**Minutes of the Meeting of Thornton–le–Moor with Thornton–le–Street Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at Thornton–le–Street village hall, Thornton–le–Street, Thirsk, North Yorkshire**

**Present:** **Councillors**: J. Barker (Chairman) B. Stockdale, R. Barr, J. Pinches, P. Hodgson and Cllr Alyson Baker (NYC Councillor)

**Clerk:** D. Robson-Booth. Attended by nine members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence -** None
2. **Police Report – January**

The report revealed two crimes, one violence against a person and one auto crime SMV. No further details were provided. The chair advised residents to sign up to the police community messenger to be kept up to date.

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes held on Tuesday 21st January 2025**

B. Stockdale and R. Barr approved the minutes as a true record.

1. **Matters Arising**
	1. **Town and Parish Council Survey for North Yorkshire Council Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2024/25**

B. Stockdale, R. Barr and a resident from TLS completed the survey.

(J. Pinches arrived)

1. **Correspondence** - None
2. **Thornton-le-Moor Children’s Speed Signage Meeting– Update**

The meeting was positive and the community was very supportive of the introduction of children’s speed signs.

The cost per sign is £100 and they plan to display three, one at each village entrance and one at the bus stop. A contribution of £30 from residents would cover the cost of purchasing the signs.

A member of the public advised placing the signs on private land to avoid Highways removing them.

The next meeting is at 3pm at Thief Hall on 16th March.

1. **HGV & Speeding - Thornton-le-Moor**

P. Hodgson’s contact at NYC advised she will speak to the commercial companies that regularly drive their large vehicles through TLM, it is assumed their destination is the bio mass plant at Sandhutton. NYC confirmed that TLM is marked yellow which is a consultation route, not a main route for HGV. As long as the HGV adhere to their legal weight load limit they are not doing anything wrong as such, but due to the width of road and size of vehicles while passing they are forced to mount the road resulting in damage and endangering pedestrians using the pavement.

A member of the public explained that damage to the road/pavement is assessed by the depth and area of the pothole. The chair advised residents to continue to report damage to the road/pavement on the NYC website as it is the most effective way.

P. Hodgson read out NYC reply to the parish council’s enquiry of when we can expect the road to be repaired, basically they recognize it is in a poor state but funding will govern when the work is done. Thief Hole lane is scheduled to be resurfaced in the next financial year.

1. **Thornton-le-Moor Church Lawnmowers**

One of the lawnmowers attended the meeting and told the parish council that they have managed to raise £500 towards the cost of a ride on lawnmower to ease the task of keeping the grass, which typically takes two hours to cut. They would like to buy a decent lawnmower and asked the parish council to donate £500 towards it.

The parish council decided that the £500 was not budgeted for and TLM had more money spent on it than TLS so they declined. The money will be donated by Thief Hall.

1. **Planning**

**New Applications**

**Retrospective application for Listed Building consent for retention of natural stone cellar steps and brick walled and floored cellar. Provision of insulated suspended timber floor along with the provision of cupboards, additional natural sandstone step to the cellar and the provision of a protective timber balustrade to the steps, along with a handrail. Laurel Dene, Main Street, Thornton-le-Moor. ZB25/00190/LBC**

The parish council support the application to improve this lovely house.

 **Appeal**

**Creation of a replacement workshop (Use Class B2) Church Farmhouse, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk. ZB23/01088/FUL NYC appeal Ref: 24/00049/REFUSE, APP/U2750/W/24/3357655**

The parish council have submitted an objection to the appeal, prepared by R. Barr and B. Stockdale. The parish council is supporting the strong objection to the appeal by the villagers. The closing date to submit responses was 24th February 2025.

Cllr B. Stockdale briefly explained the history of the application and the appeal process.

1. **Public Questions**

A member of the public asked if there was a date to resurface the road at TLS. The chair advised residents to use the NYC portal to report damage.

