

Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 15th May 2017

Westhouse Village Hall

1. Attendance.

The meeting opened at 19.20hrs.

Present: Chairperson Hunter, Councillors Easterby, Lund and Townley. The Parish Clerk and thirteen members of the public were present.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 13th March 2017. Councillor Townley proposed and Councillor Easterby seconded that the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. All were in favour. The Chairperson signed the minutes.

Matters Arising.

5. Gullies and ditches. Councillors Easterby and Townley would conduct a trial to establish the time and resources required to maintain the gullies and ditches. They will report back to the Parish Council so that suitable tenders could be obtained. It is anticipated that the projected cost will necessitate the introduction of a precept to cover the ongoing maintenance programme. Chairperson Hunter advised that it is intended to hold a public meeting towards the end of the year to address the question of a precept.

6 (ii) The invoice for the Christmas tree has still not been received. Councillor Ramwell and Parish Clerk to address.

6 (iv) The Parish Clerk has supplied his bank details to the Chairperson who is in the process of arranging a standing order.

5 (ii). The Chairperson reminded the meeting that the Parish Council has provided it's banking facilities to the "Save a Life" project. She gave an update on the expenditure for three cabinets and the "Worry Free" maintenance packages. VAT would be reclaimed where applicable.

Councillor Easterby asked whether there would be a requirement to fund insurance for the defibrillators. The Chairperson advised that this would not be an option because the British Heart Foundation stipulation is that the cabinets are not locked. As a consequence they cannot be insured. Each box is fitted with a loud audible alarm which is activated when the door is opened.

The three cabinets will be fitted in May 2017 at the phone box in Thornton, Smiths Garage at Masongill and Westhouse Village Hall.

4. Planning.

There were no new applications. It was noted that the application for an additional retail unit and car parking at Country Harvest had been approved.

5. Financial.

The Parish Clerk provided an update. A draft budget based on the 2016/17 had been produced.

6. Project Updates.

“Save a Life.” as above.

B4RN. The scheme has not reached the south side of the A65. The Chairperson has written to Ian Thompson advising that there is a substantial level of interest from the residents and has invited him to meet with them.

Community Emergency Plan. Ongoing.

7. Any Other Business.

Ms Hartley advised that the community “phone box” is in need of repainting. Specialist paint is required. Previously the Parish Council had contributed to the cost. Ms Hartley asked that consideration be given to making a contribution. The Chairperson proposed that the Council contribute 50% of the cost. This was seconded by Councillor Easterby. All were in favour. Ms Hartley thanked the Council and agreed to provide an invoice to the Clerk so that he can arrange payment.

Members of the public living in Thornton expressed concerns about traffic problems in their area. The speed limit on the through road is 60 mph. There have been increasing problems with vehicles travelling at high speed for the conditions and apparently racing. A dog and a cat have been run over. It is feared that a serious injury collision will occur if the situation continues. Friday evenings and all day Saturday were of particular concern.

A wide ranging discussion took place with the following action agreed. The local residents would speak to the local police officers about their concerns, local residents would ring up to report the problems as they were taking place requesting a log reference number, one of the residents would provide a written summary of the issues for the attention of the Parish Clerk and the Councillors. The issue would be included as a substantive item on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting to be held on Monday 10th July 2017.

Ms Hartley asked about access to the Parish Council noticeboards in terms of how they could be opened and what type of information can be displayed in them. The Chairperson advised that the noticeboard at Westhouse Village Hall could be opened with the attached key and that she had the keys for the others. With reference to what type of notice could be displayed, the Chairperson stated that the information must be relevant to local community events and that “current” or “in date” notices must not be removed or covered up. The Parish Council notices must not be removed by members of the public.

There being no other business, the Chairperson thanked the members of the public for their attendance. The meeting closed at 20.25hrs.

Date of Next Ordinary Meeting: Monday 10th July 2017 at Westhouse Village Hall.

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