

## THORNTON-IN-LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in Westhouse Methodist Chapel

1. Chairman Wiper and Councillors Lund, Hunter, Ramwell and Townley were present along with two members of the public.
2. There were no declarations of interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2013 had been read, were agreed and then signed by the Chairman.
4. **Planning**
  - a) Gatehouse Barn - No further update from Craven DC.
  - b) Sunny Vale Workshop - Application approved.
5. **Finance**
  - a) The Clerk presented her findings with regards a Parish Lengthsman, listing other local Parishes that did employ a lengthsman, the size of these Parishes and the type of jobs undertaken by the lengthsman. After some discussion and consideration it was agreed that a better understanding of how much “work” there was within the Parish was required. It was also agreed that Highways should be pushed harder to take ownership and action against issues that should be resolved by them. **Action** - Cllrs to report any issues that need attention at each meeting. Clerk to contact Highways and request that the machinery used for roadside hedges, verges and ditches is small enough to cope the narrower lanes within the Parish.
  - b) Councillors voted to continue to set the Parish Precept at Nil.
  - c) The Clerk informed the council of the book of entries since the last meeting:
    - i) 

<b>Credits:</b>	Threadneedle Dividend	£210.11
	Turbary Rent	£950.00
<b>Debits:</b>	Clerks Standing Order (Nov)	£132.66
	Admin Expenses	£120.00
	Pica Print Newsletter	£15.00
	Village Hall Rent	£84.00
	J Hartley & Sons (Aug / Sep)	£57.60
	Settle Swimming Pool	£20.00
	Clerks Standing Order (Dec)	£132.66
<b>Balance at 30 April was £3669.11</b>		
  - ii) **Bills Payable:** G Capstick, Christmas Tree £100
  - iii) The Parish Council also agreed the following payments; £25 contribution towards electricity used for Parish Christmas Tree lights; £42 Donation to St John’s Hospice.
- 6) Standing Water, Far Westhouse Road. An Inspector from NYCC Highways has visited the section of ditch and road in question and has confirmed he will escalate the matter to his Manager and ask for a decision as to whether Highways will clear the ditch.
- 7) Boundary Signs – The Clerk presented the options and costs involved to erect two Parish Boundary Signs. NYCC had confirmed that the minimum cost was approximately £500. Councillors agreed that, at this time, it was not a priority. However, if the Council were able to source the stone and sign themselves

then it may be a consideration in the future. Cllr Townley and Clerk to follow up accordingly.

Signage to deter HGVs travelling down Smithy Lane – no update from NYCC ahead of the meeting.

- 8) Damage to Turbury Pasture and adjacent land. The Clerk advised that there was no further update from NYCC Highways. The tenants attended the meeting and notified the Parish Council that trials bike riders continued to use the route and over recent months they had come across riders removing parts of the stone wall, taking away boulders around the gate onto their own land and indeed continuing to cause extensive damage to the land. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to our local MP to request support in moving this matter to resolution more quickly. Clerk to continue to push NYCC for an update.
- 9). AOB
- i. The Chairman thanked Cllr Ramwell and his team for managing the erection of the Christmas Tree. It was proposed that next year's tree was handpicked to ensure a good shape. Cllr Townley to follow up.
  - ii. Turbury Rent – no update from R Turners & Sons. Councillors requested that Clerk had the relevant detail available ahead of the May 2014 meeting.
  - iii. The Parish Council discussed an area of private land where rubbish has been tipped. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to the landowner to ascertain whether its use is current or historical.
  - iv. Clerk presented two items of correspondence; Details of Protected Green Spaces from Yorkshire Dales NPA and the Countrywatch Scheme from Skipton Police. Councillors asked the Clerk to invite our local PC to the next meeting.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

**Signed:** ..... **Dated:** .....