

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the 2014/2015 Parish Council
held at 7.00 pm on Monday 9th March 2015
in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

William Rogers (Chairman)
Ian Molesworth
Brian Watts

IN ATTENDANCE

Two Members of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

Presentation by Annette Thorpe, BT Regional Partnership Director

Annette Thorpe explained that many premises in Thornhaugh are included within the Connecting Cambridgeshire Programme. This means that, by the end of 2015, there will be improvements to the broadband infrastructure that will enable many homes/businesses to receive superfast broadband speeds (minimum 24 Mbps) while others will be able to receive fibre broadband speeds of 2 Mbps - 24 Mbps. Residents will receive notification when this will be available in the village and will have to contact their broadband supplier to upgrade their broadband account. For further information, view connect@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were Apologies for Absence from Liam Higgins, Diane Lamb and PCSO Michael Courtney-Hunt.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public raised the following issues:-

- Gas Gun Bird Scarers going off too early, too frequently and too near residents' properties. The Clerk will contact the farmer concerned.
- Litter on the roadside of the A1/A47 and overflowing rubbish bins. The Clerk will report to the Highways Division.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

5. MINUTES of the Fifth Meeting of the 2014/2015 Parish Council held on Monday 19th January 2015 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- William Rogers **Seconded by:-** Ian Molesworth

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Home Farm Matters**

Ashleigh Kewney was not present and therefore no Home Farm matters were discussed.

ii) **Hedge Trimming**

It was noted that the promised works had not been undertaken and the Parish Councillors were concerned that if the works are not undertaken soon it will be too late as the birds will be nesting in the hedges. The Clerk will inform Amey that if the works are not completed in the next 14 days, the Parish Council will employ a private contractor and send the Invoice to Amey accordingly.

iii) **Seat and Lectern**

Brian Watts confirmed that the seat and lectern will be delivered soon.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- The Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Peterborough (Noted)
- PCC – Planning Application 14/01716 – Limestone extraction and restoration at Land at Leicester Road, Wansford, Peterborough (Noted)
- PCC – Moving Traffic Amendments Traffic Regulation Orders 2014/15 (Noted)

8. FINANCE

i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 28th February 2015 was reviewed and approved as presented
Proposed by:- William Rogers **Seconded by:-** Ian Molesworth

ii) Annual Donations to Living Villages (£80.00) and Thornhaugh & Wansford PCC (£190.00) were agreed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

i) **Co-option of Parish Councillor**

It was noted that one resident had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

ii) **Library Service**

It was noted that residents should be encouraged to complete a survey of their view on libraries, regardless of whether or not they are a regular user. Printed copies are available for residents who do not have computer access and library users can also get help completing the survey on-line at any local library.

iii) **20 mph Stickers**

The Clerk will see if it is possible to obtain some 20 mph stickers for the rubbish bins now that the 20 mph speed limit has been approved.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 5th May 2015 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

05/05/15