viii College Road solar panels. This has not gone to planning committee yet. It was resolved not to drop this from the agenda until the screening issues had been addressed. Cllr Wardle agreed to speak to Phil Wallis with a view to arranging a meeting with Cllr Brixton and Cllr Couch.
 - ix Broadband meeting. Cllr Leach reported that Thornton Curtis and other smaller villages were not included in the superfast broadband plan.. She has raised the concern with Martin Vickers MP that the gap between rural and town businesses will get wider. Ward Councillors agreed to look into this matter.

- x Humberside Airport Consultative meeting. Cllr Couch attended the launch of the Swedish airline service to Copenhagen. The consultative committee had met the following day, but no invitation had been extended to the parish council. Cllr Couch agreed to enquire the reason.
- xi Station Road hedge trimming/weed control. Letters have been sent to residents on Station Road asking them to trim hedges. NL Council have inspected the road and agreed it is safe to carry out the weed control; however this has not taken place yet.
- xii Clerk to report 30 mph sign obscured by hedge on A1077.

6. To resolve Police Matters.

- i. Ferry NATs meeting. Cllr Grainger had attended. The issues of parking on the pavement on Main St has been resolved; all agreed to monitor the situation. Cllr Couch requested the issue of parking on Burnham Lane pavements be brought to the next meeting.
- ii Letter to Matthew Grove – agreed to drop from the agenda.

7. To Resolve Village Matters

- i. 100th Anniversary WW1 – Cllr Couch will consult Mr Spink on what sort of commemorative shrub to plant. It was resolved to plant this on the corner of Main St/Station Rd with an accompanying flower tub. Clerk to request Mr Hargreaves to cut back the hedge, and Cllr Grainger agreed to renovate the seat once this has been done. Cllr Grainger & Cllr Couch to bring a quotation to the next meeting. Clerk to write to the Highways Dept stating the intention to carry out the shrub planting and installation of the flower tub.
- ii. Salt Bins/extra gritting salt. The new salt will be delivered to Tanks'R'Us. Clerk to forward on locations of the salt bins to the highways dept. Noted that the Railway Station bin has been replaced with a yellow highways bin.
- iii. Cllr Brixton gave an update on the webpage, which is currently switched off. A new one will be up and running shortly, which will cost approx £30 per year to host.
- iv. Cllr Brixton gave details of a new oil club, which had cheaper prices than the current one.
- v. Cllr Couch asked if she could research any grants available to refurbish the Church lychgate, and this was agreed.

8. To Resolve Highways & Transport Matters

- i. Flashing Speed Sign. The sign facing traffic from Wootton has been most effective. The free sign facing the traffic from Barrow will go up later this month and stay until the end of March. Cllr Grainger will put the speed data in the village newsletter.
- ii Thornton Curtis Animal Feeds. It was noted this has now closed down.
- iii. Proposed weight limit Thornton Road & Station Road speed limit. Ongoing.

9. To Consider Planning Applications

2013/1194 The Grange. Planning permission to convert the Granary to a dwelling.
2013/1195 The Grange. Planning permission to carry out extension to the Grange to convert existing outbuildings into dependant relative accommodation including associated alterations.

There were no objections to the above applications, Cllr Brixton had spoken to the planning officer to check approval would include a condition that the Annexe could not be separated from the main dwelling. Cllr Wardle agreed to check that the additional house to replace the already removed extension is permitted development within a rural hamlet.

10. To Resolve Environmental Issues None.

11. **To Consider Correspondence**
 - i. Placebook Minicabs. It was agreed to leave it up to individuals to support the planning application for change of use.
12. **To Resolve Accounts & Financial Matters** Cllr Couch proposed the following payments, seconded by Cllr Whelpton and resolved: - Goxhill PC room hire £10, NLC Speed sign £503.03 , PKF Littlejohn Auditors £36, Clerk £135.35
13. **To Consider the Agenda for next meeting/Any other business.** The dog microchipping posters will be put on the noticeboard. Any Items for the next agenda to the clerk by 20th December please.
14. **To Resolve the Date and Time of next meeting** The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th January at 8pm, when the precept will be considered.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.