

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the 2013/2014 Parish Council
held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 15th January 2014
in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

William Rogers (Chairman)
Liam Higgins
Ian Molesworth
Brian Watts
Martin Witherington

IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor
PCSO Michael Courtney-Hunt
One Member of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from John Holdich, Ward Councillor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest in any items on the Agenda.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Member of the Public raised the following issues:-

- Planning Application 13/01777
- The colour of the Grit Bin
- Build-up of water on the A47
- Poor condition of the passing places

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Michael Courtney-Hunt introduced himself and gave his contact details. He reported on the recently reported crimes in the Wansford/Thornhaugh/Wittering Parishes. He mentioned that it is possible to buy alarms for oil tanks which alert householders if oil is being stolen.

5. MINUTES of the Second Meeting of the 2013/2014 Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th November 2013 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:-

William Rogers

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) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Seconded by:- Brian Watts)

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Home Farm Matters**

Martin Witherington reported that a van that had been abandoned by an ex-resident of Home Farm but this was being dealt with. He mentioned his personal concerns regarding the amount of Council Tax levied by Peterborough City Council on unoccupied properties.

ii) **Village Sign**

Brian Watts confirmed the Village Sign had been installed but Glyn Mould has to make a couple of final modifications. It was agreed to have an official unveiling ceremony in the spring.

iii) **Time Capsule and 60th Anniversary of Queen's Coronation Celebrations**

Ian Molesworth has sourced a Time Capsule which will cost £225 and will send the Website Link to the Parish Councillors. It was agreed that residents will be encouraged to contribute to the contents of the Time Capsule.

iv) **Speeding in the Village/Speed Limit**

Diane Lamb gave an update on the proposals to reduce the 30 mph limit to 20 mph in the village and to reduce the national speed limit to 40 mph up Russell Hill to the junction with the A47

v) **Benches in the Woods**

The remaining bench will be installed w/c 20/01/14.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- PCC – Without compliance Application to vary condition 11 of 13/00432 at Cooks Hole, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh (*Noted*)
- PCC – Without compliance Application to vary condition 11 of 13/00434 at Cooks Hole, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh (*Noted*)
- PCC – Consultation on Conservation Area Trees Notification 3 x Cypress – Fell, 6 x Cypress – Reduce to height of car port and lateral reduction by 1 m at Croft Farm, Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh (*Noted*)
- PCC – Planning Application 13/01777 Construction of single storey side and rear extensions at 5 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh (*The Parish Councillors were happy with the recommendations of the Conservation Officer's Report. They would prefer that the front door is retained in its current position but had no other comments to make.*)
- PCC – Parish Precepts 2014-2015 (*See under Finance*)

8. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st December 2013 was reviewed and approved as presented

Proposed by:- William Rogers)

Seconded by:- Brian Watts)

) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ii) Precept 2014-2015

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Precept should remain at the same level as the Parish Precept for 2013-2014. A vote took place and the result was in agreement of the proposal – 4, against – 1. It

was noted that as Peterborough City Council has reduced its support by £107 this will mean a small reduction in the amount of Parish Precept received.

It was agreed to appoint Karen Jones as the Independent Auditor for the Financial Year Ending 31st March 2014.

9. NOTIFIED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

i) Village Improvements

It was agreed to look into re-siting the seat on Russell Hill to near to the Noticeboard on Meadow Lane.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Martin Witherington stated there are three highway problems on the A47 near Home Farm:- the gulleys are full of mud; the hole has not yet been repaired and the centre of the road is breaking-up. The Clerk will contact Brian Rowcroft, PCC and Diane Lamb will monitor the problems.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Fourth Meeting of the 2013/2014 Council will take place **at 7.30 pm on 12th March 2014 in St Andrew's Church.**

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

12/03/14