

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on 19th November 2019

in the Thornton Steward Village Institute



Apologies – Carol Brierley, Stephen McCormack

Present – Jim Brierley, Wendy Hoare, Cllr Richard Ormston, Maureen Ayre, Vicky Buczak, Jan Buczak, Neil Stanton, Angela McCormack (Chair/Clerk)

1. **Amount for Precept 2020.** Jim suggested we retain same amount for Parish Precept application as last year of £2,200. He explained this is usually enough to pay for the grass cutting and any other unforeseen costs. Maureen noted that the defibrillator is in need of new pads, which are now coming towards the end of their 2 year life. She also mentioned the battery is beginning to lose some of its charge, although it's not in immediate need of replacing. Jim responded by telling the meeting that there is enough money in the Parish Meeting investment account to pay for these costs. Jan asked the meeting where the money would come from for the Precept and Jim explained it is allocated from Richmondshire District Council. Cllr Ormston added that it may be prudent to link the amount requested for the Precept to be index linked in line with inflation. It was agreed unanimously to ask for £2,300 as a small increase for next year.

2. **Additional signature for TSPM Investment Account and Transfer of Grant.** Jim explained that we have accumulated cash in a NS&I account and as one of the current signatories has since resigned, the account now needs another signatory to be able to run it. Maureen asked Jim to explain what the transfer of Grant was. Jim explained it was an amount agreed by the meeting to offer support to the Institute, which supplements income towards paying for Heating, Electricity and use of the facilities. Angela offered to take this on and as such, was proposed then seconded by Maureen and Neil, the meeting unanimously agreed to grant this proposal. Angela signed the relevant forms, which were counter signed by 3 members of tonight's meeting.

3. **Proposed removal of Telephone boxes by BT (risk to Thornton Steward).** Angela mentioned that an email had arrived from Richmondshire Council suggesting BT had wanted to remove phone boxes within the district if they lacked regular use. She responded to the email suggesting the Phone Box should be retained due to the poor mobile coverage within the village. General feeling was that even though it has not been used recently, it should remain in place. Angela will ensure any further emails will reflect this feeling.

4. **Grass Cutting contract.** Angela was approached by a local resident, re contract for grass cutting to the Village Green. The Parish meeting discussed options for and against. They agreed unanimously, to gain a re-quote from the current contractor for next year. Cllr Ormston asked the Parish council to be mindful of the contract to cover all areas of the green, despite some residents being happy to cut the area outside of their own front doors. This is to protect the boundaries of the village greens and prevent possible future claims to the land.

5. **Goose Park Planning Application.** Planning for Goose Park has since been granted by Richmondshire District planning department. Angela (as clerk to the Parish meeting apologised for missing this deadline.) The Parish meeting however, have no objections. Concerns were raised regarding the maintenance of the access track during construction.

6. **AOB.** Maureen re-visited previous discussion regarding the defibrillator. Cllr. Ormston reminded us of available funding (2 years from now) for use in possible replacement for defibrillator or any projects in village, eg seating, village features or enhancements etc.

Angela informed the meeting that North Yorkshire County council are close to making a decision on Thornton Steward Village green application CA9. Any further witness statements from local residents, in support or against this application, should be made at the earliest opportunity or by December 13th at latest. A copy of this application will be circulated via email on the Thornton Steward village email and will also be available to view as a paper copy in the Village notice board. To view this application online please cut and paste this link into your web browser.

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fileroot/Environment%20and%20waste/Land/Notice_of_application_CA9_007.pdf

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m. Thanks to all for attending.

Our next **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 12th May 2020**.

Angela McCormack (Chair and Clerk to Thornton Parish Meeting)