

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 20th January 2020 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Bolton Frost, Laurence Hall, Tracey Parker, Lee Ward, Martin Witherington
(Members of the Public)
Gavin Elsey, Conservative Candidate for Ward Councillor Vacancy
John Allsopp, Thornhaugh Parish Council Website Designer
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

John Allsopp, Website Designer explained the different ways in which he could update the Website which is now over 10 years old. It was agreed that the Chairman will be the contact liaison person if this project goes ahead. He agreed he will re-submit a quotation for the update and is aware that the update is dependent on obtaining grant funding.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Martin Lewis.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

The Members of the Public raised the following issues:-

- Augean Community Liaison Committee – Martin Witherington gave a report on the Committee Meeting which had taken place in December 2019 and an update on recent environmental issues at the Augean Site. It was noted that planning permission has been granted to expand use of the site.
- Footpath at Home Farm – Martin Witherington gave an update on the progress of this. He submitted the original file containing many personal statements 18 months ago. Peterborough City Council now has a maximum of 2.5 months to make a final decision.
- Outside Lighting – please can all residents show consideration to their neighbours when installing outside lighting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

5. MINUTES of the Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 18th November 2019 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth

Seconded by:- Chris Smith

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Defibrillator**

The Chairman reported that approval for the siting of the Defibrillator in the church porch by the Diocese has passed the first stage but a formal decision from the Diocese Committee will not be made for another two months. It was agreed that donations for the Defibrillator will now be accepted and paid into a ring-fenced bank account. The Clerk will send Louise Molesworth the bank account details and Louise will write to those who have pledged donations. Residents can either make their donations by internet banking or by cheque (cheques to be made payable to Thornhaugh Parish Council).

ii) **Christmas Tree Event 2019**

This successful event took place on 8th December 2019. Thanks were expressed to Martin and Kay Lewis for erecting the tree, Peter Sharpley for disposing the tree and Penny Lewis-Watts for helping to make the event happen on the night. It was agreed that in future, 7 boxes of mince pies and 15 bottles of mulled wine would be sufficient.

iii) **Thornhaugh Heritage Project**

Martin Lewis had circulated a report on the progress of this so far to the Parish Councillors. He had also had discussions with some residents who are keen to become involved with it. Upon return from his holiday, he will produce and distribute a flyer informing residents of the project. It was noted that Kings Cliffe and Collyweston have interesting Heritage Projects.

iv) **Augean Community Fund**

Once a potential list of projects is drawn up, Grantscape will be approached informally to discuss possible eligibility.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) Planning Application 19/01300 Demolition and redevelopment of land for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station providing 20 electric car charging points at Abbots Wood Service Station, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- ii) Planning Application 19/01195 Removal of 5 existing portacabins, leaving 3 remaining portacabins for ongoing security purposes at Leedsgate Farm, Kings Cliffe Road, Wansford – Awaiting Decision
- iii) Planning Applications 19/01604 & 19/01605 (LBC) Erection of a Shed in garden to south of dwelling at Croft Farm, Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision (Revised plans have been submitted)
- iv) Planning Applications 19/01795 & 19/01796 (LBC) Change of use of ground floor to A3 (Restaurant). first floor to C1 (Residential Guest Accommodation). The conversion and change of use of vacant stable building to A1 (Shops) and minor alterations to the stable courtyard buildings. Change 2 windows to doors (reinstatement on west elevation of Farmhouse and east elevation of stables west range) at Sacrewell Farm & Country Centre, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- v) Planning Application 19/01804 Fell 6 no. conifers at Croft Farm, Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh – Permitted

A resident had drawn the Parish Council's attention to a possible breach of Planning Permission at a development within the village. Although the resident was informed he should report this to Peterborough City Council's Planning Department, he declined to do this although this can be done anonymously. In light of the resident's approach, the Parish Council felt they had an obligation to raise the matter with the Planning Department. It was agreed that the Chairman will report this which she subsequently did and also informed the developers as a matter of courtesy.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence that had not already been circulated.

9. FINANCE

- i) **Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st December 2019** was reviewed and approved as presented.
Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth **Seconded by:-** Chris Smith

ii) **Bank Signatories**

Ashleigh Kewney, Martin Lewis and Louise Molesworth will visit Barclays Bank to obtain certified copies of their personal details and addresses so that the Mandate Form can be completed and submitted.

iii) **Projects 2020**

The following items were agreed as potential projects in 2020:- refurbishment of the Telephone Box, refurbishment of the noticeboard, updating of the Website, running a First Aid Training Course and planting bulbs.

iv) **Budget and Precept 2020**

Adrian Rodgers went through the Draft Budget which had already been circulated to the Parish Councillors. After discussion, it was agreed to apply for a 2% increase in the Precept for 2020-2021. A draft Financial Procedures Document had been circulated for consideration. Parish Councillors will review and make comment ready for the next meeting.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) **Dog Fouling in the Village**

Disappointingly, this continues to be a problem within the village. It was noted that some villages provide free dog foul bags for dog walkers. Gavin Elsey stated that Peterborough City Council provides a stencil and chalk to be used on the ground to deter dog fouling. The Clerk will look into this. In the meantime, please can all dog walkers clear up after their dogs.

ii) **20 mph Signs for Bins**

Gavin Elsey agreed to obtain some 20 mph signs for the bins.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 16th March 2020 in St Andrew's Church**

12. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.45 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

16/03/20