

FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VILLAGE HALL, THORNTON-LE-CLAY
ON WEDNESDAY 02 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM**

Councillors Present:

Calum Balding (CB)
Evelyn Conlon (EC)
David Johnson (DJ)
Christine Walker (CW)

Simon Burton (SB)
Nigel Cox (NC)
Bryan Pillow (BP)

In Attendance:

Fiona Hill (FH) - Parish Clerk

Public Present:

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- 19/78 To receive apologies for absence and reasons given:** None
- 19/79 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda:**
Planning Application – CB, relative/neighbour
Grant Application – NC/BP, village hall trustees
- 19/80 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 05 December 2018:**
The minutes were approved
- 19/81 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:**
Light Pollution – Cllrs were continuing to monitor this, as some properties appeared to have taken action to reduce the effect
- 19/82 Councillors to discuss long-standing matters:**
1. Allotments: Cllrs noted that the vacant area was currently very wet.
2. Rights of Way – **FH** would ask Mike Duck for a quote to supply sign/post for other end of Judy Lane. **BP** would look at the handrail over the ditch on the footpath through Marcon land.
3. Village Furniture e.g. noticeboards, bench and defibrillator - NTR
4. Fracking - NTR
- 19/83 Public Session - The Parish Council will, time permitting, adjourn the council meeting for a short time to allow for public comment and questions:**
None
- 19/84 To discuss new planning applications received:**
1. 18/01247/FUL Land off High Street, Thornton-le-Clay
The Parish Council, unanimously agreed that it does not object to the application in principle, but had concerns as follows:
• Street View – is in danger of taking on a “Charles Church” appearance with too many matching properties, so maybe there could be a rethink about the materials used.

- Workshop – if this was sited at the other side of the site, it would not have such an impact on neighbouring properties. The application does not state what the purpose is for this building, which may have an impact on the immediate surroundings.
- Access/Egress – the highway has to accommodate a large amount of on-street parking, which may affect the positioning of the new driveway.

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To discuss matters raised by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:

1. Bookkeeping records to date

FH circulated copies of the bank reconciliation dated 24Dec18 totalling £10288.46 and the Income & Expenditure Report.

2. Financial Management - Internal Control Checks(s), Internal/External Audits, Property Inspections, GDPR

2.1 Budget/Precept 2019-2020

It was unanimously agreed that the precept would remain at £2500.00, proposed SB, seconded NC. The expenditure budget totalling £3110.00 was unanimously agreed.

2.2 Grant Application from Thornton-le-Clay Village Hall

An application form and accounts had been received requesting a grant of £450.00 to cover the cost of insurance. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that whilst they were sympathetic towards the financial problems currently experienced by the village hall, it felt that it was inappropriate to fund running costs. The Parish Council would urge the trustees and committee to seek guidance on the options available, so forward planning could be made, but parish consultation should continue to ensure all interested parties were fully aware of the issues.

- Property Inspections - CW had conducted them and submitted her report. CB volunteered to cover the next month.

3. Matters raised by/with Yorkshire Local Councils Association

Cllrs noted receipt of the White Rose Update (Dec18) and FH highlighted articles of interest - Elections and Annual Meeting 2019, Removing a chairman between elections, PPL PRS Licences, Local government finance settlement, Waste Carriers Licence. **FH** agreed to check whether the PC needed a waste carriers licence for litter picking by volunteers.

4. To approve payments as follows:

4.1	Parish Clerk	Salary	£111.19	100529
4.2	Village Hall	Hall Hire	£12.00	100530

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To report any new correspondence received by the council: None

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To receive matters raised by members:

- Dog Barking throughout the day at property on High Street

DJ reported that a resident had volunteered to speak to the owners, as they were out at work and may not realise there is a problem. If this did not resolve the issue the Parish Council could write to the address and/or contact RDC

- Roadside Gutters

CB had cleared debris for some and would do other, but it was felt that NYCC should be asked to clean them out with the specialist vehicle, so **FH** would contact Neil Jefferson.

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To confirm the dates of the future meeting(s) on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Thornton-le-Clay:

06Feb19, 06Mar19, 03Apr19, 01May19, 05Jun19, 03Jul19, 07Aug19, 04Sep19, 02Oct19, 06Nov19, 04Dec19

The Pensions Regulator - "Duties Checker:

Confirm who to contact -

FH has registered herself as both the Primary and Secondary Contact.

Choose a pension scheme - The Parish Council have enrolled with Now Pensions Trustee Ltd, 164 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4LX with assistance from Ardent IFA Ltd, 80 Clifton, York, YO30 6BA. Tel: 01904 655330. Email: hello@ardentuk.com

Type of pension: Occupational

Pension Scheme Registry Number (PSR): 12005124

Employer Pension Scheme Reference (EPSR): K4H9

Work out who to put into a pension -

Done

Write to your staff -

Done

Declare your compliance -

Done - Acknowledgement letter dated 22Oct16 on file (Letter Code 1087985038)