

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2023 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Clarke and John Stannage (Wansford Parish Council)
Alan Frost and Hannah Joyce (Members of the Public)
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

The Chairman wished to record the Parish Council's condolences to the Sharpley family on the passing of Mary Sharpley.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

The members of the public present raised the following issues:-

- Hannah Joyce requested that residents urgently submit articles for the Jubilee Memory Book to her if they have not already done so. She and Nicky Rogers will be compiling a final version soon. She has the pictures of the party taken by Alan Frost.
- Hannah Joyce said that three bird boxes (for swifts, starlings and bluetits) have been donated to the village by the John Clare Countryside Project. It was agreed that one would be allocated to be put up for the houses in Old Oundle Road falling into the Thornhaugh parish. Yana Clipsham to manage this. A second one would be put up at the Home Farm end of the village. Neil Croft-Taylor to manage this. One further box for the rest of Thornhaugh Village. Anyone in this part of the village who is interested should please contact Hannah, or any member of the Parish Council.
- John Stannage asked if the village has considered being involved in the Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough Scheme where volunteers help vulnerable residents. The Thornhaugh Parish Councillors had not been aware of this initiative previously and would be interested in understanding this further. The Clerk will obtain further information for future discussion.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present and nothing formally recorded.

5. **MINUTES** of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 21st November 2022 were reviewed and approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Yana Clipsham

Seconded by:- Louise Molesworth

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

i) **Highways Issues**

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

- Still no movement on the layby closure or a response to why the bus stop road markings were renewed for a defunct bus stop. She will continue to chase both for layby closure and for adjustments to be made to bus stop exit to make it easier for residents to pull out onto the A1.
- The bin on the footpath alongside the A1 has been moved to stop it blocking the footpath. See 8i) below. It is hoped that Wansford and Thornhaugh can work together on this, as the aims and objectives seem to be very similar. Wittering may also wish to be part of this joint communication in relation to improvements on the A47 in particular.

ii) **Defibrillator Training**

Louise Molesworth is waiting to hear back from Community Heartbeat since we understood that training provision was part of the original contract. If they are not able to present the training, she will seek support from another direction. John Stannage expressed interest in sharing training sessions based in the Christie Hall for Wansford residents. Thornhaugh have already had c 35 expressions of interest and, as the sessions need to be kept to smaller numbers for practical reasons, this may require a separate session. Louise Molesworth will keep the Thornhaugh Parish Council and John Stannage updated on the progress.

iii) **Website Review**

Jay Allsopp has submitted a revamped Website for the Parish Councillors to approve. The Parish Councillors were in agreement that he has done a great job and formally approved the Website. The Clerk will ask Jay what is needed from the Parish Council in order to populate and launch the revamped Website. Following Jay's request for images for the Website, Neil Croft-Taylor said he has a very old map of the Parish that could go onto the Website. He will liaise with Jay.

iv) **Flagpole**

With apologies to everyone, the Chairman confirmed her mistaken belief that the flagpole was in Yvonne Birch's land which is not the case. The pole is therefore not available for relocation. With apologies for the confusion and for any inconvenience to Wendy Joyce.

v) **Social Events**

The Chairman said she had heard good reports of the Christmas Carol Event, thanks to Neil Croft-Taylor for his hard work and also to the Ukulele Band who once again were amazingly entertaining and made the event go with a swing. Also, thanks once again to Nicky Rogers who continues to support the event from the Bill Roger's Memorial Fund, but not forgetting the personal involvement by her in designing, producing and delivering the fliers. It was noted that £105 was raised for the Children's Society.

