

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

### PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)  
Louise Molesworth (Vice Chairman)  
Yana Clipsham  
Neil Croft-Taylor  
Camilla Plumb

### IN ATTENDANCE

Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from PCC Ward Councillor Gavin Elsey.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

#### 4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. It was noted that an old Mercedes Sprinter Van had been sighted in the village apparently collecting unwanted metal. Residents are encouraged to be vigilant if they see any unusual vehicles in the village.

5. MINUTES of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were reviewed and, subject to an amendment that the Parish Council had not objected to Planning Application 22/00559, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed by:-** Louise Molesworth

**Seconded by:-** Chris Smith

#### 6. MATTERS ARISING

##### i) Highways Issues

The Chairman gave an update on the following highways issues:-

- A47 Road Markings – there is now a sign at the first roundabout (this is a temporary measure until the lines can be repainted) and the markings at the second roundabout have already been repainted.
- Grass and Hedge Cutting on the A1 at Thornhaugh's Entrance – this has been done but still waiting the re-siting of the bin. We are still pressing for the layby to be closed and for the area of grass in front of the bus stop to be removed so we can at least get parallel to the carriageway before pulling out. We have received

a response that these are all being considered as part of a major upgrade project for the A1. The layby is temporarily closed at present due to A1 barrier maintenance, but this is not a permanent closure.

- Pothole at A1 Entrance to the Village – Camilla Plumb will send a photograph of the pothole to the Chairman so she can report it to PCC.
- Blocked Drains – these had been cleared in May 2022 and are due to be cleared in October or November 2022.

ii) **Defibrillator Training**

Louise Molesworth had established that NWEA Air Ambulance Service provide free defibrillator training and she will explore this as a possible training option.

iii) **Memorial for Hubert Warren**

After further discussion including the comments from residents, plus recognising the fact that it has not been the practice for the Parish Council to fund any memorials, simply providing practical support, it was decided not to go ahead with the wrought iron arch project.

iv) **Passing Places on Russell Hill**

The Chairman stated that PCC are not willing to refurbish the passing places on Russell Hill and therefore this matter will not be pursued.

v) **Website Update**

It was agreed to accept the quotation for £500 from John Allsopp to update the existing Website recognising that the cost may vary once the extent of the website changes has been established. Any revision to the quotation will be discussed at a Parish Council meeting prior to final commissioning. A meeting will be held with John Allsopp and some of the Parish Councillors to discuss what is required.

vi) **Flagpole**

The Chairman will speak to Yvonne Birch about using the flagpole in her garden for village use, with the Parish Council funding the refurbishment.

vii) **Social Events**

The switch on of the Christmas Tree Lights will take place at 6.00 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. The Wansford Ukulele Band will perform. The Chairman will purchase the mulled wine, juice, mince pies and cups but she will not be able to attend on the evening. She will also purchase the Christmas Tree which is being paid for by the Bill Rogers' Memorial Fund. A collection will take place for the Children's Society.

viii) **Speeding Signs**

The Chairman stated that she has established that this would be a costly project and it was agreed not to go ahead with this at present.

ix) **Jubilee Tree**

Aragon has not given permission for the planting of tree to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as it would get in the way of mowing where it was proposed that the tree would be planted. With no other suitable public land readily available, it was agreed to take this off the agenda.

x) **Jubilee Book**

Only 8 entries to date have been received for the Jubilee Book. Hannah Joyce and Nicky Rogers are planning a mail-drop reminder to residents to submit their entries for the Jubilee Book.

xi) **Village Sign**

The Chairman stated that the Village Sign needs refurbishment. The Clerk will ask Glyn Mould for a quotation to undertake this work.

## 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) Planning Application 22/00431 - Change of use from Agricultural Land (Sui Generis) to Residential Garden (Use Class C3) retrospective at 16 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Permitted with Restrictions including time-limited permission, awarded to current residents only and no permitted development rights.
- ii) Planning Application 22/00506 - Change of use from agricultural land to garden land at Croft Farm, Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh – Refused
- iii) Planning Application 22/00559 - Erection of eight office pods (Use Class E) with associated parking involving the removal of existing semi-permanent marquee (Sui Generis - wedding venue) - Permitted

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Peterborough Parish Council Liaison Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- ii) Peterborough City Council – Code of Conduct
- iii) Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough - Annual General Meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- iv) Communities Prepared – New Online HUB Launch – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## 9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliations 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 was reviewed and approved as presented. In future, the Clerk will circulate the list of Income and Expenses alongside the summary sheet before each meeting.  
**Proposed by:-** Louise Molesworth      **Seconded by:-** Chris Smith
- ii) Barclay's Bank Mandate Change  
Yana Clipsham, Neil Croft-Taylor and Camilla Plumb have all taken the required documentation into Barclays Bank and the Clerk will check that the Mandate includes the new signatories.
- iii) Renewal of Insurance Policy  
It was noted that the Insurance Policy has been renewed with Zurich at a price of £241.00 which is less than last year.
- iv) Precept Returns 2023-2024  
The Clerk stated that Peterborough City Council require the Precept Returns 2023-2024 to be completed earlier this year. The financial information which had already been circulated was discussed and it was agreed to set the Gross Precept for 2023-2024 at £6,688 which is the same as for 2022-2023.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) **Approval of Code of Conduct**  
The new Code of Conduct distributed by PCC has been amended for Thornhaugh Parish Council and circulated prior to the meeting. All the Parish Councillors approved it, and it will be put onto the Website.

## 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 in St Andrew's Church**. Louise Molesworth gave her apologies in advance.

## 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**

**21/11/22**

**ACTION POINTS**

**Highway Issues**

Photograph of Pothole

Chris Smith

Camilla Plumb

**Defibrillator Training**

Louise Molesworth

**Barclays Bank**

Deirdre McCumiskey

**Website Update**

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**Flagpole**

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**Christmas Tree Event**

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