

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2018

In the Thornton Steward Institute.

Present:

Chris Leak (in the Chair), Jo Thompson, Neale Thompson, Yvonne Wilman, Guy Wilman, Carol Calder, Robert Calder, Julia Waterman, Cllr.Richard Ormston, Wendy Hoare, J.Brierley, Sue Hird (Clerk).

Apologies: John and Sandra Nix, Carol Brierley, Vanessa Leak.

Matters arising:

Chris to remind Dave about the village pump. Grass cutters to be approached for final bill.

Data Protection Officer: This is a new requirement by the County Council and YLCA. The YCLA is wanting to cover all Parish meetings but we will wait until the next update. There is a meeting by YCLA at Scorton on the 9th February 2018. Cllr Ormston will see what is happening and update us. The position is usually filled by the Clerk, but this will not be possible, and we do not wish to be employing anyone else.

The Registration of the Village Green was still awaited, the Clerk to chase this up.

The Government's Transparency policy which pays for Laptops, Printers, Scanners does not apply to Parish Meetings.

Sam Hutchinson representing the PCC and Julia Mulligan, paid us a visit later in the Meeting under a community mapping enterprise to all Parishes. He asked us if we had any concerns, and there were only two items that were brought up, one was speeding down Back Lane and the other was poaching. A speed limit was applied for back in the 1980s but was rejected. The Chairman said he would

make formal representation to Highways explaining that with the introduction of Satellite Navigation it makes Back Lane more dangerous for horse riders, dog walkers and cyclists when there is no speed limit. It also affects the school children that are dropped off after school by the bus that does not come into the village proper. We would request a 30 m.p.h. limit. Sam Hutchinson explained that the Police would prefer speed management protocol. They would possibly stretch wire across Back Lane for a few days to get first hand knowledge. It was noted that Thirn achieved a 30 m.p.h. speed limit. The problem of poaching was more difficult to control as even if car registrations were gathered and reported, the problem resumed afterwards.

A.O.B.

It was requested that a sign post for Thornton Steward be put up by Dollybog Woods, Highways Department to be contacted.

The Finance Officer said that the Precept had been applied for, and to remain as last year.

The Clerk would contact the grasscutters to see if they would gather all the fallen leaves on the Green in the Autumn, as the leaves cause the grass underneath to die.

The Boundary review was due to be completed by 15th January 2018 and a decision was due about April time. Cllr. Ormston thought Thornton Steward would be unaffected and remain in Lower Wensleydale.

The Chairman thanked Sam Hutchinson for coming, and as there was no other business the Meeting was closed.