

Draft Minutes - Thornton Steward Parish Meeting – Tuesday 31st May 2016

Matters arising from the meeting 23.02.16:

Defibrillator

Agreed that the sign at the telephone box would be easier to understand with a direction arrow plus distance e.g. '75 m on the right'. A photo of the Institute was also suggested e.g. using the postcard.

Action: Jo T

The defibrillator is owned by the Parish Meeting. The chair will pass figures to the finance clerk so that it can be included in the asset register.

Action: MA/JB

Weekly checks are being carried out on the defibrillator by Maureen Ayre (Guardian) and Julia Waterman (Deputy Guardian). A record of checks is available both in the Institute and in the defibrillator cabinet.

Village Pound update:

Queries about grass cutting led to discussion about the future management and promotion of the ecology of the area. A previous suggestion was to cut a grass path through to the walled area and it was felt this could be done in-house. It was noted that the owner of Goose Park had cut down trees in The Pound along his boundary. The Chair suggested that we need to develop a management plan.

Action: Julia W offered to contact Dr Key for advice

MA offered to check with the owner of Goose Park about the treatment of nettles.

Easement for water supply across the village green – to new property next to Daleside

MA outlined the current situation – although the grant of easement has not yet been signed, the applicant has carried out the work across the village green. A draft easement document has recently been drawn up and received by the Parish Meeting and the Richmondshire District Council. Concern was expressed about the length of time that had elapsed. The chair informed the meeting that she and the applicant had been pushing respective solicitors to complete the process as quickly as possible and would continue to do so.

Action: MA

Planning Application for garage/cart shed at Lower Garth, Thornton Steward

C Leak advised the meeting that he had been informed by Richmondshire District Council that they had made a mistake and he did not need planning permission for this development. No grounds were stated.

Planning Application Ulshaw

The application has been granted and work is underway.

Tree Management

The tree inspection report deems most trees on the village green as 'low risk'. The sycamore (with TPO) beside the Joiner's Cottage is deemed as 'moderate risk'. Some trees along Back Lane, beside Old Hall Cottage (checked in error) are deemed as 'moderate risk'. However, it's thought these are the responsibility of North Yorkshire County Council Highways. Action: MA – inform NYCC

Next step - develop a management plan. The chair suggested that a sub-committee could study the recommendations in the report in more detail and report back. Guy W volunteered and it is to be hoped Peter T will join him. Action: GW/PT

MA informed the meeting that work on trees in a conservation area is subject to approval by Richmondshire District Council. This report can be used to support any applications we may need to make.

Trees on the lane down to Goose Park were mentioned but these were not included in the inspection as the Parish Meeting is only responsible for trees on the village green.

Village Pump Restoration Project:

Despite inclusion in the newsletter the Chair received little response and in light of this did not investigate costings.

The consensus at the last meeting was to remove the railings but the Chair expressed concern that vehicles might damage the wash stone if there was no protection.

J Waterman volunteered to get costings for 3 options:

1. Repair posts (and do painting in-house)
2. Take posts out (have stones to protect wash stone)
3. Put down cobbles (and remove railings)

Action: JW

Quoit Covers:

The Chair has asked Richard C to investigate replacement covers. Action: RC/MA

Any other business

Planning Application - The Manse, Thornton Steward

Application received after this agenda had been issued. The Chair gave a summary of the main aspects of the application and it was agreed that a further meeting should be arranged to discuss the application in more detail. Chris L offered to chair this meeting on 16th June at 7pm and Sandra N offered to take the minutes.

Action: MA to circulate an agenda for the planning meeting and liaise with C L.

MA to ask RDC for an extension on the time limit for comments from the Parish Meeting

SN to confirm availability for 16.6.16

With no further business the meeting was closed.