

## THORNTON-IN-LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Westhouse Village Hall

1. Chairman Wiper and Councillors Lund and Hunter were present along with two members of the public. Councillor Ramwell sent apologies.
2. There were no declarations of interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting(s) held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 had been read, were agreed and then signed by the Chairman.
4. Councillor Townley was welcomed to the Council by the Chairman. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed accordingly and Cllr Townley was co-opted onto the Council.
5.
  - a) A member of the public raised the lack of Thornton in Lonsdale 'boundary signs'. Councillors agreed that such signs create a greater identity for the Parish and asked the Clerk to follow up with Highways.
  - b) It was noted that a number of HGVs are travelling down Smithy Lane and causing some damage to the verges and leaving the lane quite muddy. Clerk to follow up with Highways regarding the possibility of signs to deter HGVs turning and also to ask whether Highways has any influence over SatNav mapping.
6. **Planning**
  - a) Gatehouse Barn - Craven DC confirmed that all four Enforcement Notices remained in existence, however only one had not yet been fully complied with.
  - b) Sunny Vale Workshop - YDNPA have finalised the Conditions relating to noise and sound levels and a decision is expected soon.
  - c) Thornbrook Barn Campsite - Approved. Clerk confirmed that the sewage disposal unit will be on the same side of the stream as the Ablutions Block. Slate will be used on the Ablutions Block and planting will be carried out in the first planting season after completion of the development.
  - d) Thornton Station - Approved.
7.
  - i. The Clerk informed the council of the book of entries since the last meeting:

Credits:	Allianz Dividend	£389.81
Debits:	Pica Print Newsletter (Hunter)	£15.00
	Clerks Standing Order (Sept)	£132.66
	J Hartley & Sons	£33.60
	Lune Rivers Trust	£50.00
	Clerks Standing Order (Oct)	£132.66
	Royal British Legion	£17.00
<b>Balance at 31 October was £2776.66</b>		
  - ii. Bills Payable - J Hartley (Grass cutting - Aug/Sept) - £57.60  
Pica Print (Newsletter) - £15.00  
Clerks Admin Expenses (12 months) - £120.00  
Village Hall Charge for Hire - £84.00
  - iii. Budget was reviewed and agreed. No areas for concern.

- iv. Precept - Councillors discussed the 2014/15 Precept. Councillor Townley raised the concept of the Parish employing a Lengthsman. Ahead of finalising the Precept the Clerk was asked to undertake further research and present back at the next meeting.
  - v. Donations - the Councillors agreed to make a £20 donation following a request from Settle Swimming Pool.
8. The Councillors discussed the Thornton in Lonsdale Parish Website. Mr S Smith who maintains the website highlighted that a lot of the information was out of date and asked whether the site needed refreshing. Councillor Hunter and the Clerk to follow up and liaise with those organisations that appear on the site.
  9. Standing Water, Far Westhouse Road. This section of road and the adjacent ditches continue to cause concern, particularly with the onset of the freezing weather. No action has been taken by landowner. Clerk to follow up with Highways and request, that since the ice causes a significant danger, could the work be undertaken by them.
  10. Damage to Turbury Pasture and adjacent land. The Clerk advised that NYCC Highways have commissioned legal advice from Counsell with regards the route and its correct status. The Parish Council had also received a letter from Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance offering their support, clerk to follow up.
  11. Turbury Rent - Rent review is underway. No update from R Turner & Sons.
  12. Speed Data Equipment - Clerk presented the feedback from The Partnership team, who stated that due to limited resources they have to target those areas where most of the traffic exceeds the speed limit and where there are speed related casualties. Clerk to follow up again on the possibility of a 40mph limit along the A65, given this has been established in neighbouring counties.
  13. AOB
    - i. Richard Thornton's C of E School. Councillors expressed their regret at the proposal to close this local school. Clerk to feedback via the consultation paper received.
    - ii. The Christmas Tree for the Parish green has been ordered.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

The next meeting was scheduled for **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm**

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