1. **Finance**
	1. **Parish Council Bank Balance as of 30/12/2024 - £7,280.86**
	2. **Expenses - none**
	3. **Internal Audit**

(NYC Councillor Alyson Baker arrived at 7.30pm)

The clerk has appointed Ian Smithson to do the internal audit for a charge of £100.

1. **AOB**

A168 Norby Junction

The parish council briefly discussed the junction as a lot of traffic are confused by the quirky junction but concluded they were satisfied there is adequate signage advising traffic.

Parish Liaison Committee

Cllr P. Hodgson attended the meeting on 4th March and met Peter Cole. He commented that the committee is newly formed and they are the parish council’s point of contact and will direct us to the correct avenue to get help.

They was concern about vehicles crashing at the blind summit of the hill at the railway bridge heading towards South Otterington from TLM. The bridge is not in our parish however, the chair will check that there is adequate signage and rumble strips to warn oncoming traffic.

1. **NYC Councillor Update – Cllr Alyson Baker**

Refuge Bin Collection

NYC encourage residents to pay for their green bin. The green bin will be collected on a different day so they don’t have to empty the bin mid route. Going forward a fourth bin will be introduced to replace the blue box currently used for glass collection. The change is necessary as clean recyclable material is more valuable than dirty and the new system will ensure it is separate and cleaner.

Surgeries

NYC Cllr A. Baker is holding surgeries and members of the public are welcome to attend between 10am - 12 noon at the following:

* Thirsk Auction Mart 27th March & 1st May
* Easingwold Galtres Centre 25th April

Area Committee Meeting

Thirsk & Malton Area Committee will be held on 28th March at Malton.

North Yorkshire & York Mayor is due to attend. Parish councillors are encouraged to attend and bring forward items that are of concern.

Fly Tipping

There was a large scale fly tipping Incident in NY- During September 2023, where two articulated trailers containing over 100 IBC’s (1000 litre liquid storage containers) were fly tipped in two separate laybys along the A19, at Osmotherley and Easingwold. The waste within the IBC’s was potentially used oil. One of the trailers also contained loose asbestos. Partnership working between NYC the Environmental Agency (EA), Police and Fire Service resulted in all waste being removed from the two sites.

The EA have taken lead on investigating this illegal tip. The cost of operations to NYC was £102k

Budgeting

* In particular withdrawing £14.3m rural services support funding at a stroke and without any transition period is adding hugely to our financial challenges. North Yorkshire has faced the largest hit of all rural councils.
* Fortunately we have made savings of nearly £40m because of combining 8 councils in North Yorkshire. We have reduced the number of senior managers and will continue to dispose of unnecessary buildings including Stone Cross.
* However we will still have to raise Council Tax by the maximum 5% allowed. (This is the action the government expect NYC to take)
* Each NYC Councillor’s locality budget will be reduced from 10K to 5k.

Whitby Restaurant Week

Whitby Restaurant Week held 3rd March – 9th March 2025.

Residents and visitors are being urged to try something new as Restaurant Week comes to Whitby.

Organised by Visit North Yorkshire, part of North Yorkshire Council, 16 cafes and restaurants across the popular coastal resort are taking part in the event and has already proved a success in Harrogate and Selby.

Those that have signed up to Restaurant Week will offer special set-price menus for either £10, £15, £20 or £30 to customers who visit their location and quote the offer.

Allerton Wath Road Closure – Crosby New Bridge Deck Replacement

To avoid the worst of the winter weather, the bridge works at Crosby New Bridge have now been pushed back 4 weeks to commence on 03/03/2025 and will be carried out under a full 24 hour road closure for a period of 10 weeks.

Mental Health

Children who experience poor mental wellbeing can access support on the website. The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health

Duty Planner

Cllr R. Barr enquired whether the duty planner still held face to face meeting, Alyson will ask the executive member.

1. **Date and Time of next meeting**

The **ANNUAL** meeting will be held at **7.00pm** on **Tuesday 6th May 2025** at **Thief Hall,** Thornton–le–Moor, Northallerton, North Yorkshire

Signed by Chairman: Date: