

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Thornton Curtis Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 6th March 2017 in St. Lawrence Church, Main Street, Thornton Curtis.

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

In Attendance: Ward Cllr R Hannigan, Mr P Grainger

1. To Note Apologies for Absence

Ward Cllrs P Clark & D Wells.

2. To Note Declarations of Interest

None

3. To Receive Public Participation

Mr P Grainger did not wish to make a presentation, but wished to observe.

4. To Resolve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 7th November 2016

The following amendment was agreed. Clerk altered to Interim Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Davey, seconded by Cllr Couch and unanimously resolved that the minutes as amended presented a true record of the meeting.

5. To Resolve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The following amendments were agreed. Clerk altered to Interim Clerk. Para 1, "Edwards" replaced by "Evans". Para 8(ii) "Tulloch will plant" replaced by "Tulloch may plant". It was proposed by Cllr Whelpton, seconded by Cllr Davey and unanimously resolved that the minutes as amended presented a true record of the meeting.

6. To Resolve Matters Arising

- i. Station Road Footpath weed control Cllr Brixton advised that leaves have been cleared and rock salt applied. Darren Uzzell, the Ward Officer, has stated "Unfortunately due to the main part of the footway being a non-metaled surface any work carried out to scrape the surface clear of any overgrowth will result in the footway being damaged beyond economic repair. Considering the traffic it receives, which is very low, a process of low impact treatment (weed spraying/rock salt and removal of leaves and detritus) is all we can do to prevent further growth and deterioration. The weed treatment programme commences again in April so the footway will be treated at the same interval as those on Main Street. The issue of the footway was raised with local councillors and a decision was made and agreed to that no work would be carried out to the footway to reinstate it to a metaled surface". Cllr Hannigan felt that this was not an accurate reflection of the discussion and will discuss further with Darren Uzzell with a view to regular spraying with herbicide and then a slurry sealing.
- ii. Goxhill Road repairs Confirmation letters regarding repairs and road closure have been sent to residents. Work will commence 27th March and be completed about 3 weeks later. Cllr Hargreaves requested a meeting with Steve Dixon on site and Cllr Hannigan agreed to arrange this. Cllr Davey raised concerns that Stoneledge lorries were flouting the traffic management plan and destroying the verge at the Goxhill Road/Main Street junction. Cllr Hannigan agreed to notify National Grid.

- iii. Main Street Speed Sign Roy Hindmarsh has not yet downloaded the data. Cllr Brixton will progress this.
- iv. Station Road, Speed Limit Cllr Brixton had asked the Ward councillors to support this issue. Only David Wells responded, and he does not support it. He states “Although I do see your point the history of the road must be taken into account and there are other situations in NL that require to be addressed with the limited resources available. If there are any points that come to light or change then please pass on so that I can direct the comments to the correct officer. If there are any dangerous occurrences then please report on the near miss web site. Being a professional hauler I will always be looking to cut down on dangerous roads and junctions but ultimately drivers must act responsibly and take responsibility for their actions”. Cllr Brixton suggested that without Ward councillors’ support we will not get approval. Cllr Hannigan agreed to obtain the NLC criteria for imposing a 40mph speed limit, since it appeared that National Criteria were being met.
- v. Yew Saplings Cllr Evans advised that the fifth sapling had now been planted in the churchyard, and all the location data had been sent to the Conservation Foundation.
- vi. Railway Station Planters BCCRP have agreed to fund the cost of any plants, bulbs and soil that we may need, within reason. They have asked for an estimate. Cllr Couch agreed obtain an estimate and to remove the old planters and plant up the new planters in March.
- vii. Internet Provision Cllr Hannigan agreed to monitor the progress and responses from Quickline. Cllr Brixton has heard nothing since the last meeting.
- viii. PA/2016/2023 Documentation Documentation errors in the Manor Farm planning documents have been resolved and the application has been approved.
- ix. Clerk The position has been advertised on the village noticeboard and the ERNLLCA web site. Cllr Hannigan advised that Cllr Brixton can seek advice if needed from Democratic Services, Mr Richard Mell.

7. **To Resolve Police Matters**

- i. Ferry NAT Meeting Cllr Brixton advised that the next NAT meeting is on 13th April, and would councillors advise him of any issues a week beforehand.

8. **To Resolve Village Matters**

- i. Play Area Grass Cutting Cllr Brixton advised that he had received and accepted a quotation from Mark Nettleton of £40 per cut (the same as last year). It was proposed by Cllr Whelpton, seconded by Cllr Couch and unanimously resolved to ratify acceptance of the quotation.
- ii. Play Area Entrance Cllr Couch had contacted the NLC regarding a change of the entrance to the playing field and is awaiting a response. Cllr Brixton had obtained the title deeds of the property from the Land Registry. Originally, only the play area was given to the Parish, together with a right of way across the Tomlins’ garden. Later, the Tomlins gave the entrance path to the Parish. The Land Registration was arranged to show both transactions on a single title. The Tomlins also agreed to provide an entrance to the path from their garden. Cllr Brixton advised that there was no covenant to prevent the sale of the land. Cllr Hannigan agreed to ask Tim Allen of NLC to contact Cllr Couch regarding relocation of the footpath across the Davey’s land.
- iii. Best Kept Village Cllr Couch agreed to download the forms for the best kept war memorial and/or the best kept churchyard. She would speak with Mr A Tulloch and also place the information in the next village newsletter.
- iv. NLC Local Plan Cllr Leach suggested that the NLC Local Plan should be reviewed, but at present there are no dates shown for consultation meetings. She will follow up and advise Council accordingly.

