

Threshfield Parish Council Minutes of Meeting Wednesday August 23rd 2017 (Draft)

1. **Present:** J. Dean (chair), J. Clarke (vice-chair), A. Dean, R. Bentley, H Randall, T. Graham (District Councillor) G. Quinn (County councillor) S. Bloomfield (clerk) & 6 residents
2. **Apologies:** none
3. **Approval of Minutes for June 28th:** Minutes Approved.
4. **Matters Arising / ongoing issues:**
 - a) Purchase of Old Railway Line. Grant received from Yorventure. But not yet received from Tarmac. Clerk had obtained extensions to grants from both the above to Sept 30^t (after resubmitting grant applications to both parties). Transfer documents not yet received from YDNP. The parish council agreed to fund any shortfall between grants and final cost. Letters to be sent to Chairman of National Parks and David Butterworth.
 - b) Threshfield Defibrillator: The contractor is ready to fix the Defibrillator, but awaiting clearance from county fire brigade. Clerk to chase this up.
5. **Highways:**
 - a) Lighting: Caxton Garth corner light out and tree obstructing light at Sunnybank.
 - b) Flooding B6160 near Long Ashes: Highways are now in a position to push for drainage into neighbouring fields, after legal checks.
 - c) Potholes: Clerk to report potholes requiring attention on Skirethorns Lane, & Station Road
 - d) Blocked gullies: Station road,
 - e) Low Lane : Bushes need trimming and saplings removing. Clerk to contact Robeys for this work.
6. **County councillors Report:** Gill Quinn reported about move to make fire part of Police service, fire service have sent a contrary proposal. Ultimate decision will lie with the home Office. Police are working with NFU to log all movable farm equipment, successful so far in leading to return stolen quad bikes. Proving very popular scheme with framers. Gill also highlighted the Locality budget available from county through her of up to £500
7. **District Councillors Report:** Tanya Graham reported on looking at pockets of land available for smaller affordable housing schemes. Council urged to consider any areas they think would be appropriate for this scheme. Tanya also highlighted the consultation on the future of NHS provision at Castleburgh Settle. A review and consultation to be held at Grassington town Hall 5-7pm Sept 7th.
8. **Council governance Review:** Papers circulated regarding this review, which looks at possibility of extending permitted number of councillors to 7. Members of the public to be consulted.
9. **Finance Review:** some discussion on effect removal Central government grants from 2020 how this will affect district council services & Parish council income. In raising

precept we consider amount we can raise, amount of increase & its effect on residents. Tanya to check if there is a cap on amount of precept we can raise.

10. Planning Applications:

- a) C/71/314: !, Caxton Garth, two storey extension to side of property-approved conditionally
- b) C/71/243A- 1& 2 East View, Skirethorns, alterations to roof in line with EPDM regulations- approved conditionally.
- c) Spar/ Garage Threshfield: Amended signage for Petrol, approved conditionally
- d) C/71/317D: Low Field Farm Threshfield, raising Roof level of existing double garage to provide first floor guest accommodation. NYD, no objections from Council

11. Matters Raised by Clerk: petty expenses (stamps & phone calls £9), NALC training programme, Local Council Standards Awards Scheme, Approval of Transparency Fund grant for Council computer.

12. Matters raised by Councillors: request highways to grind out stump of sycamore opposite Upper Wharfedale School, left dangerous, serious trip hazard. Thanks expressed to David for litter picking.

13. Matters raised by members of Public: none

14: Date & Time of Next Meeting Monday October 9th at 7:30pm.

PLEASE note change from date arranged at Council meeting due to another booking at Threshfield Institute

Bloomfield Clerk.