

Minutes Threshfield Parish Council Meeting Monday September 9th 2019.

1. **Present:** Cllr. J. Dean (chair); Cllr. J. Clarke (Vice-chair), Cllr. R. Bradley, Cllr. A. Dean, Cllr. H. Randall, S. Bloomfield (clerk) and 9 residents.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest under the Council's code of conduct. None**
3. **To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies accepted from County Cllr. G. Quinn & District Cllr. S. Metcalfe
4. **To receive and approve Minutes of Council Meeting July 11th 2019:** Minutes accepted.
5. **To receive information on the following on-going issues and decide further action where necessary.**
 - a) Old Railway Line: Cllr. Bradley reported on progress, the working group of volunteers are gradually tidying the area of brambles and nettles. Grass growing back alongside the footpath. One area has been planted with wildflower seeds. Donations of bluebells have been received. Thanks expressed for work done. **Further Action:** some pruning and dead wooding to be carried out by working party. Clerk to apply for grant funding (ongoing)
 - b) Lighting Issues: All lighting issues resolved.
 - c) Pot holes/drains: Major pothole on Station Road appeared. Drains have been cleared along Station road down to bridge & works done to improve run off & steps taken by highways to limit flooding risk at Ladywell Cottage. Residents confirmed drains still blocked and backing up in Old Threshfield round green and water running down to houses by bridge on B6265. Pot hole and drainage issues on Skirethorns Lane near junction with South View. At time of meeting Caxton Garth pothole still not filled, but was done immediately after meeting. **Action:** Clerk to report these issues.
 - d) Road safety : Police still monitoring speeding through Threshfield with a weekly presence. Clerk & Cllr. Clarke had met with our area Highways officer to discuss several issues, however report stated: Double yellow lines near Hedgerow and entrance to Piecefields had been rejected by police and highways. Mirrors at end Low Lane & Brooklyn, also rejected as felt enough work could be done e.g. cutting back vegetation at these two points to improve visibility. Mirrors could also be detrimental to drivers on Station road with light reflection impeding vision. It was also noted pavement opposite junction with Low Lane is level with road. Parking: several parking issues raised concerning SPAR , Highways have offered to paint Keep clear hatchings at entrance points to parking by Chapel. It was resolved by council to support this. Threshfield, Council to seek assistance in purchasing setting up a VAS sign. **Action:** Clerk to consult highways re VAS sign & raising level pavement opposite junction with Low Lane. Clerk to approach Police again about Community Speed watch. Clerk to write to Spar to request they encourage Staff to use covered parking area, which is often empty. Also to ask Spar if a one way system through forecourt can be established to improve traffic flow. Also to consult with Spar about possibility kiosk/ separate till just for fuel sales to speed up
 - e) Defib next steps. Cllr. Dean to consult with Fire brigade again re siting of Defibrillator on Fire station Wall.
 - f) Brown Sign requested by Grassington Chamber of Trade: Clerk wrote to Grassington Chamber of Trade and Highways suggesting a meeting of all parties concerned to find appropriate location. : **Action:** Clerk to chase up arranging meeting

6: To receive and approve Planning applications:

- a) Park Grange Cottage: Amended plans presented. Decision date extended to Sept 16th, as several concerns expressed by residents. Council rejected plans:
- No clear dimensions on amended plans
 - Roof still too high
 - Would support a plan that was no bigger or taller than existing structure

7: To report Planning decisions.:

- a) C/71/157Q: Ellis Laithe Barn: conversion barn to agricultural dwelling. Amended plans. Presented to full Planning committee
- b) C/71/131B: Sunny Bank Threshfield: permission to subdivide property into two dwellings. No decision appeared yet.

8: Financial Matters;

- i) To approve payments made between meetings. Lighting agreed to pay retainer now all lights working., clerk stationery expenses, clerk training conference: **Action** all approved.
- ii) To approve accounts for payment: clerk pay & expenses, **Action:** approved
- iii) To report receipts since last meeting: None
- iv) To approve financial Statement to September 1st 2019 (attached) **Action:** approved

10. Matters raised by Clerk.

- a) Report back from meeting with Highways (covered by other issues on Agenda.
- b) Confirm date Craven District Parish Liaison meeting: September 25th, 6:30
- c) Issues concerning Robos café: Craven District Council confirmed a licence had been granted. Not for close to highway and because of nature land in front of Chapel would not support its location there. Council had also spoken to owner Chapel who is not in favour of its location outside Chapel.
- d) Health and Safety for Old Railway line working (requested by Cllr. Randall) & also by Zurich Insurance: It was reported that in interests of Health & Safety volunteers working on the Old Railway Line should wear ear defenders, safety goggles and high visibility jackets while working there. Most volunteers said at meeting they had their own safety gear.
Action: Clerk to check cost of a small set of these for the council

11. Matters requested by Councillors: Non received from councillors prior to meeting.

13. To receive correspondence & discuss any action required by council

- a) Chief Executive update (Circulated)
- b) YLCA updates. (circulated)
- c) Training schedule for June-November. (previously circulated)

14. To receive reports from outside agencies: None received

15. To consider date of next meeting of the Council : Monday November 18th 2019.

Public Participation: Public concern re rejection Mirrors for residents emerging from Low Lane or crossing to walk to Threshfield Primary School. & for residents emerging from Brooklyn, where edging out some had received abuse from passing motorist. Concern also about parking issues round Threshfield , previously discussed.

S. Bloomfield , Clerk

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