

Thornton Rust Parish Meeting – DRAFT minutes

At village institute, March 27 2024

1 - No apologies received

2 - Present: Cllrs John Dinsdale and Rob Cromey-Hawke, Pip Pointon (clerk) and 7 residents

3 - Election

Deborah Millward proposed and Janet Thomson seconded that Cllr Dinsdale be re-elected. All agreed.

Janet Thomson proposed and Cllr Cromey-Hawke seconded that Pip Pointon continue as clerk. All agreed.

3 - The minutes of the last meeting were read. Deborah Millward proposed and Janet Thomson seconded that these were a true record. All agreed.

5 - Matters Arising

Thornton Mire: Cllr Dinsdale said it wasn't possible at present to link Thornton Mire with Thoralby Moss regarding any stewardship scheme.

Deborah Millward reported that Natural England had a moratorium at present on creating new SSSIs

Posts on green: Cllr Cromey -Hawke reported that the new posts had been delivered but it had been too wet to install them as the concrete would not have set. They would organise a work party to paint and install them when it wasn't raining. He said the three posts by the Mission Room would be replaced.

Overhanging branch at Low Gill - nothing had yet been done by neither the highways department nor BT.

Village tidy up: would be on Sunday May 11. Martyn Donno said it would be helpful if people gathered first at institute to plan the tidy up.

Tree planting: Deborah reported that the trees in Outgang had been planted and all had taken despite the dry spell. The Coronation tree on the green had not been planted yet.

Cllr Dinsdale reported that lorry and van drivers were still following Satnav instructions to use the lane between Thornton Road and the A684 (Richmond Gate) even though there was a sign stating it was not suitable.

6 - Councillors reports

Flood signs on A684: It was reported these were working better. There was a problem on one occasion when the water in the cabinet froze and the float continued to show that the road was flooded when it wasn't

Cllr Cromey Hawke reported that the drains in the village had been cleared and Highways had recently repaired the kerb outside The Bield.

He said they were still waiting for BT and Highways to decide who would deal with the low-hanging branches of a tree at Low Gill which were resting on the telephone cable.

He encouraged residents to keep local councillors informed about any problems with drains, blocked gulleys and potholes as the parish council had managed to get most things dealt with quite quickly.

7 - Lettings

Thornton Mire including shooting rights - Robert Brown £80

West Lane - Sheena Pratt £20

8 - Any other business

Reinstatement of village greens - Cllr Rob Cromey-Hawke said that around the Mission Room would be re-instated after building work was finished.

Farm access at Outgang - Sheena Pratt reported that sometimes cars parked in the Outgang were blocking farm access. It was suggested there should be a No Parking sign beside the trees and the sheep pen on the east side.

A resident wondered if, at some time in the future, there should be an electric car charging point.

Grass cutting - it was agreed with the work done by Mark Cooper was good. If there were any issues to inform the Thornton Rust councillors.

Flooding: Cllr Cromey-Hawke said that Highways had been informed when the road to and through Thornton Rust was flooded. It had been emphasised that this was the diversion route when the A684 was closed. The need for road cleaning at Cubeck would also be reported.

9 - Next meeting - March 2025

10 - Meeting closed at 8.05pm