

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the First Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council
held at 7.30 pm on Monday 13th July 2015
in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

William Rogers (Chairman)
Liam Higgins
Ashleigh Kewney
Brian Watts

IN ATTENDANCE

One of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were Apologies for Absence from Louise Molesworth, John Holdich and Diane Lamb.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Member of the Public raised the following issues:-

- The verges at the junction with the A1 North are full of rubbish that needs removing.
- He was disappointed not to have been consulted about the roadworks that are planned causing the closing of the A47 at Home Farm between 8.00 pm and 6.00 am w/c 20/07/15. He will contact Peterborough Highways Services to discuss this further.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. It was note that people are riding motorbikes in the quarry, mainly on Sunday afternoons. The Clerk will report this to the police.

5. MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th May 2015 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- William Rogers **Seconded by:-** Brian Watts

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Home Farm Matters**

Ashleigh Kewney stated that no suitable place had been determined for a hanging basket to be put up at Home Farm. The signpost for the quarry has been knocked and rotated again and needs repositioning. The fencing along the A47 has been damaged and needs repairing. The overhanging hedges at the junction of Home Farm and the A47 are causing problems with visibility and need cutting back. The Clerk will report all these two matters to the relevant department.

ii) **Seat and Lectern**

Brian Watts confirmed that the seat and lectern have been delivered and he has received many positive comments about them. William Rogers will organise a plaque stating they were purchased with a grant from the Aidan Patrick Fogarty Will Trust and, when it is installed, he will send a photograph to Buckles Solicitors.

iii) **Dog Foul Bin at Home Farm**

The Clerk reported that this is due to be delivered later on this week.

iv) **Grit Bin**

It was agreed to purchase one green grit bin (at a cost of £302) to replace the damaged yellow grit bin opposite St Andrew's Church

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- PCC – Rural Vision and Charter Consultation Follow-up (*Noted*)

8. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30th June 2015 was reviewed and approved as presented
Proposed by:- William Rogers **Seconded by:-** Brian Watts

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

i) TEA and its relationship with Thornhaugh

Liam Higgins reported that Augean continues to support the investment in local communities by contributing to many local initiatives through the Landfill Communities Fund and will continue to support the communities in the areas in which they operate. This process is managed by GrantScape, with support from the Kings Cliffe and Thornhaugh Environmental Associations. These two Associations are operated through voluntary steering committees of representatives from the relevant village. They recommend grant awards to community groups wishing to make environmental improvements to public amenities, biodiversity and conservation or heritage projects. Projects within a ten-mile radius of the two landfill sites may apply for grants that meet the requirements for eligibility. Although Kings Cliffe and Thornhaugh Environmental Associations meet together, the finances remain separate.

ii) 40 mph Speed Limit on Russell Hill

It was noted that although a 40mph speed limit would be in place on Russell Hill, west of Thornhaugh and legally enforceable on the 22nd June 2015, to date the new speed limit signs are still not in place. Brian Watts will chase this up with Peterborough Highways Services.

iii) Lorries

Liam Higgins raised concerns about lorries that are being badly parked in the laybys on the A1 Southbound and the A1 Northbound near Thornhaugh. It was reported that the owner of the Shell Garage on the A1

Northbound has purchased the café and surrounding land and intends to apply for Planning Permission to develop this site.

iv) Barbeque and Quiz Night

This successful event had been held to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the Signing of the Magna Carta on 11th July 2015 and had raised £301 for charity which will be split between Hospital at Home, Cancer Research and the Stroke Association.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Second Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 23rd September 2015 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

23/09/15