

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting During Covid-19

Monday 15th June 2020

Online - Zoom

1. Attendance:

The meeting formally opened at 19.03hrs.

Present: Chair Savage, Councillors Fawcett, Hunter and Holman. The Parish Clerk was present.

Apologies received from Councillor Ramwell.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Matters Arising from Monday 18th May

Councillor Fawcett informed Councillors that the Methodist Church has now been vacated and will therefore be unavailable for future meetings. Chair Savage to enquire at the Marton Arms for the next meeting once it is safe to do so.

4. Planning: YDNPA

- The Chair gave a summary of the current position in respect of each application, including the **2020/21686/HH Trees Farmhouse, Trees Farm, Westhouse** application that was not included on the Agenda as it was published on the day of the Parish Meeting.
- C/68/608B/LB Masongill House, Masongill, Thornton in Lonsdale.
Councillors agreed to support this application subject to the new windows being in keeping with the building and the environment.
- 2020/21686/HH Trees Farmhouse, Trees Farm, Westhouse, Ingleton.
Councillors agreed to support this application as it is clear that it will help the residents and does not negatively impact the area.

5. Finance:

- The Clerk gave a summary of the finances:
 - Paid 20 weeks of Clerk's wages: £880
 - Paid room rental to the Methodist Church: £60
 - Received dividend from the Threadneedle account: £193.48
- Cheques to be signed for bills payable by Councillors Ramwell and Hunter for the following:
 - 6 weeks of Clerk's wages: £264
 - Grass cutting bill: £36
 - Insurance policy renewal: £218.62
- The Clerk discussed the upcoming Audit. This requires an in-person meeting and the deadline has therefore been moved to 31st August. During the time between Clerks there are some missing bank statements. Chair Savage to contact Natwest to request statements between July 2019 and January 2020 are sent to the Clerk.

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6. Police Report

The Clerk gave a summary of the recent Police reports, with no comments from Councillors:

- 05/04/2020 - 02/05/2020: 4 reports Covid19 – travel
- 03/05/2020 – 31/05/2020: 21 reports Covid19 - Ingleton Waterfalls Walk; 1 report RTC – A65 – Westhouse
- 01/06/2020 – 04/06/2020: 2 reports Covid19 - Ingleton Waterfalls Walk
- 11/06/2020 & 12/06/2020: 2 burglaries in Westhouse where 2 properties had secure garages entered and power and garden tools were taken.

7. Visitors to the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail

- Since the last meeting the Clerk has emailed the Police, the Waterfalls management company and the Highways Agency to tackle the issues exacerbated by COVID19
- The Waterfalls Trail informed the Council that the Trail would reopen on 15th June with a one way system. To enforce this, a gate has been installed to stop locals accessing the walk in the wrong direction. Councillors expressed concern that this may become a permanent feature despite the locals having the right to access the walk for free. Clerk to write a letter confirm how long the gate will be in place.
- The Highways Agency responded to the request for stronger measures in terms of parking enforcement by warning that this process can take up to 12 months. Clerk to respond to confirm that this is an ongoing safety issue and should be looked into for the long term. Resident's parking must also be considered in the review.
- Councillor Holman informed Councillors of the issues the Waterfalls Trail are facing now they have opened including destroyed toilet facilities. An incident with visitors parking across a driveway was also discussed where the police issued a ticket and towed the vehicle.

8. Overgrown Trees and Bushes on the A65 Pavement

- Councillor Hunter described that with the increasingly overgrown trees and bushes along the pavement of the A65, walkers are being forced to walk on the very fast and busy road.
- Clerk to write a letter to the Highways Agency for this issue to be addressed

9. AOB

Clerk announced that she will be moving away from the area in September and will be unable to attend meetings following the next August meeting. Councillors to consider options and communicate before the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 19.42hrs.

Date of next meeting: 17th August 2020 location to be confirmed.

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