

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 3rd June 2019 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)
Louise Molesworth (Vice Chairman)
Ashleigh Kewney
Adrian Rodgers

IN ATTENDANCE

Laurence Hill, Penny Lewin-Watts, Stephen Joyce (Members of the Public)
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

The Chairman apologised for the change of date and for any inconvenience caused

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Martin Lewis.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

i. **Chairman**

Christine Smith (no change)

ii. **Vice Chairman**

Louise Molesworth (no change)

iii. **Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Burial Ground Committee**

Robert Reeve (no change) and Louise Molesworth (no change)

iv. **Thornhaugh Environmental Association**

Liam Higgins, Lyndsey Freeman, Hally Hardie and Peter Sharply (all no change)

v. **Representative on Augean Community Liaison**

Martin Witherington (Clerk to contact individual to seek confirmation of willingness to remain and to attend Parish Council Meetings to report on any issues raised at Liaison Committee Meeting)

vi. **Representative on Christie Hall Management Committee**

Penny Lewin-Watts (no change)

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

5. MINUTES of the Sixth Meeting of the 2018/2019 Parish Council held on 18th March 2019 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth

Seconded by:- Ashleigh Kewney

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Bird Scarers**

Peter Sharpley had responded positively and adjusted the timings. As the season requiring scarers is now passed, it was noted that this is no longer a concern in the village.

ii) **Defibrillator**

See the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.

iii) **Hanging Baskets**

The Autumn/Winter Hanging Baskets have been replaced many of which had died or been removed. Thanks were expressed to Martin and Kay Lewis for collecting the summer baskets and also the other residents who helped put them up. Residents adjacent to the baskets have been asked to ensure they are maintained and kept looking fresh during the summer period.

iv) **A1 North Layby**

Despite further requests, there had been no further response/update from the Highways Agency regarding the closure request. The Parish Council will keep pressing.

v) **Planning Application 19/00346 – Tree Work at 16 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh**

It was noted that the Parish Councillors were disappointed at the lack of response from the Planning Department and Diane Lamb to their detailed concerns and comments about this Planning Application.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

CAPALC had sent the Membership Renewal Initiation for 2019-2020 (£145.44) and it was confirmed that the Parish Councillors have decided not to renew the subscription due to lack of use of CAPALC.

8. **FINANCE**

i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 26th May 2019 was reviewed and approved as presented

Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth **Seconded by:-** Ashleigh Kewney

It was agreed that the Clerk will produce a Forecast for the November Meeting so that the Precept can be discussed before it is due to be set at the January 2020 Meeting

iii) Annual Audit 2018-2019

The Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2019 have been audited by Karen Jones of Thornhaugh and the Annual Return will be signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

iii) Request for £200 reimbursement from Wansford Parish Council

It was agreed not to reimburse Wansford Parish Council for the requested £200 towards the sum that it has paid as a third-party contribution to the Augean Grant for work in the churchyard. The Parish Councillors had not budgeted for this additional expense and had not been asked in advance if they would be willing/able to make this third-party payment towards the Augean Grant. The Clerk will contact Wansford Parish Council and explain the circumstances and suggest that monies be diverted from the annual sum (£1,500) already paid to the Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Councils' Burial Ground Committee by the Parish Council.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) **Planning Application 19/000398 – Erection of dwelling with garage at 16 Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh**

A detailed Objection had been submitted and thanks were expressed to Martin Lewis for his hard work in drafting it. A revised Planning Application had subsequently been made and another detailed Objection which included the first detailed Objection had been submitted. The Planning Decision is still outstanding.

ii) **Pavements**

It was noted that many of the pavements are in a poor condition and are crumbling away. The Clerk will report this to the Highways Department at Peterborough City Council.

iii) **Footpaths**

It was noted that some of the footpaths are in a poor condition and very overgrown. The Clerk will ask for the Maintenance Schedule from the Highways Department at Peterborough City Council.

iv) **Village Social Event**

It was agreed to put this onto the Agenda for the next meeting.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 15th July 2019 in St Andrew's Church.** Lisa Chambers will be attending to give a talk about the background to Christie Hall and our contractual arrangements with the British Legion.

11. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

15/07/19