

**Minutes of Thornton Steward Parish Meeting held in the Institute
on Wednesday 1st November 2017.**

Present: Sandra Nix (in the Chair), Sue Hird (Clerk), Cllr. Richard Ormston, James Brierley, Carol Brierley, Neil Stanton, Guy Wilman, Yvonne Wilman, Chris Leak, Vanessa Leak, G.Driver (on behalf of Dorothy). Wendy Hoare.

Apologies: John Nix, Julia Waterman.

- 1. Matters arising from last Meeting: There has been no update on the pump repairs, Dave to be approached again.**

The Registration of the Village Green application has been sent to NYCC who have acknowledged the receipt, and we await the outcome.

The Event for Village Greens and Common Land was heavily over-subscribed and the Clerk was too late to attend because of this. It is possible that a new event might be made available in the New Year.

- 2.It was recommended that the Precept for 2018/19 be £2,200. as there were no large costs for the village to spend coming up, and was passed by a unanimous show of hands. The Honorarium of the Clerk's payment to be finalised before the end of March 2018. £500 has been ring-fenced for Broadband. The grass cutting bills are under discussion, and the Clerk will contact the grass cutters for charges in 2018 and also the Pound. It was agreed that the grass needs cutting now.**

- 3. The Institute charges have gone up by £50 for use of Heating, Kitchen, Toilets, Tables and Chairs. Hire of the room is free, and the number of meetings is not limited.**

- 4. The new trees have been planted at a cost of £707. Dorothy objected to the situation of the Hornbeam, but it has been**

planted further down the slope of the Green and will not be as obstructive as a Rowan.

5. There had been no detailed information from Natalie Snowball on the planning permission granted for Southview Cottage. The Clerk to talk to Natalie about the wall to the Village Green and the Nix's. The Enforcement Officer, Alison Pilkington, has stated that the tracks across the village green are for access and not for parking on. However, it is a private matter which involves the Parish meeting. This includes the track to Southview. She has stressed that the Parish Meeting should monitor the use of the tracks and ensure they are not used for parking purposes. It was pointed out that the Estate agent's details for Southview referred to the track as "for access and parking", and that this is incorrect. Carol Brierley has informed the Estate agent of the Enforcement Officer's view, and would examine the agent's description on the property details to ensure they gave an accurate description as to the use of the track.

6. Cllr Ormston told the Meeting that the Government through their "Transparency" policy will pay for Laptops, Printers, Scanners or other Hardware necessary for the Meeting between £400 -£500. The Clerk should get a move on to apply as this was due to come to an end soon. Cllr. Ormston also said that £150 grant for Broadband could be claimed back. Because of the FOI Act it was suggested that the Clerk should have a different domain address, instead of her private one.

Cllr. Ormston reported that new ward boundaries were coming into effect, but that Thornton Steward would remain in the Lower Wensleydale ward.

The Clerk was going to ask the YLCA how long we should keep Parish Meeting records and planning applications/permissions.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed.