

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on Monday 10th March 2014 in the Parish Room, Howe Lane, Goxhill DN19 7HS.

Present: In the Chair: Cllr R Brixton, Cllr I Whelpton, Cllr P Grainger, Cllr S Leach,
Cllr E Davey, Cllr C Couch
Attending: Ferry Ward Cllr D Wells, Mr J Farrow, Mrs C Tooby (Clerk)

1. **To Note Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Cllr Alan Tulloch, Ferry Ward Councillors J Wardle and P Clark.
2. **To Note Declarations of Interest.** None
3. **To Receive Public Participation.** Mr Farrow circulated photographs of the Thornton Abbey picnic site which is now in a state of disrepair and potentially dangerous. NL Council currently cut the grass and tidy the area, but do not undertake any maintenance. He enquired if the Parish Council would be prepared to make a financial contribution towards maintenance, possibly in a joint venture with NL Council. Cllr Wells agreed to look into this and to liaise with the clerk.
4. **To Resolve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Cllr Davey proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2014 be signed as a true and correct record. Seconded by Cllr Whelpton and resolved.
5. **To Resolve Matters Arising.**
 - i. Hilly Pits. Cllr Brixton and Cllr Couch had met with the Chief Planning Officer to express their concerns. NL Council are currently seeking further advice on drainage before a date is given for the planning committee.
 - ii Archives. Ongoing.
 - iii BCCRP. Nothing further to report.
 - iv College Road polytunnels. Cllr Brixton reported that the landscaping had been agreed and discharged by the planning dept. They will monitor the site to ensure the screening is planted.
 - v College Road solar panels. Still awaiting the planning committee date.
 - vi The Grange. A response from the enforcement officer stated that the floodlighting and environmental issues were not subject to the planning conditions as they were carried out before the application was submitted.
 - vii Humberside Airport Consultative meeting. Cllr Couch had received an apology for not being invited to the last meeting, and was awaiting the agenda for the next meeting in April.
 - viii Station Road hedge trimming/weed control. This has been logged in for maintenance with NL Council. Cllr Couch is to forward details to the clerk of which hedges are encroaching on the path. Cllr Wells agreed to get the path surface inspected where it is breaking up between Selborne and the Station. He also gave an update on the Wootton path, which will be cleared soon.

- ix Lychgate Memorial grant. Cllr Couch has the application in hand, and obtained quotations for the work at £350. The work must be completed by November to receive grant funding.
- x Play area deeds. Clerk had been unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the deeds which were signed out from the solicitors in 1996 and not returned. It was resolved not to purchase another copy from the Land Registry unless they were needed.

6. **To resolve Police Matters.** Cllr Grainger hoped to attend this month's Ferry NATs meeting

7. **To Resolve Village Matters.**

- i. 100th Anniversary WW1. Cllr Couch reported that Mr Spink recommended a native variegated holly tree, which could be set into commemorative clay pot next to the seat. The seat only requires sanding and painting now that Julian Hargreaves has kindly cut back the hedge. Cllr Couch proposed that she obtain some prices, seconded by Cllr Leach and resolved.
- ii. Play area. Cllr Grainger noted that it was time to decide a rota for the grass cutting. Cllr Couch agreed to put in an appeal in the newsletter for volunteers.

8. **To Resolve Highways & Transport Matters.**

- i Flashing Speed Sign/frequency of flashing speed sign. Cllr Davey enquired if it would be more cost effective to have the flashing speed sign every other year, rather than annually. After discussion, Cllr Couch proposed that the Parish Council should pay for the speed sign every other year, seconded by Cllr Davey and unanimously resolved.
- ii. Proposed weight limit Thornton Road & Station Road speed limit. The response from Steve Harrison had been disappointing, stating that NL Council did not have the resources to look at this problem. Cllr Wells agreed to look into the issues with Thornton Road with a view to implementing a weight restriction or making the road more suitable for the current levels of HGV traffic.
- iii Salt bin – Soff Lane. The highways dept have decided this location does not meet the criteria for a yellow bin. Goxhill Parish Council are still pursuing this issue.
- iv Burnham road verges. Cllr Couch reported that the verges on Burnham Lane are churned up and flooding in patches. Clerk was requested to report this to the Highways Dept.
- v Drains opposite Northfield Farm, Dam Lane. There is a foul smell coming from the ditch opposite Northfield Farm. Clerk is to report this to the Environmental Health Dept

9. **Planning Applications.**

PA2013/1542 Northfield Farm. Planning permission to erect a single and 2 storey extension will be determined at the next planning committee.

Cllr Leach proposed that the Parish Council should support this application and this was agreed. Clerk to copy the letter to Cllr Wardle and Cllr Bunyan.

10. **To Resolve Environmental Issues.** It was resolved that the clerk should write to the Environment Agency regarding the number of Stoneledge lorries entering The Grange and tipping stone. A copy of the letter is to be forwarded to Martin Vickers MP.

11. **To Consider Correspondence.** An invitation to the Mayor of North Lincolnshire's Charity Appeal – Swing Wing for Wishes was noted.
- 12 **To Resolve Accounts & Financial Matters**
- i. Precept – Grant from NL Council is confirmed as £172, making a Band D Council tax charge of £25.44
 - ii Payments: Cllr Whelpton proposed the following payments, seconded by Cllr Grainger and resolved: Goxhill PC room hire £10, Clerk £88.14
13. **To Consider the Agenda for next meeting.** Agenda items to the Clerk please at least a week beforehand.
14. **To Resolve the Date and Time of next meeting.** There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm. Next meeting will be the AGM, which will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 12th May 2014.