

## **Draft Minutes - Thornton Steward Parish Meeting – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**

### ***Matters arising from the meeting 16.06.16:***

#### **The Manse**

Full planning permission and Listed building consent have been granted.

### ***Matters arising from the meeting 31.05.16:***

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

MA stated that the easement had now been granted and documents signed.

It was noted that Tim Clarkson, the builder, had expressed the view that the Parish Meeting solicitor and Richmondshire District Council were responsible for ‘unacceptable delays’ in completing the process, which (in his view) had affected the sale of the property.

MA stated that she had tried to keep the process moving but several ‘glitches’ had meant that the process was not straightforward.

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

C Leak thanked Richard Ormston District Councillor in helping to resolve matters with the Planning Department. It was noted that construction was now underway.

#### **Tree Management**

Deferred till later in the meeting.

#### **Village Pound update, Village Pump Restoration Project and Quoit Covers:**

Deferred till the next meeting.

(The minutes were agreed and signed.)

#### **Goose Park – Planning Application – Certificate of Lawfulness regarding a breach in the Agricultural Occupancy Condition for the dwelling at Goose Park**

Mr Hill and his family have supplied evidence to show that since April 2006 the dwelling has not been occupied by anyone who has been ‘solely or mainly employed in agriculture’ and therefore they have been living in breach of the agricultural occupancy condition for more than 10 years. This condition was part of the original planning permission given in 2003 for the dwelling at Goose Park.

The Parish Meeting is being asked for information, which may either support or contest the evidence given.

A Hill of Goose Park presented a typed statement to the Parish Meeting summarising the application. He stated that this was drafted from ‘advice he had been given by Mr Anthony Atkinson of Acorus’, who is acting as his agent for this application. (He agreed that this statement could be sent to the planners.)

The chair and others had spoken to the planners prior to the meeting. The understanding given was that, if the application were granted, the agricultural occupancy condition would be removed completely and therefore the property would become freehold. This differed from Mr Hill’s statement.

MA read out the ‘evidence to support the certificate of lawfulness’. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the chair would submit comments to Mairi Featherstone (RDC) on the following points:

- 5 acres of land at Bom Beaver had been put up for sale in January 2012 and subsequently sold, reducing the acreage at Goose Park from about 14 acres to about 9 acres
- If the property becomes freehold, will this allow a different type of development to be considered at Goose Park in the future? An application to change a barn into a dwelling had been refused in

the past. One of the reasons for the refusal was that the barn constituted half of the buildings available to support agriculture at Goose Park.

- If the property becomes freehold, will this affect the southern boundary of the conservation area e.g. paving the way to allowing infill development between Goose Park and the existing conservation area?

MA will also seek clarification regarding understanding of the meaning of the application.

**Action:** MA - submit comments to RDC

### **Tree Management on the village green areas**

The sub-committee circulated several hard copies of:

- the inspection information with photos of each tree, and
- a suggested schedule of works

It was explained that some 'works' could be carried out by residents of the village while, in the case of the sycamores for example, a tree surgeon would need to be engaged. MA has notified the Highways about trees inspected on the verge of Back Lane.

The Parish Meeting now needs to decide, based on liability, cost and good tree management, which 'works' to include. Then permission can be sought from the Richmondshire District Council and quotes can be requested as required.

It was agreed that people need time to study the information and look around the village at the trees.

It was agreed that tree management, along with the rest of the agenda, would be carried forward to a further meeting in two weeks' time.

**Action:** MA - arrange a meeting for 17.11.16

### **Any other business**

BT consultation on removal of payphones. A brief discussion took place. MA stated she had already sent comments to RDC on behalf of the Parish Meeting.

GD stated that he had read about the possibility of installing 'Wi-Fi' in phone boxes.

**Action:** MA - Include this topic in the agenda for the next meeting.

MA thanked Richard Ormston for his attendance at this meeting.

The meeting was closed.