

THORNTON RUST PARISH MEETING

Draft MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2020

AT THORNTON RUST INSTITUTE

Present: Cllr John Dinsdale, Cllr Tim Freer, Pip Pointon (clerk) and 6 members of the public

1 - ELECTION

John Dinsdale was unanimously elected as chairman. Proposed by Janet Thomson and seconded by Deborah Millward.

2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were read and approved unanimously as a true record.

3 - MATTERS ARISING

John reported that new batteries and pads had been purchased by the parish council for each of the defibrillators in its area. These will be stored in a locked cupboard at Aysgarth Institute. The parish council had received a district council Area Partnership grant towards the cost.

Deborah proposed and it was unanimously agreed to minute a vote of thanks to David Pointon who died in May last year.

John reported that a mechanical digger had been hired and used to install new pipes from the top of the lane down to the cement gully above the Outgang. A new spring had appeared, however, and so water was again running down that lane. "We don't seem to win," he commented.

4 - COUNCILLORS' REPORT

John had counted 27 potholes along Thornton Rust Road.

The parish council had asked if Highways would repair a broken culvert slab but was told that it was not part of the highway. This meant it would be up to the parish council to get it repaired.

He said that it would probably not be possible to renew the Stewardship Scheme for Thornton Mire as it covered such a small area. The parish council was hoping to get it included in the scheme for Thoraby Moss.

5 - LETTINGS

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| • West Lane | Sheena Pratt | £20 | paid |
| • Thornton Mire including shooting rights | Ray Cloughton | £80 | paid |

Ray commented that he had not offered to increase the amount as he did not know how much shooting there would be this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

6 - KENNEL FIELD TRUST REPORT

Deborah Millward reported that the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust would no longer pay the insurance cover for the Kennel Field. The Trust was looking for ways to meet that annual cost. This included asking Aysgarth and District Parish Council if it would consider leasing the field so that it and the buildings could be included in the parish council's insurance policy. The Trust would accept full responsibility for the maintenance of the field. As the Trust is a charity it could only sell the field to the highest bidder and the Trust wanted the community to retain control of it.

John reported that the interpretation board had been installed at the Kennel Field. Deborah said that the bench had been put in the Mash House to protect it from bad weather. It needed further treatment to protect it when it was outside.

7 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Pip Pointon said that at the Kennel Field Trust meeting the possibility of encouraging inner city schools to come and explore the Outgang and the Kennel Field had been discussed. The KFT felt it would be good if such groups could use the Institute for day trips but bring their own food. It was agreed this was a good idea for the way the Institute, the Outgang and the Kennel Field could be used.

Tim was thanked for being willing to serve as a councillor. John said that, as a councillor, Tim would be invited to attend KFT meetings as an ex-officio member.

Martyn was thanked for cleaning the Institute, including door handles, ready for the meeting in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. (Everyone sat well apart)

He reported that all events at the Institute sadly had been postponed or cancelled due to the pandemic.

Village Tidy Day - May 9

8. Date of next meeting - in March 2021 if possible.

9. Meeting closed: at 8pm