

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Thornton Curtis Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 7th November 2016 in St. Lawrence Church, Main Street, Thornton Curtis.

Present: In the chair: Cllr R Brixton, Cllr C Couch, Cllr E Davey, Cllr E Evans, Cllr S Leach, Cllr I Whelpton.

In Attendance: Ferry Ward Cllrs R Hannigan & P Clark, Mr & Mrs Grundy and Mrs C Tooby

1. To Note Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Hargreaves and Ward Cllr D Wells.

2. To Note Declarations of Interest

None

3. To Receive Public Participation

Mr & Mrs Grundy said they were attending to show their support for the proposed speed limit on Station Road.

4. To Resolve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Paragraph 5(viii) was amended to read, "Cllr Couch reported that Cllr Brixton has requested a meeting with NLBB....."

5. To Resolve Matters Arising

i. Station Road Footpath. Cllr Brixton noted that the hedges have been cut, and he has been informed that NLC are assessing action over the weeds, despite their promise of four treatments per year. Cllr Clark said that the highways team is scheduled to assess all outstanding items on their list, and will inform him what action they will take.

ii. Goxhill Road. Cllr Brixton reported that this item had been followed up with Rob Beales six months ago, but nothing has happened since. Cllrs Clark and Hannigan said the surface would probably be patched, but not re-surfaced. They have met with the team and are awaiting an update on the road's priority for funding. Cllr Clark agreed to arrange for the Project Officer to visit the parish council in order to discuss this issue further.

iii. Main Street speed sign. No data has been received yet.

iv. Station Road Speed Limit. Cllr Davey highlighted the issue of the road closure whilst the survey was being taken, and it was agreed by all present that it was not satisfactory. Cllr Couch proposed that the Parish Council should request another set of data; seconded by Cllr Davey and resolved unanimously. Cllr Clark agreed to make a request on behalf of the Parish Council. The petition to NLC to implement the speed limit has been deferred.

v. Environmental Issues in Station Road. Cllr Hargreaves was not present to give an update.

vi. Hilly Pits. Cllr Clark agreed to have an update for the next meeting. The Environment Agency have issued Barry Chapman with a notice to prevent any further tipping.

vii. Internet Provision. Cllr Brixton and Cllr Hannigan said that NLBB may have funds available to update landline facilities next year. Cllr Couch advised of the current problems with Quickline, who were not responding to complaints from residents that they had been forced into signing more expensive contracts. She also queried why it had been stated in the Direct Magazine that Quickline had been given funding to assist rural villages, when it was clearly not being passed onto the consumers. Cllr Hannigan agreed to organise an NLC Officer to attend a village meeting to try and resolve the poor provision of internet within the parish.

viii. Community Emergency Plan. This is available on the website, and will be circulated for the next meeting.

6. To Resolve Police Matters

Ferry NAT meeting. Cllr Brixton said that he had reported the parking on the footpath. Two further issues were raised and: (1) It was established that a highway obstruction is the prevention of free passage and this includes footpaths, so parking on the footpath is only an offence if it prevents free passage (of a pram or wheelchair); and (2) highway weight restrictions also apply to farm vehicles exceeding the 7.5T weight limit. Ferry Ward Cllr Clark reported that NLC were carrying out a trial to send leaflets to residents before issuing a final notice and fixed penalty for causing an obstruction. He suggested that this might be a solution to the parking problem.

7. To Resolve Village Matters

i. Yew Tree Saplings. These will be delivered on 16th November. The clerk will pass them onto Cllr Edwin, who will make arrangements for them to be planted at: Dam Lane, the Church, Thornton Abbey Picnic area, Burnham Road and the children's play area. Cllr Brixton proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Evans and his brother for all their help in arranging this.

ii. Railway Station Planters. Cllr Couch has purchased two flower planters at £16.99 each, and proposed that a further two should be bought to match. Seconded by Cllr Leach, and resolved. Cllr Couch said that she would help Mr Tulloch plant them, and also put a note in the newsletter.

iii. Village Fund. Cllr Leach asked the parish council to decide upon the future of the fund. It is not topped up from the precept and she queried as to whether it should be wound up, or kept for special items for the benefit of the village. After consideration, Cllr Davey proposed that the fund should remain ongoing, and be used appropriately as and when the need arose. Seconded by Cllr Couch and unanimously resolved. The cost of the Lychgate plaque will be paid for from the Village Fund, as agreed earlier this year.

iv. Cllr Couch introduced two extra items. The PCC have requested their donation of £80 towards the church electricity bill, and it was unanimously agreed to arrange payment. Mrs Spink has also requested a donation to the Poppy Appeal, but this was unanimously declined.

8. To Resolve Highways and Transport Matters

i. BCCRP Cllr Brixton will attend the next meeting on 6th December.

ii. Humberston Airport Consultative Committee Cllr Evans will attend the next meeting on 30th November.

9. To Resolve Environmental Matters

None

10. To Consider Correspondence

None received.

11. To Resolve Accounts and Financial Matters

Cllr Couch proposed the following payments, seconded by Cllr Whelpton and resolved.: Clerk £96.40, M. Nettleton £300 (3 x grass cut & hedge trimming), Cllr Brixton (webhosting) £29.99, NLC speedwatch £503.03.

12. To Resolve Planning Matters

i. Resolution to exclude the press and public was not made.

ii. Resolution to ratify correspondence with NLC. A letter of comment regarding PA/2016/1460, Erection of a dwelling to replace an existing structure at The Grange was resolved unanimously.

iii. Any other planning issues. None.

13. To Consider the Agenda for the next meeting

Any items should be forwarded at least one week before the next meeting.

14. To Resolve the Date and Time of the Next Meeting

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held at 7pm on Monday 9th January 2017. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.