

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council  
held at 7.30 pm on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

## PRESENT

Brian Watts (Chairman)  
Liam Higgins  
Ashleigh Kewney  
Louise Molesworth

## IN ATTENDANCE

One Member of the Public  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Chris Smith and Diane Lamb.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### 3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND REPRESENTATIVES

#### i. **Chairman**

Brian Watts (no change)

#### ii. **Vice Chairman**

To be discussed at the next meeting

#### iii. **Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Burial Ground Committee**

Robert Reeve (no change) and Ian Molesworth (no change)

#### iv. **Representative on Thornhaugh Environmental Association**

Liam Higgins (no change)

#### v. **Representative on Augean Community Liaison**

Martin Witherington (no change)

#### vi. **Representative on Christie Hall Management Committee**

Brian Watts (no change)

### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public raised the following issue:-

- The current and future relationship between the church and the village residents

### 5. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

### 6. MINUTES of the Fifth Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed by:-** Brian Watts

**Seconded by:-** Liam Higgins

## 7. MATTERS ARISING

### i) **Home Farm Matters**

Ashleigh Kewney stated that the pot hole at the entrance to Home Farm has not been repaired yet. He stated that the new dog foul bin had not been delivered yet. The Clerk will chase up these two issues with the relevant departments. Brian Watts stated he had decided to delay the repair of the broken post that supports the Noticeboard until the daffodils had died off.

### ii) **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Louise Molesworth confirmed that the arrangements for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration were going well. Brian Watts had asked Diane Lamb if she could make a contribution from the Community Leadership Fund and she had responded positively. The Clerk will contact Diane Lamb with the Parish Council's bank account details and a suggestion of a £250 grant. It was agreed that the Parish Council will make a contribution as well, the amount of the grant will depend on how much is received from the Community Leadership Fund.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had already been e-mailed to the Parish Councillors.

## 9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 was reviewed and approved as presented  
**Proposed by:-** Brian Watts      **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth
- ii) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016 was reviewed and approved as presented  
**Proposed by:-** Brian Watts      **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

### i) **Path alongside the A1**

Brian Watts had established that the path alongside the A1 is a joint path that is it is for use by both pedestrians and cyclists. He had arranged an inspection of the path as there are several pot holes that need repairing.

### ii) **Lights from Mick George Quarry**

Brian Watts reported that he had had a meeting with the Site Manager and the bright lights have been dipped and are no longer causing a problem.

### iii) **Peterborough Woods Plan**

This had been circulated to the Parish Councillors who agreed that they would not wish to see all the woods become 'tourist sites' such as that at Fineshade. They agreed that there is an urgent need to clear the rubbish that has been dumped at the entrances and exits in various places.

### iv) **Christie Hall Rent**

Brian Watts spoke about the proposed increased in rent paid by the Stibbington, Thornhaugh and Wansford Parish Councils which would mean that Thornhaugh would pay £566.87, an increase of £171.00. As Chairman of the Christie Hall Management Committee, he declared an interest and took no further part of

the discussion about the rent increase which was agreed as proposed by Ashleigh Kewney and seconded by Louise Molesworth.

v) **Rubbish**

It was noted that there is a large amount of rubbish at the junction of the A1/A47. The Clerk will report to the relevant department. It was agreed to hold a 'Village Litter Pick' later on in the year.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Second Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in St Andrew's Church.**

12. **CLOSURE**

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

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Chairman

DATE

11/07/16