

Draft Minutes Thornton Rust Parish Meeting

In Thornton Rust Institute

March 15th 2023

Present - Cllrs John Dinsdale and Rob Cromey-Hawke, Pip Pointon, and six residents.

1 - Apologies : none received

2 - Elections

Pip Pointon proposed and Martyn Donno seconded that John Dinsdale be chairman - unanimously agreed.

Rob Cromey-Hawke proposed and Nick Carter seconded that Pip Pointon be the clerk - unanimously agreed.

3 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were read. Janet Thomson proposed and Deborah Millward seconded that they were a true record. Agreed unanimously.

4 - Matters Arising

John Dinsdale reported that the parish council had been awaiting the plans for the re-alignment Bishopdale Bridge, but now not sure what was happening.

He and Rob Cromey-Hawke reported the flood warning signs in Aysgarth had worked only intermittently during the recent floods. It was agreed they were very useful - when they did work.

Village tidy day - Martyn Donno said this would be on Saturday May 13th, to meet at the institute at 11am.

Ali Carter reported on the problems with large vehicles trying to pass parked cars near their home at the east end of the village. It was agreed she should report the sinking/collapsing kerb outside The Bield to the Highways Authority and that this should also be reported to the next parish council meeting.

Thornton Mire - John reported that the parish council had asked its agent to try and apply for Thornton Mire to be in a Stewardship Scheme in its own right but there was a reluctance to accept new applications. He said he would check the situation when the new ELMS scheme began.

Deborah Millward queried progress on agri-environment schemes and suggested that SSSI designation might help acceptance into the new scheme. The meeting agreed unanimously that she should approach Natural England about possible designation.

John reported that, by being linked with Thoraby Moss, there was £2,000 in the Thornton Mire account at present.

He said some of that money will be used that weekend to replace damaged and missing white posts on the green. Martyn said he had six posts which could be used.

Defibrillator - seemed to be working well.

5 - Councillors report

Emergency plan -

John and Rob reported that the parish council's emergency plan had been updated and it was working with the North Yorkshire County Council team on how to set up local hubs. It was possible there would be hubs, with generators, in Thoralby, Aysgarth and Thornton Rust village halls/institutes with radio contact between them. The county council's team would also consider having satellite phones at the hubs in case mobile phones were not working.

The parish council has ordered filled, emergency sandbags that will be stored at Thornton Rust and Aysgarth.

6 - Lettings -

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

Payments to be made by bank transfer to Aysgarth and District Parish Council.

7 - Any other business

Outgang:

Deborah said that the Kennel Field Trust will again apply for a grant from the YDNPA to repair the drain beside the barn in order to protect the barn's foundations from water damage. The YDNPA will stipulate that there should be an interpretation board in the Outgang which would also serve as a guidepost to the Kennel Field. She asked if a small information board could be placed in the Outgang - agreed.

Maintenance - Deborah reported that very little had been done for a while and the grass did need strimming in the autumn. It was agreed this could be done

Planting - She said that on the east side none of plants planted there had taken, whereas those planted on the west side had. She suggested planting three hazel trees on the east side. Agreed

Coronation:

John said the parish council had arranged for all the children in the village to receive Coronation mugs.

It was agreed a tree to commemorate the coronation could be planted where one had fallen down.

8 - Next meeting - to be held in March 2024.

9 - Meeting closed 8.10pm