

Minutes of Parish Meeting in the Village Institute

On Tuesday 15th May 2018

Apologies: Sandra and John Nix, Cllr. Richard Ormston

Present: Carol Calder (in the Chair), Chris Leak, Vanessa Leak, Carol Brierley, Jim Brierley, Rob Calder, Julia Waterman, Jo Thompson, Neale Thompson, Wendy Hoare, Sue Hird (Clerk).

Matters arising:

Chris approached Dave again, who said there were special caps for the posts on the Village pump and also that the railings should be repainted.

The grass cutters bill had been finalised, and the first cut of the new season had been done. The registration of the Village Green was still awaited but Jim had sent a further map that was required.

The precept was to remain as last year and the first instalment had been received. Carol Calder (chair) signed the year end's accounts, which were completed by the financial officer (Chris Leak).

Data Protection Officer:

The Government had tabled an amendment to its own Bill to exempt Parish Councils and Meetings from appointing a Data Protection Officer and the Bill was now going through the House of Lords, having been passed by the Lower House. It was expected that the amendment would be passed but we would have to wait until we received official notification of this.

The Boundary review keeps Thornton Steward as is.

Drains and Gullies:

They had been done but not very successfully as they can only be done in dry weather. It was suggested that Norman be asked to dig them out, with possibly Daniel's help, and that the Parish would be happy to pay Norman. If Norman was not available then Louis would be approached. It was agreed a formal letter to Norman be sent.

Rob Calder attended the Planning Meeting organised by the District Council. It was noted that objective observations were taken into consideration, and that the objections should just stick to the material facts not people's feelings, as different items brought forward had different values. For Conservation areas like Thornton Steward the Planning fees were to be waived, only where it would have been permitted elsewhere.

BT:

It was established that super fast Broadband will come along the Village green, but not School Lane. New poles may be required. School Lane was advised to go down the funding route. There was no time scale , just some time in the future!

The Clerk to approach the Highways department about 2 large potholes, one by Fieldside houses and one in School Lane.

The Clerk had received a notice about a possible grant for up to £1000 for small Parishes. It was suggested a new Notice Board be applied for.

The Clerk had received a request from Julia Mulligan for anyone who wished to complete a Rural Crime Survey. It was agreed Jo would let people know the website if they wished to comment.

It was agreed that a notice would go up on the Notice Board saying that *" by default, the Parish Meeting accepts no responsibility for any notices on the board"* as the Parish does not wish to be judgemental.

The Meeting was then closed.