

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council  
held at 7.00 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

## PRESENT

Brian Watts (Chairman)  
Liam Higgins  
Ashleigh Kewney  
Louise Molesworth  
Chris Smith

## IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence. Diane Lamb gave apologies for her prolonged absence over several months due to breaking her arm and not being able to drive to the meetings.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

### 4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

### 5. MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed by:-** Brian Watts      **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth

### 6. MATTERS ARISING

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

Ashleigh Kewney confirmed that the hedges have been cut back at the entrance of Home Farm and visibility has improved. Brian Watts has filled in the pothole at the entrance of Home Farm. Brian Watts has not yet been able to complete the repair of the Noticeboard but Diane Lamb agreed to follow this up with Martin Benn (who has replaced Brian Rowthorn) at Peterborough City Council to see if he would be willing to help. The Clerk will write to Mr W Adderley to request that the footpaths that are on his land are strimmed back as the overgrown grass is making it difficult to walk along the footpaths.

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

The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations held in the village were thoroughly enjoyed by approximately 90 people. It was a happy occasion and grateful thanks are expressed to all the Committee for all their hard work in making the event so successful. The proceeds were donated equally to Team George and Thorpe Hall Hospice. Plans for a Christmas Celebration will be discussed shortly.

iii) **Path Alongside A1**

Brian Watts reported that the potholes on the path have been filled in and the overhanging grass has been trimmed back. He will monitor the situation.

7. **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

i) **Bus Stop**

It was noted that although the local bus company has indicated its willingness to use the layby before the entrance to the village off the A1 Northbound as a bus stop, the Highways Division are not willing to allow this. Diane Lamb agreed to follow this up and also establish whether it would be possible for a bus to pick up/drop off passengers in the village.

ii) **Meadow Lane Drainage**

It was noted that this is not an Anglian Water problem but rather a Peterborough City Council problem. Peterborough City Council had tasked Dyno-Rod to sort out the problem. A Dyno-Rod employee spent several hours clearing out the drains but commented that he felt there was a blockage which he was not able to clear. It may be that there is a problem with the soakaway.

iii) **Back Lane Hedges**

It was agreed to delay requesting the cutting back of the hedges on Back Lane until the berries have been harvested. The Clerk will put this issue on the Agenda for the next meeting. All residents should be encouraged to cut back hedges belonging to them as it has been noticed that several paths are difficult to use due to overhanging hedges.

iv) **Back Lane Passing Places**

It was noted that the spoil that has been laid down has made the condition of the passing places worse. The work needs to be done properly or the passing places need to be turned into a verge. Brian Watts will speak to Peter Sharpley and Diane Lamb will follow this up with Peterborough City Council.

v) **Pot Hole at Home Farm Entrance**

See under Matters Arising.

vi) **Dog Foul Bin**

It was noted that because Thornhaugh Parish Council is not on Amey's Account Database, it is proving difficult to obtain a Dog Foul Bin as it needs to be paid for before it is delivered. Diane Lamb will follow this up with Amey.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No additional correspondence had been received that has not already been circulated by e-mail.

9. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 was reviewed and approved as presented  
**Proposed by:-** Brian Watts      **Seconded by:-** Liam Higgins

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

### i) **Parish Watch**

It was agreed that no further action will be taken on this subject.

### ii) **Parking on Verge outside St Andrew's Church**

It was noted that the grass is getting very 'chewed up' due to inconsiderate motorists parking on the verge. It is believed that these are visitors to the village rather than people attending church services. Brian Watts will produce and install some A5 'No Parking' signs.

### iii) **Hanging Baskets**

It was noted that the hanging baskets are looking very bright and colourful and there have been many positive comments received about them.

### iv) **Woodview Café**

It was noted that Woodview Café on the A1 Northbound appears to have been turned into a Truck Stop. The Clerk will check whether planning permission should have been applied for.

### v) **Litter on Layby**

Liam Higgins reported a large amount of litter on the layby before the entrance to the village on the A1 Northbound. Diane Lamb will follow this up with Peterborough City Council/Highways England. Thanks very expressed to all the residents who regularly pick up litter thrown from passing cars and generally keep the village in a tidy state.

### vi) **Mrs R McDonnell**

It was sadly noted that Mrs R McDonnell, Editor of Living Villages, has died suddenly. The Clerk will write a letter of condolence to Mr E McDonnell, her husband.

## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Third Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 26th September 2016 in St Andrew's Church.** It was agreed that in future Parish Council Meetings will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of alternative months.

## 12. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 7.40 pm

SIGNED

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Chairman

DATE

26/09/16