

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BISHOP THORNTON & WARSILL  
PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**in Bishop Thornton CE School.**

**Present**

Cllr (Chair) Mr B Baker, Cllr Mr R Hughes, Cllr Mrs A Peacock, Cllr Mr C A Stobbs and Cllr Mr I Gant, Cllr Mrs R Watt.

**Also in attendance**

District Councillor Mrs C Hill, County Councillor Mr M Harrison and the Clerk.

**A copy of all the papers are held in the Minutes File**

- 1 **WELCOME.**  
Cllr Mr B Baker welcomed everybody to the meeting.
- 2 **APOLOGIES.**  
No apologies were received. 7.31 p.m.
- 3 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest. 7.32 p.m.
- 4 **MINUTES:**  
The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were confirmed as being a true record of proceedings and duly signed by the Chair 7.33 p.m.
- 5 **REPORTS 2013/14:-**  
(A) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:-**  
The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and thanked them for their time and the contributions they made in attending both Parish Council meetings and external meetings of one kind or another over the past year. He went on to mention the sad loss in early April of Dr John Gillingham who served the Council for many years as both Councillor and Chairman. He drew attention to District Councillor Christine Hill's appearance at many of the year's Parish Council meetings at which she invariably livened up points under discussion and investigated matters as and when necessary. Then he addressed the main topic of discussion during the year; the state of the roads. The subject on which County Councillor Mr Michael Harrison who while being welcomed to many meetings has tried unsuccessfully to convince Councillors that the Tour de France is not more important to NYCC than the repair of the Counties side roads. That being the view of the majority of local businesses and the parish population as a whole. He emphasised the crazy situation that has arisen due to NYCC's road repair policy. The fact is that the road to Fountains Abbey, a World Heritage Site, may not be repaired for up to 18 months despite the fact the potholes were marked out for repair over two to three months ago. Nothing it seems must stand in the way of NYCC's preparations for the Tour de France. As a result roads are becoming more dangerous and it would appear that the contractors are either too busy, incapable or have underestimated their workload. A situation NYCC should investigate but perhaps the County Councillors are not willing to initiate such an investigation. To more pleasant items. During the last 12 months the Parish Council had considered 18 planning applications of which 10 have been granted, 2 refused, 1 withdrawn and 4 still pending a decision by the District Council. Finally he thanked the Clerk for the way she keeps the Council on the straight and narrow when dealing with the bureaucratic institutions. In response to the Chairman's report the County Councillor Mr M Harrison once again tried, but failed, to convince the meeting that any cost to County Councils of the Tour de

France would be taken from the Counties Capital Fund and not from revenue and that this would not affect other planned projects.

- (B) **FINANCIAL REPORT:-** The Clerk/RFO presented the financial report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. £1,710.16 had been brought forward from the previous year and £2,750 had been received in Precept and £56 VAT was recovered. Payments totalling £1,476.17 had been agreed and made during the year. One payment totalling £110.00 remained outstanding.

The balance as per payment and receipts stood at:

	£ - p
Barclays Bank Current A/C	3,150.58
Less O/S Cheques	110.00
Cash in Hand	<u>0.00</u>
	3,040.58

The details were discussed and Councillors unanimously confirmed the completed Accounts and the annual governance statement. Both truly represent the financial business transacted by the Council for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 7.38 p.m.

6 **PARISHIONER'S 'QUESTION TIME'**

As there were no Parishioners in attendance at the meeting Parish Councillors were not questioned regarding the business undertaken by the Parish Council over the past year. 7.40p.m.

7 **DATES OF FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS:-**

Once again Councillors agreed proposed dates of ten Parish Council meetings for the next year. Seven of those meetings are to be held alternately between Bishop Thornton CE School and Bishop Thornton RC School and will take place on the last Thursday of the month except where this coincides with School holidays or prove inconvenient to either one of the schools. The three remaining meetings in June, July and September will be held in Warsill Parish Hall, all on the last Thursday of the month. It was also agreed that the Parish Council should not meet in August or December unless absolutely necessary when, as would be the case should any other extraordinary business arise, a meeting of a General Purpose Committee may be called. 7.42 p.m.

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA (For information only):-** There was no other business 7.45 p.m.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The Annual Parish Meeting was followed by the Parish Councils Annual General Meeting There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting was closed at 7.47 p.m. 7.46 p.m.

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**J A Gant MBE**

Clerk to Bishop Thornton & Warsill