

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council  
held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

## PRESENT

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

## IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Joyce and Paul Whybrow (Members of the Public)  
Mike Horne (John Clare Countryside Project)  
Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk)

Mike Horne, of the John Clare Countryside Project briefed the Parish Councillors on the aims of the project:-

- Deliver significant increases in key wildlife habitats, particularly those of limestone grassland, wetland and arable farmland
- Raise levels of local pride, aspiration and community cohesion by helping local communities to understand, appreciate and enjoy their local natural and built heritage
- Pilot and champion best practice sustainable development in all aspects of future development within the area including sustainable techniques of land management both on and off the existing nature reserves
- Promote public health and wellbeing, providing large areas of accessible green open space for the people of Peterborough
- Create new jobs and economic opportunities within the area, allied to the delivery of these objectives, particularly in tourism, visitor attractions and farming and nature conservation.

Hannah Joyce has volunteered to work/liaise with the project and carried out a walk around the village with Mike Horne. It is hoped to establish small nature recovery groups within each parish.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

The Members of the Public did not have any issues that they wished to be discussed.

### 4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. No-one was aware of any recently reported crimes.

5. **MINUTES** of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

## 6. **MATTERS ARISING**

### i) **Defibrillator**

Louise Molesworth stated that she had believed that training was going to be provided free-of-charge (as part of the cost of purchasing of the defibrillator), but it appears that there will be a charge. She will check this out before finalising the training.

### ii) **Footpaths**

The Chairman had no update from Lindsey Freeman. Lindsey is seeking volunteers and obtaining landowner details.

### iii) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event**

Louise Molesworth stated that two planning meetings had taken place and the event will take the form of a 1950s Afternoon Tea which will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The Sharpley's have kindly agreed for it to take place on their land. There are plans for a quiz, presents for the children, a memorial book and the planting of a tree. The church will be open during the afternoon. Residents will be asked to bring along a contribution of food for the buffet. It was agreed to set a maximum budget of £1,000 (from the Community Infrastructure Levy Grant).

### iv) **Memorial for Hubert Warren**

Louise Molesworth stated that Hubert Warren's family were delighted at the idea of a memorial to be installed in the village. One idea is to install a bench on the bend by the chicken farm on Russell Hill and a lectern with a map of the footpaths sited next to it. It was agreed to set a maximum budget of £1,000 (from the Community Infrastructure Levy Grant).

### v) **Open Reach**

The Chairman stated that a complaint had been lodged and the necessary repair work has been completed at the village triangle. A request has been made that Open Reach inform the residents in advance of any future work being carried out.

### vi) **Parish Council Elections 2022**

The Clerk had circulated the Nomination Papers which have to be hand delivered by 4.00 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to Peterborough City Council. The Clerk is willing to take them to Peterborough City Council on 30<sup>th</sup> March so she will need to have them back by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Peterborough City Council will provide a Notice of the Election for the noticeboards.

### vii) **Passing Places on Russell Hill**

The Chairman stated that she had not yet had a response from Peterborough City Council.

## 7. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliations at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 was reviewed and approved as presented.

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

### ii) **Annual Donations to Thornhaugh & Wansford PCC and Living Villages**

It was agreed to donate £190 to Thornhaugh & Wansford PCC and £100 to Living Villages

### iii) **CAPALC Affiliation**

It was agreed not to pay this affiliation fee as the Parish Council has not needed to use the services available from CAPALC in recent years.

## 8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Cate Harding - 2022 Peterborough Parish Council Conference - 8th June 2022

- ii) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority – Adult Education Budget Consultation 2021-2022

- iii) Augean – ENRMF Western Extension Hearings and Site Visit

- iv) Augean Community Newsletter Spring 2022 (to be put onto the Website)
- v) Nikki Higgins – village matters (wall baskets, the bench along Russell Hill and the lectern)
- vi) Thornhaugh Parish Council – the Chairman had sent an e-mail to Peterborough City Council regarding the possibility of planting a tree on the grass verge on Russell Hill at the first corner off the A1 as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (no reply to date)

## 9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- i) Planning Application 21/01225 - Construction of a first-floor loft conversion above an existing garage at St Medard House, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Awaiting decision
- ii) Planning Application 21/01894 - Single storey front extension at 13 Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh – Permitted
- iii) Planning Application 21/01991 - Proposed alterations to existing Outbuildings including external domestic spiral stairs to allow access from home office to garden area at Home Farm House, Leicester Road Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- iv) Planning Application 22/00052 – First floor side extension at 5 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Permitted

## 10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### i) **Hanging Baskets**

The hanging baskets brackets have been removed as requested by Open Reach. Thanks were expressed to Adrian Rodgers for doing this. The possibility of putting up poles for the hanging baskets was discussed but it was felt that this would be too expensive. Alternatives to be able to retain floral displays need to be finalised.

### ii) **Reinstatement of the Garden Waste Bin Collection**

The Chairman sent a further e-mail on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022 asking when the reinstatement of the Garden Waste Bin Collection is likely to happen (no reply to date).

### iii) **Village Matters**

It was noted that Nikki Higgins undertakes the Litter Picks with Wansford (not Wittering) residents. Thanks were expressed to Liam Higgins for cleaning the lectern.

## 11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in St Andrew's Church.**

## 12. **CLOSURE**

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

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

DATE                      **16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**