Neil Croft-Taylor and Camilla Plumb will meet to discuss the planning of the Coronation Event which will taken place on 7th May 2023. The possibility of holding a Street Party at the end of Meadow Lane was mooted as was holding the event at the Home Farm end of the village. It was agreed to set aside up to a maximum of £1,000 to fund this event.

vi) **Village Sign**

The Clerk will confirm to Glyn Mould that the Parish Council wish him to undertake the work on the Village Sign in the spring. The Village Sign can remain in situ in the meantime.

vii) Home Farm Village Green

It was not possible to apply for a grant at such short notice. There were many obstacles which proved too difficult in such a short space of time. This has been put on hold pending further information from Martin Witherington if he wishes the Parish Council's involvement in the future once the space has been formally registered by Peterborough City Council as a designated Village Green.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) 22/01677/HHFUL - Addition of a bespoke, timber and double-glazed garden to rear elevation at The Hall, Thornhaugh Hall Estate, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh. Awaiting Comment/Decision. No Objection.
- ii) Planning Application 22/01492/FUL - Change of use of land within the existing farmyard to Use Class B8 (storage and distribution) and change of use of existing agricultural buildings to Use Class E(g) (office, research and light industry) - Retrospective at Manor Farm, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh. Awaiting Decision. The Parish Council has submitted no objection subject to this, not extending the village envelope and not granted permitted development rights.
- iii) CAS15A/0001/22 - Land to the east of Tolmers, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh, Peterborough Common Land Register - Section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006: Land to the East of Tolmers, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh. Awaiting Decision.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) A1 Thornhaugh Layby Improvements – Richard Clarke and John Stannage of Wansford Parish Council have produced two reports “A1 Footpaths Carpenters Lodge to Water Newton - A Review for National Highways Designated Funds” and “A1 Footpath Wansford to Russell Hill - A Review for National Highways Designated Funds” which have been circulated to the Parish Councillors. It is hoped that Thornhaugh Parish Council and Wansford Parish Council (and possibly Wittering Parish Council in relation to the A47) will work together on issues that affect both parishes in the future.

9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliations 31st December 2022 was reviewed and approved as presented.
Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth **Seconded by:-** Chris Smith
- ii) Barclays' Mandate Change
Barclays' have said that neither Neil Croft-Taylor nor Camilla Plumb have completed the required forms and taken in proof of their identity and address. Both confirmed that this is not the case, but they will complete the required forms again and take in proof of their identity and address to Barclays. Once this is completed, application will be made for Yana Clipsham to have internet access to the account alongside the Clerk.
- iii) Community Leadership Fund 2022-2023
The Parish Council had been made aware by Gavin Elsey that the CLF was available for applications of eligible projects. The criteria are fairly restricting, and the Parish Councillors were not able to immediately identify any specific projects that could be funded from the fund at this time but, if anyone does have any ideas, the closing date is 12th February 2023 so please contact the Clerk as soon as possible. The Clerk will send a response to Gavin Elsey.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) State of the Verges along A47

Following a request from a resident, the state of the verges on Russell Hill was discussed. Although the verges are not in a good condition at present, it is hoped that as the grass grows, the situation will improve by the spring/summer. Much of the worst damage appears to be from either cars or works vehicles, which is inevitable in the winter months. The Parish Council will look again at this in the spring once the grass has had time to recover.

ii) Re-Routing of the Footpath off Russell Hill

Comment had been received from residents that the footpath across land owned by Mr Sharpley of Russell Hill had been re-routed and electric fencing installed. Peter Sharpley had confirmed that this would only be for a month and therefore this would be reviewed again at the next meeting. If the footpath is to remain diverted for longer, or even permanently, then this needs to be done via application to the Footpaths Officer at Peterborough City Council

iii) Building Work in Manor Farmyard

An unsolicited query has arisen from a site visit to Manor Farm by Peterborough City Council (presumably for the retrospective planning permission submitted last year). The Parish Council have been asked for information about when the work might have been carried out. It was agreed that the Chairman would respond to PCC confirming the Parish Councillors have no knowledge of, or additional information about the query.

iv) Drains on Russell Hill

It was noted that the drains on Russell Hill need clearing out. The Chairman will report this to Peterborough City Council.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 20th March 2023 in St Andrew's Church.**

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

20/03/23

ACTION POINTS

Highway Issues	Chris Smith
Defibrillator Training	Louise Molesworth
Coronation Event	Neil Croft-Taylor Camilla Plumb
Blocked Drains	Chris Smith
Response to PCC Planning re Manor Farm	Chris Smith

Barclays Mandate Paperwork

Camilla Plumb
Neil Croft-Taylor

Response to Gavin Elsey re CLF

Clerk

Response to Glyn Mould re Village Sign

Clerk