

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 10B Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh (Meeting held outside to comply with Covid Restrictions)

### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Gavin Elsey, Peterborough City Ward Councillor  
Kay Lewis, Ellis Molesworth (Members of the Public)  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Alan Frost, Joan Frost and Hannah Joyce.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN, REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

- i) Chairman – Chris Smith
- ii) Vice Chairman – Louise Molesworth
- iii) Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Burial Ground Committee – Louise Molesworth, Bob Reeve
- iv) Augean Community Liaison Committee – Martin Witherington
- v) Christie Hall Management Committee – Penny Lewin Watts (it was noted that the Christie Hall will re-open at the end of May 2021)

It was noted that Elections will be due for all the Parish Councillors in May 2022.

### **4. POLICE MATTERS**

There were no police representatives present. It was noted that a caravan had recently been stolen from a property on Old Oundle Road and there had been reports of two unfamiliar men knocking on doors and going into back gardens in Wansford. Residents are encouraged to always be vigilant.

### **5. MINUTES of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.**

**Proposed by:-** Martin Lewis      **Seconded by:-** Ashleigh Kewney

## 6. MATTERS ARISING

### i. **Bird Scarers**

It was noted that this issue has now been resolved.

### ii. **Defibrillator**

Thanks are expressed to Stuart Foreman for helping Lousie Molesworth with the installation in the church. Louise Molesworth confirmed that the Defibrillator has been purchased and will be installed soon. She and Adrian Rodgers will undertake weekly checks on it.

### iii. **Motorcycle Scrambling in Thornhaugh Quarry**

The Chairman gave an update on this issue and was delighted to say that very substantial gates have now been put in place by Aggregate Industries and hopefully this, plus other remedial work they are doing at other potential access points will solve the problem permanently. This good result is from the community working together with the police, Peterborough City Council and the quarry owners.

## 7. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliations at 31<sup>st</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was reviewed and approved as presented.

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

- iii) Annual Audit 2020-2021

The Independent Internal Audit Report has been completed and it was noted that all control tests had been satisfactorily met by the Council's records and procedures.

- i) The Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer.
- ii) Section 1 Annual Governance Statement - was examined, approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- iii) Section 2 Annual Return Accounting Statements for Year Ending March 2021 were examined, approved and signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer
- iv) The Annual Return will be e-mailed to the PKF Accountants by the required date.
- v) An Asset Register needs to be created. Adrian Rodgers will co-ordinate the appropriate Information with the Clerk.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate *Climate Commission Initial Recommendations for our Region*
- ii) Royal British Legion *Recognising VE Day'*
- iii) Daniel Worley, Senior Conservation Officer, PCC *Local List Project*
- iv) John Stannage Prospective Independent Candidate for the Wittering Ward *Introduction Letter*
- v) Peterborough City Council *Scrutiny Committee Parish Councillor Co-opted Members' Vacancies*
- vi) Peterborough City Council *Fostering Poster*
- vii) Gary Punter *Wansford Show*
- viii) Peter Slinger, Prospective Green Party Candidate for the Wittering Ward *Update on the Election and his plan to stand again in the future*

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) Planning Application 19/01889 Change of use from an agricultural field and woodland to form an adventure play scheme including erection of indoor play and visitor amenity barn, a supporting toilet and changing block, staff welfare facilities, outdoor play equipment and car park at Land off Sutton Heath Road, Southorpe – Objections - Awaiting Decision
- ii) Planning Application 20/00733 Erection of new play area within existing leisure site at Sacrewell Farm, Thornhaugh – No Objections – Withdrawn by Applicant
- iii) Planning Application 20/01680 Variation of condition C1 and C2 (to revise the order of approved phasing and allow the storage of Hi-pod containers) pursuant to planning permission 17/00726/WCMM at Thornhaugh Landfill Site, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections - Permitted
- iv) Planning Application 20/01688 Discharge of conditions C1 (3 years), C2 (Cross section drawings), C3 (Stoneworks), C5 (Ventilation gap), C6 (Timber Permission), C7 (Ventilation details), C8 (Building regulations), C9 (Re-used Ironmongery), C10 (Removal method) and C11 (Plans) of Listed Building Consent 18/01779/LBC at The Old Dairy, Home Farm, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections - Permitted
- v) Planning Application 21/00172 Replacement of the existing 30m telecommunications monopole with a 25m lattice tower, the extension of tower base to be 5.70 x 5.70m, together with ancillary development enclosed with a 2.4m palisade fence at Wansford Pumping Station, Leicester Road, Wansford – No Objections – Awaiting Decision
- vi) Planning Application 21/00470 Erection of new children's play area within existing leisure site- (retrospective) at Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections - Awaiting Decision
- vii) Reconsultation Planning Application 19/01889 Change of use from an agricultural field and woodland to form an adventure play scheme including erection of indoor play and visitor amenity barn, a supporting toilet and changing block, staff welfare facilities, outdoor play equipment and car park at Land off Sutton Heath Road, Southorpe – Previous objections to be resubmitted (loss of agricultural land, access issues and proximity of very similar facilities at Sacrewell - Awaiting Decision

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### i) **Footpath Finger Post (Hally Hardie)**

Hally Hardy provided some details of a possible source for these signs, a woodland product company. Martin Witherington and Hally Hardie are kindly constructing a suitable sign for the Home Farm End. The Chairman will write to the Footpath Officer and ask why a proper metal footpath post was only put up at one end and ask him to give an update on his discussions with Joyce & Hill about the very off-putting "Keep Out" notices on the main gates.

### ii) **Village Get-Together**

Alan and Joan Frost have kindly offered to host this event in their garden which will take place on either the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021 depending on which date is most suitable to the hosts.

### iii) **Noticeboard – Home Farm**

It was agreed that this is in urgent need of replacement or repair. The post has been repaired by Martin Witherington in the past but it now needs a new back to make it waterproof (see v below).

### iv) **Any Other Projects**

It was agreed that the Website needs updating. A quotation of £700 was received a few years ago and this amount is likely to have increased (see v below)

### v) **New City Council Representative – Gavin Elsey**

Gavin Elsey has replaced Diane Lamb as the Ward Councillor for Thornhaugh. He introduced himself, gave a resume of his experience and explained how he hopes to help the four Parishes that he is responsible for. One of his plans is to hold surgeries for residents to meet him to discuss any issues that he can help with, these will be advertised in due course. He has access to the Community Leadership Fund (CLF) which is to enable elected members to seek support for projects that will have positive impacts on projects within their wards. Each Councillor has been allocated £1,000 to spend each financial year on neighbourhood projects. The funding must be spent on capital projects. The Chairman will put forward the following projects to be considered for the CLF:- (1) Updating the Website, (2) Footpath Sign at Home Farm and (3) the replacement or repair of the Noticeboard at Home Farm. Gavin Elsey can be contacted on 07738 930599 or [gavin.elsey@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:gavin.elsey@peterborough.gov.uk).

### vi) **A1 Access**

The Chairman has been in correspondence again with Highways England seeking remedial action for the A1 northbound entry/exit to Thornhaugh. Once again, they confirm that there have not been enough serious/fatal incidents to warrant the cost of making changes. She has again asked that the layby just before the entrance be closed to at least help with the visibility as motorists enter and leave the village.

**vii) Flooding**

The Chairman has reported the flooding opposite The Rectory requesting that a long-term solution to the mud from the fields and verges blocking the drain is implemented.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in St Andrew's Church** (subject to Covid Guidelines).

**11. CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

**SIGNED**

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**Chairman**

**DATE**

**19/07/21.**