

**Thornton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**1) Attendance:**

The meeting formally opened at 19.01hrs.

Present: Chair Savage, Councillors Fawcett, Hunter and Holman. The Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public were present.

Apologies received from Councillor Ramwell.

**2) Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**3) Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings**

Confirmed to be correct and signed by the Chair.

**4) Matters Arising from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

None.

**5) Planning:**

The Chair gave a summary of the current position in respect of each application. No comments.

**6) Finance:**

The financial summary was read by the Clerk. No comments.

Paid:

- Hartley's grass cut: £36
- Zurich Insurance renewal: £218.62
- Clerk's salary (6 weeks): £264

Received:

- None

Agreed to be paid, cheques signed:

- Hartley's grass cut: £90
- Clerk's salary (10 weeks): £440

**7) Police Report: Westhouse Burglaries and Parking Violations**

The Police report was read by the Clerk. Councillor Holman disputed the claim of only 10 calls to the Police regarding the parking issues surrounding the Waterfalls Trail, as stated in the report. Chair Savage also questioned that none of the recent burglaries were listed on the Police report.

**8) Visitors to the Waterfalls Trail: Parking and Littering**

- PC Andy McClurg was due to attend the meeting but was called away to an emergency in the Waterfalls Trail. A meeting was arranged between PC Andy McClurg and the Chair to take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Notes on what was discussed at this meeting will be added as an addendum to these Minutes.
- The Clerk told the Council that following multiple communications with the Highways Agency, the Highways Agency have now confirmed that they have received enough evidence of the issue and the

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area will be considered for increased parking restrictions, whether this be double yellow lines, permit parking etc., in the April 2021 cycle.

- Councillors and members of the public discussed the issues they have experienced due to the visitors parking on Holme Head road including residents being trapped in their own houses and receiving abuse when approaching visitors who have parked across driveways.
- Various options were discussed as potential solution to the problem, which would need to be discussed with the Highways Agency:
  - o Double yellow lines, either the length of Holme Head Farm road or in sections to create “passing places”
  - o Permit parking
  - o H-bars in front of properties
  - o Raised curbs to prevent cars mounting the pavement
  - o Pay and display parking
- MP Julian Smith contacted Richard Flinton, Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council, following a letter from a local resident about waiting restrictions and resident parking schemes. Richard Flinton stated that the area is being investigated for temporary barriers/ no waiting cones along one side of the road to establish what impact double yellow lines would have. Flinton also stated if the area wanted a resident parking scheme, this would need to be financed fully by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party such as the residents or the Parish Council.
- The Clerk read a letter from Ingleton Parish Council where Ingleton Parish Council contacted YDNPA to ask for their support to put hardcore down in nearby parking fields to facilitate parking of cars. Although YDNPA refused permission for this in the past, the situation has now become much worse.
- The Council also discussed the responsibility of the Waterfalls Trail to contribute to this issue. It was suggested that the Trail should be lobbied to contribute to the costs of parking restrictions on the surrounding roads especially due to the significant profits they have been making with the huge influx of guests this Summer. The Council would also consider matching the cost the Waterfalls contribute, depending on the total cost. This is to be investigate.
- Councillor Hunter highlighted the fact that this is not just an inconvenience but is causing residents to be trapped in their homes, and the danger caused to all locals as emergency vehicles cannot use the road. Therefore, this issue cannot wait to be considered in the April cycle. Clerk to contact the Highways Agency.
- The Clerk has been receiving photos from locals evidencing the parking issues which are being collected to be used as evidence as this issue is taken further. Locals are encouraged to continue emailing photos.

### **9) Condition of Local Roads**

Chair Savage highlighted the poor condition of Bank House lane. Clerk to contact the Highways Agency to address this.

### **10) AOB**

- a) Overgrown trees. Councillor Hunter confirmed that the overgrown trees and bushes on the A65 have been cut back.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 19.45 hrs.

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Location to be confirmed.

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**Addendum – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020**  
**Chair Meeting with the Highways Agency**

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August Chair Savage met with David Cairns from the Highways Agency regarding Holme Head Farm road. Temporary bollards are to be implemented on this road to assess the effectiveness this would have.
- The implementation of double yellow lines was discussed however the concerns regarding moving the problem elsewhere in the Parish, along with the lengthy process, made this solution seem unlikely.
- To help with the most significant issue: access to the 6 properties on Holme Head Farm road, the Highways are investigating the price for implementing “H bar” lines outside the houses. The Parish Council will ask the Waterfalls Trail to contribute to this price.
- Following this discussion, a meeting is required between the Waterfalls Trail, Ingleton Parish Council and Thornton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council.