

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the 2012/2013 Parish Council
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 8th January 2013
In St Andrew's Church

PRESENT

William Rogers (Chairman)
Brian Watts
Martin Witherington

IN ATTENDANCE

John Holdich, Ward Councillor
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Liam Higgins and Ian Molesworth.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

4. MINUTES of the Third Meeting of the 2012/2013 Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th December 2012 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman with the amendment that under 5. ii) Speeding in the Village, it should have read ... this work should be completed by end of January 2013.

Proposed by:- William Rogers)

Seconded by:- Martin Witherington) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MATTERS ARISING

i) Home Farm Matters

Martin Witherington stated he would be attending the Augean Liaison Meeting.

ii) Village Sign

Brian Watts had attempted to produce a draft design which incorporated St Andrew's Church, 1st Baron Russell and the Bedford Coat of Arms. He had met with Glyn Mould, a local wood-carver to discuss the draft design and likely cost. Glyn Mould had agreed to produce a final design and had estimated the likely cost would be £3,000 based on using English Oak. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next Parish Council Meeting when all Parish Councillors will hopefully be present.

iii) **Planning Applications**

It was agreed that, in future, all Planning Applications will be discussed at a Parish Council Meeting. If a Planning Application is received and the required response is due in before the date of the next Parish Council Meeting, the Clerk will request an extension of the date of the required response. If this is not possible, an additional meeting will be held.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- PCC – Planning Matters (*See under Matters Arising*)
- PCC – Importation of inert material for recycling and infill to achieve a beneficial restoration to agricultural land at Thornhaugh Quarry – Appeal Details (*See under Adjournment*)
- PCC – Parish Precepts 2013-2014 (*See under Finance*)
- PCC – Funding Bulletin (*Noted*)
- Anonymous – Solar Farm Applications (*Noted*)

7. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st December 2012 was reviewed and approved as presented

Proposed by:-	William Rogers)	<u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>
Seconded by:-	Brian Watts)	

- ii) Parish Precept 2013-2014

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Precept should remain at the same level as the Parish Precept for 2012-2013. This was seconded by Brian Watts and agreed by all present.

It was agreed to appoint Karen Jones as the Independent Auditor for the Financial Year Ending 31st March 2013.

8. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Martin Witherington stated had been in contact with Natalie Moulton of Peterborough City Council about the information requested to complete Register of Members' Interests' Form. He was awaiting a response and will chase this up.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Brian Watts stated that he was willing for the Parish Council Archives to be stored in his barn.

The Clerk was asked to send a thank you letter to RAF Wittering for once again providing an excellent Christmas Lunch for the Senior Citizens of the village.

Martin Witherington gave a report on the first day of the Appeal by Mick George regarding the importation of inert material for recycling and infill to achieve a beneficial restoration to agricultural land at Thornhaugh Quarry. The Parish Council had already submitted comments that it was in agreement with the Planning Application but needed to clarify that this decision was based on the infill being carried

out in accordance with the conditions specified by Peterborough City Council. The Clerk will send an e-mail to Theresa Nicol and Alan Jones confirming this and requesting that this is brought to the attention of Mr I McCretton, Planning Inspector.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Fifth Meeting of the 2012/2013 Council will take place **on Tuesday 12th March 2013 at 7.00 pm in St Andrew's Church.**

11. CLOSURE

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

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

12/03/13