

FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VILLAGE HALL, THORNTON-LE-CLAY
ON WEDNESDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM**

Councillors Present:

Evelyn Conlon (EC)
David Johnson (DJ)
Christine Walker (CW)

Nigel Cox (NC)
Bryan Pillow (BP)

In Attendance:

Fiona Hill (FH) - Parish Clerk

Public Present:

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19/89

To receive apologies for absence and reasons given:

Parish Councillors Calum Balding (CB) and Simon Burton (SB)

19/90

To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

19/91

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 02 January 2019:

The minutes were approved

19/92

To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

- Light Pollution – Cllrs were continuing to monitor this
- Street signs/Nameplates – NTR
- Dog Barking – appeared to be reduced, but would continue to monitor
- Litter Picking – CW/EC will arrange
- Waste Collection Licences – FH to research further

19/93

Councillors to discuss long-standing matters:

1. Allotments: The vacant allotment is currently standing in water. FH had issued the paperwork of the rent review.
2. Rights of Way – CW had reported the broken handrail to NYCC
3. Village Furniture e.g. noticeboards, bench and defibrillator – The Parish Council unanimously accept the quote of £125.00 from M Duck for replacing the Judy Lane sign.
4. Fracking - NTR

19/94

Public Session - The Parish Council will, time permitting, adjourn the council meeting for a short time to allow for public comment and questions: None

19/95

To discuss new planning applications received:

1. 18/01402/HOUSE Cobwebs, Low Street, Thornton-le-Clay
- The Parish Council, unanimously agreed that it does not object to the application in principle, subject to the following:
- It is mandatory that all trees and hedges must be retained in their existing curtilage
 - All windows overlooking neighbours should be opaque
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18/01247/FUL – Land off High Street, Thornton-le-Clay – Refused by RDC

Reason – *"The construction of this dwelling in Thornton le Clay, an 'Other Village' (identified in Policies SP1 and SP2) requires the application of the local needs occupancy condition, as required by Policy SP21, in order to ensure that it meets locally derived need and not externally driven demand. The applicant has evidence of a past connection to the settlement but is unable to demonstrate compliance with any aspect of the Local Needs Occupancy Condition. On this basis, the dwelling's intended occupants would be unable to comply with Policy SP1 – General Location of Development and Settlement Hierarchy; Policy SP2 – Delivery and Distribution of Housing; and Policy SP21 – Occupancy Conditions – of the adopted Ryedale Plan – Local Plan Strategy. The Local Planning Authority considers that there are no material considerations to justify a decision other than in accordance with the adopted Development Plan"*.

19/96

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

1. Bookkeeping records to date

FH circulated copies of the bank reconciliation dated 24Jan19 totalling £10176.23 and the Income & Expenditure Report.

2. Financial Management - Internal Control Checks(s), Internal/External Audits, Property Inspections, GDPR - Property Inspections – CB would be asked to continue them until next meeting.

3. Matters raised by/with Yorkshire Local Councils Association

FH had just emailed around the White Rose Update (Jan19)

4. To approve payments as follows:

4.1	Parish Clerk	Salary	£111.19	100531
4.2	Village Hall	Hall Hire	£12.00	100532

19/97

To report any new correspondence received by the council:

Parish Council noted content of two emails forwarded by FH:

- RDC Elections 2019
- Vale Velo Sat06Apr19

The Parish Council had received a copy of an email, which a resident had sent to Foston Primary School as follows:

"I recently consulted your school website to read the available minutes and I read with interest the sections about changing the status of Foston School from VC to VA

In the minutes of the meeting on 12Sep18, it states that governors discussed the negatives – "Devolved capital would be held by the diocese and 10% paid by school for any projects". And that "SM felt, and governors agreed that the positives outweighed this negative".

To hand over capital to the diocese, which will only be given back in part, seems a huge negative, are you sure the positives outweigh this?

Am I correct in assuming that that school building and curtilage will also be handed over to the Diocese?

If this is the case, on reading the article "Outcry at church council plan to sell village hall for £750,000" in the Yorkshire Post (Page 14 / 02Feb19), I am very concerned about the whole matter.

The decisions are been made by a governing body who are by majority not from Foston and Thornton-le-Clay and in the absence of a parish consultation many interested parties may not even be aware.

In addition, I'm not exactly sure why the alignment of the RE 'curriculum is of such pivotal importance to Terrington governors? Especially, as this may be at such a great cost to Foston School!

I would like to formally request that the village are kept fully informed and I will be doing my part by forwarding a copy of this letter to the Parish Council at their meeting this week".

The resident had received a response as follows:

"Thank you for your email. At the last Governing Body Meeting of the Foston and Terrington Federation of Primary Schools on January 30th the governors decided not to continue exploring the possibility of Foston becoming a Voluntary Aided School. If the Governing Body decides to pursue it in the future we would, of course, consult with the local community as we are required to do, before making a decision.

I would like to reassure you that Foston and Thornton le Clay representation is equal to Terrington's in the Instrument of Government, the legal document which determines how governors are appointed and on the Governing Body itself. All governors are appointed on the basis that they have a commitment to both schools and ensuring they meet the needs of their local communities".

The resident noted that this action would not continue for now, but may well be restarted in the future and none of the questions were answered.

According to the website, the current governor list is made up of categories as follows:

Local Authority Governor	x 1
Ex-Officio Diocese	x 2
Headteacher	x 1
Staff	x 1
Parent	x 2
Foundation	x 6 (2 currently vacant)

It was noted that only two are residents of the parish

The Parish Council could only keep a "watching brief", but asked that the resident keep them informed.

19/98 To receive matters raised by members: None

19/99 To confirm the dates of the future meeting(s) on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Thornton-le-Clay:

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)