

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council
held on 17th January 2022 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Martin Lewis, Adrian Rodgers and Gavin Elsey, Peterborough City Ward Councillor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

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 15th November 2021 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 31 people have expressed an interest in attending a training course which will be held at the Christie Hall, Wansford. Due to the numbers, it is likely that two training courses will be held, and she will get these arranged. Stuart Foreman had reported a fault with the power supply to the defibrillator, and this has now been fixed.

ii) **Footpaths**

The Chairman has not yet had the opportunity to talk to Lindsey Freeman. There have been no recent reports of problems with the footpaths that have not been resolved. Thanks are expressed to the landowners who maintain the footpaths in a good condition.

iii) **Living Villages**

The Parish Councillors are pleased to hear that Living Villages is thriving. Residents are encouraged to submit contributions whenever they can. The Parish Council's annual contribution to the costs of producing Living Villages will be discussed at the March meeting.

iv) **Christmas Event Report**

This had been a successful and enjoyable event. Grateful thanks are expressed to Nicky Rogers, as always, for providing the tree and publicity, the Ukulele Group who were magnificent, Alan and Joan Frost for going the extra mile with music and warm food, Liam and Nicki Higgins for providing the power and heating the wine and Kay Lewis who helped on the night, not to mention helping to put the tree up (and take it down) and Louise

Molesworth and Martin Lewis for making the whole thing happen. Final thanks are expressed to Peter Sharpley for the disposing of the tree. It was a real community effort and raised £110 for the Children's Society Fund with Ellis Molesworth doing a great job collecting the donations on the night.

v) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event**

Louise Molesworth has a list of volunteers, and she will arrange a planning meeting at the Chairman's home soon. It was agreed that it will be funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund monies. If there is anyone else who would like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk (dpmccumiskey@gmail.com).

vi) **Peterborough City Council Land Transfer**

The Chairman had received a response from Peterborough City Council explaining the position. Land can be transferred without notification or consultation if adjacent properties have not registered prior use or interest in the council land with PCC. The area in question is still designated as a highway for the central access area in front of the gate and thus will be maintained by PCC and can be used as a turning space for vehicles and needs to remain clear. The area on either side of the central area is now privately owned and the new owners can use those areas as they see fit. Apparently if there is no prior legal contact about public land with the PCC (eg continuous use, access to adjacent private properties, etc) then no consultation relating to sale/purchase is required. It is therefore important for anyone who has property adjacent to public/PCC owned land that they express a legal interest so at least any changes would be communicated prior to sale.

vii) **Memorial for Hubert Warren**

Sadly, the village lost a key figure in 2021 and our condolences go to Hubert Warren's family. A suggestion on a tribute to Hubert who served for a long time as Clerk to the Parish Council has been received from Stuart Foreman. The bench mid-way along Russell Hill (the back lane) needs refurbishing. Stuart has suggested this be replaced and a new dedication put on to include the current wording plus a dedication for Hubert. Other suggestions include a new bench or a lectern. It was agreed that Louise Molesworth will talk to Hubert's family to see if they have any preferences.

7. **FINANCE**

i) Statement and Bank Reconciliations at 31st December 2021 was reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Adrian Rodgers had confirmed that all was on track with the finances.

ii) Budget and Precept 2022-2023

The financial information which had already been circulated was discussed and it was agreed to set the Gross Precept for 2022-2023 at £6,688 which is the same as for 2021-2022.

iii) Community Infrastructure Levy Grant

The Parish Council had received £5,273.84 following the construction of 16 Meadow Lane. A discussion took place as to how this could be appropriately spent within the community and two ideas mooted were a tribute to the late Hubert Warren and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event. As noted above, it was agreed that the grant would be used, as required, to fund the Queen's jubilee event in the village.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

i) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority – Seasons Greetings

ii) Highways England - A47 Wansford to Sutton - Local Survey Works

iii) Cambs Police & Crime Commissioner – Precept Survey

iv) The Chairman has written to Open Reach to complain about the newly installed and very unsightly cover which was put on the green at the junction of Meadow Lane and Russell Hill and has been left very proud of the surrounding area making it difficult to mow and is a potential Health & Safety hazard.

v) The Chairman has written to Peterborough City Council regarding the non-collection of the Brown Bins, asking that PCC insist that Aragon complies with its contract to empty the Brown Bins or, at the very least, let residents know when they can expect service to resume

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 – Awaiting Decision – Awaiting Decision
- 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 – No Objections

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Parish Council Elections

Parish Council Elections are due to be held in May 2022. Adrian Rodgers has already indicated that he does not wish to continue as a Parish Councillor after this date. The Chairman will prepare a flyer explaining the role/process so that any interested residents can consider whether they might like to join the Parish Council.

ii) Passing Places on Russell Hill

The Chairman has written to Peterborough Council asking for the passing places on Russell Hill to be made more permanent and less 'messy'. .

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at **7.00 pm on 21st March 2022 in St Andrew's Church.**

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

SIGNED _____
Chairman

DATE **21st March 2022**

After Note

Adrian Rodgers now has electronic access to the Bank Account and has confirmed the Financial Policy does not require alteration as a result.