

Thornton Rust Parish Meeting

At Thornton Rust Institute 16th March 2022

Draft minutes

Present: Cllr Rob Walker, Cllr Tim Freer, Pip Pointon (clerk) and 13 members of the public

1 - Apologies: were received from Cllr John Dinsdale

2 - Election: In the absence of Cllr Dinsdale it was proposed by Pip Pointon, seconded by Cllr Freer, that Cllr Rob Walker (vice chair of Aysgarth and District Parish Council) should chair the meeting. Agreed unanimously.

3 - Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held in March 2020 (just prior to pandemic lockdown) were read. Martyn Donno proposed and Janet Thomson seconded that they be approved as a true record. Agreed unanimously.

4 - Matters Arising

It was reported that concrete had been laid on the bottom of the beck culvert which was then covered, but stone slabs not yet put back on top.

It was also reported that the Stewardship Scheme for Thornton Mire was being rolled over.

Defibrillator: Cllr Walker reported that the floor of the defibrillator cabinet was damaged following the power failure and surges before Christmas. Steve Duffield reported that it had now been repaired and the defibrillator was available for use again. Cllr Walker said that, as there had been problems with paying for the repair, Cllr Dinsdale had personally paid.

It was proposed by Steve, seconded by Martyn, that Cllr Dinsdale should be reimbursed £162 from Thornton Mire Account via the parish council. Agreed unanimously.

5 - Councillors' Report -

Rob reported on situation with Bishopdale Bridge and that Cllr Yvonne Peacock was working with the county council to find a long term solution.

He said there had been a lack of signage throughout Wensleydale to warn about flooding at Wensley since the new flood warning signs had been installed.

6 - Lettings

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

7 - Kennel Field - Deborah Millward explained that this was on the agenda because the Kennel Field Trust had approached the parish council last year to see if they would lease the field and insure it. That unfortunately came to nothing, she said. The trustees have decided to set up a 100 club to try and keep pace with the insurance costs.

8. Any other business

Tim told the meeting he would not be standing again as a councillor.

For the Jubilee celebrations, Martyn reported that a sub-committee had been set up which would meet later that month to plan a number of events on Saturday June 4. Pip reported on what was being planned in Aysgarth village and at Aysgarth church.

There were concerns about cars speeding into the village endangering walkers (including children) and the wildlife. The problem was aggravated by the increase in the number of cars parked in the village.

Rob said he would take this up with the parish council.

Martyn remembered how David Pointon had worked on this issue and had encouraged people to use the Outgang car park. It was, however, pointed out that some cars had been left at the south end of the car park making it difficult for tractors to access the lane.

Village tidy day - Saturday 7th May, to meet outside the institute at 10am. To be advertised in the Bulletin.

Rob informed the meeting that where land is registered as parish green the parish council has no authority to allow any change to that such as creating vehicular access.

It was reported that a stile on a footpath to Gayle Ings was very difficult to negotiate. Rob said he would ask the parish council to report this to the National Park Ranger, and asked that any residents affected should also report the issue.

9. Next meeting - March 2023, on date to be determined.

10. Meeting closed: at 8.15pm