9. To Resolve Highways and Transport Matters

- i. BCCRP Cllr Brixton will attend the next meeting on 7th March.
- ii. HACC Cllr Evans will attend the next Humberside Airport Consultative Committee meeting on 14th June.
- iii. Burnham Lane Cllr Brixton raised the issue of pedestrian warning signs near Manor Farm cottages with Rob Beales of highways. He received no response and progressed it with the aid of our Ward councillors. There has still been no definite response yet, but Darren Uzzell thinks somebody might be preparing signage.
- iv. Main Street Cllr Brixton also raised the issue of traffic calming paintwork with Rob Beales. He received no response and progressed it with the aid of our Ward councillors. There has still been no response. Cllr Hannigan agreed to raise this and the above issue with Darren Uzzell.

10. To Resolve Environmental Matters

Anti-litter Campaign No further information was made available and the date for the campaign was missed. Cllr Hannigan agreed to arrange for litter pickers, bags and gloves to be made available to Cllr Couch.

11. To Consider Correspondence

None received. Cllr Hannigan left the meeting at this point.

12. To Resolve Accounts and Financial Matters

- i. Precept Cllr Brixton sent a request to NLC for £2,614 as agreed at the last meeting.
- ii. Payments since the last meeting After the last meeting, the former Clerk and Cllr Couch signed a cheque for £82.96 to cover Cllr Couch's expenditure of £67.95 for the station planters and £15 for the Lychgate memorial plaque. It was proposed by Cllr Whelpton, seconded by Cllr Hargreaves and unanimously resolved that the payment be ratified.
- iii. Receipts Cllr Brixton reported that the Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and treasurer agreed to close the Neighbourhood Watch account and transfer its funds to the Village Fund. That has been done. A cheque from Mr Grainger for £6 for a copy of the Jan 2017 meeting minutes has been received and banked. A grant from ERNLLCA of £633.31 for implementation of the transparency code (item vii below) has been received and banked.
- iv. Payments None.
- v. Bank Mandate Cllr Brixton has changed this to add Cllrs Couch and Whelpton and remove Mrs Scilla Spink and Mrs Chris Tooby. It was proposed by Cllr Leach, seconded by Cllr Hargreaves and unanimously resolved that the change be ratified.
- vi. Transfers Cllr Brixton transferred £15 from the Village Fund as agreed at the November 2016 meeting and transferred £2,100 from the current account to the savings account.
- vii. Transparency Grant Cllr Brixton had submitted a claim for £633.31 to ERNLLCA. This covered purchase of a laptop, a printer and some software, which would be put in the care of the Clerk for the main purpose of maintaining the Transparency Code on our web site, but also for all other administrative tasks. It is almost the maximum permissible claim that can be made, and does not include the VAT which we can recover. The grant was received as stated in iii above. It was proposed by Cllr Couch, seconded by Cllr Whelpton and unanimously resolved that Cllr Brixton be given the authority to purchase the above mentioned equipment on behalf of the Council.
- viii. Accounts At 15 February: Current a/c £101.74 (cheque paid out for £10 not cashed, cheque paid in for £6 not cleared), Savings a/c £2,227.39, Village Fund £531.73

ix. Budget Cllr Brixton presented the 2017/2018 budget. Cllr Davey queried the provisions of the Council's insurance and Cllr Brixton agreed to check these. It was proposed by Cllr Leach, seconded by Cllr Hargreaves and unanimously resolved that the budget be accepted.

x. Clerk's Expenses It was proposed by Cllr Whelpton, seconded by Cllr Evans and unanimously resolved that Cllr Brixton be authorised to claim for sundry expenses such as stationery. He stated that he had spent about £10 to date.

13. To Resolve Planning Matters

i. Correspondence It was proposed by Cllr Whelpton, seconded by Cllr Evans and unanimously resolved that the following correspondence with NLA be ratified:

PA/2016/2023 Grain store at Manor Farm – no comment.

PA/2017/227 New telecommunications installation at Burnham – no comment.

ii. Planning Training It was proposed by Cllr Hargreaves, seconded by Cllr Couch and unanimously resolved that Cllr Evans should attend a Planning Training conference arranged by ERNLLCA at a cost of £42.50 + VAT. Cllr Brixton agreed to book this.

14. To Consider the Agenda for the next meeting

Nothing requested.

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

i. Cllr Hargreaves requested that consideration be given to changing the day upon which meetings are held. It was proposed by Cllr Whelpton, seconded by Cllr Leach and unanimously resolved that future meetings would be held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the Month. Cllr Brixton agreed to inform Ward councillors.

ii. The next meeting would be the Annual Meeting to commence at 6:30pm on Tuesday 2nd May at St Lawrence Church, Main Street, immediately followed by the Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm.