

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held on Tuesday, 19th September 2023 at St Lawrence Church

Present: Cllrs Lucinda Maltas (Chair), Carole Couch (Vice-Chair), Cllrs Rachel Davy, Richard Davy, John Farrow, Paul Grainger, Julian Hargreaves
Ward Cllrs Richard Hannigan, David Wells
Clerk to the Council Ann Boulton
Six members of the public

Public Participation

- Former Cllr Shirley Leach brought to the meeting's attention the location of the missing sign which was incorrect in the previous minutes – it should be the junction of Northfield Lane and Barton Lane. Cllr Couch has spoken with NLC and will report again.

23/24-029 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ward Cllr Peter Clark

23/24-030 To Note Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

Cllr Grainger declared an interest in Item 23/24-0122(ii)

23/24-031 To Resolve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 11th, 2023

With the correction above, it was agreed to sign the Minutes as a true record

23/24-032 To Resolve Matters Arising – there were no matters arising

23/24-033 To Resolve Police Matters

PC Richard Kirk has retired. There is a new PCSO at Barton who is very enthusiastic about community policing.

Cllr Farrow reported on the recent Neighbourhood Action Team (NATS) meeting which PC Kirk attended. Various matters were discussed including exchanging information between villages, potholes, problems at Killingholme, traffic in Goxhill and liaison between farmers and the police. Cllr Farrow said it is a good second tier to the Parish Council. The next meeting is 25th October.

23/24-034 To Resolve/receive updates on Village Matters

- Parish noticeboard / seats update.
Cllr Maltas reported that the notice board is now in place as is the seat on Station Road. She thanked Cllr Hargreaves for his help and also Ian Couch.
- Playing field /Grant.
Cllr Couch said that an interim report had been submitted and the final report will go in after the official opening. The equipment is awaiting certification – Cllr Hannigan will investigate whether NLC will carry the inspection.
- Church
- No matters arising.
- BCCRP
Cllr Paul Grainger is not receiving information – the Clerk will contact BCCRP as his name was given to them as the PC's representative. Cllr Couch is investigating a watering system for the planters and enquiring whether a water supply can be put in at Thornton Abbey station
- Website provider
Four providers were considered and Councillors agreed to approach Kyanite to provide the new website. Roy Brixton was thanked for his help in researching the companies.

23/24-035 To Resolve Highways & Transport Matters and receive any updates

Cllr Richard Davy said he felt that Anglian Water were too zealous in their approach to road closures – Station Road had been closed with no work carried out for several days. College Road was closed for two weeks.

Cllr Hannigan explained that the water authority has statutory rights to close roads and have to give several weeks' notice so estimate for the longest possible time.

The question of the 30mph sign was raised again and Cllr Hannigan said NLC was reluctant to move it as it would be too close to a bend. He will check if golden ribbons will be put down this month.

The drain on Main Street is full of hay and will be cleaned out.

The footpath is 90% complete and looks very good but the most dangerous part has not yet been done. Cllr Hannigan assured the meeting it would be and was thanked for all his help.

Concern was expressed at the number of lorries coming through the village – Barton Policing Team are aware. The road closure was partly to blame.

It was queried when the consultation on the speed limit would take place – it was thought it would be in the new year and an item will be added to the agenda for the November meeting.

23/24-036 To Resolve Environmental Issues and receive any updates

A caravan is blocking the Abbey gates. The Abbey is still closed.

23/24-037 To Consider/Resolve Any Correspondence (forwarded by email)

D-Day – a grant is likely to be available from NLC. It was agreed it would be good to mark the occasion with something community-led.

Community Emergency Plan – NLC have requested an up-to-date copy. Cllr Grainger agreed to update the plan and circulate to councillors.

23/24-038 To Resolve Accounts & Finance Matters

a) It was agreed to discontinue the subscription to Parish Online.

b) As it is taking some time for the bank to update the account to the new clerk, a full report is not available. Current balances are : community Account = £2469, Savings Account = £1592.22 Village Fund = £488.01

23/24-039 To Resolve/Note Planning Matters

None.

23/24-040. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 21st November at 6.30pm