

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the 2011/2012 Parish Council  
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
In St Andrew's Church

## PRESENT

William Rogers (Chairman)  
Liam Higgins  
Brian Watts  
Martin Witherington

## IN ATTENDANCE

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

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Ian Molesworth and Cllr J Holdich.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public is still concerned about speeding motorists in the village. It was noted that Rumble strips would cost approx £3,000 to install and Speed Bumps would cost £6,000 to install and neither Peterborough City Council nor Thornhaugh Parish Council are able to fund either of these speed reducing measures. The member of the public had parked his vehicle outside his house in an attempt to slow speeding motorists and this had been successful. Some of the speeding motorists have been captured on film. William Roger suggested that the film is sent onto the local Police Community Support Officer.

One member of the public reported that white lines have now been painted on the road outside Bone Mill Cottages, Old Oundle Road bringing to drivers' attention the concealed driveways. It was noted that this road is included in the Parish of Wittering.

The members of the public present were still concerned about the inappropriate use of the access slip in front of the four houses on the A1 South opposite the Thornhaugh Gap, also the continued anti-social behaviour with motorists urinating in the bushes. They had received a visit from a PCSO who stated that there was little action he could take. The members of the public will take photographs of vehicles parked on the access slip and send them onto the PCSO. William Rogers stated that the bus shelter will be demolished and hatched white lines painted on the road on the access slip in front of the four houses on the A1 South and hopefully this may alleviate the problems.

A street light cover was handed in and PCC will be informed as it needs to be put back onto the street light.

4. **MINUTES** of the Second Meeting of the 2011/2012 Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- William Rogers )  
Seconded by:- Brian Watts ) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5. **MATTERS ARISING**

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

Martin Witherington stated that he had been informed that double white lines will be painted on the A47 where it passes the Landfill Site and Home Farm entrance to try and prevent any accidents.

### ii) **A1/Thornhaugh Gap Issues**

It was noted that there had been a considerable amount of correspondence regarding the permanent closure of the A1/Thornhaugh Gap. William Rogers gave a summary of what was planned including the demolition of the bus shelter and painting hatched white lines on the access slip in front of the four houses on the A1 South. He confirmed pedestrian access across the A1 will be left open. He stated that there will be no improvements made to the entrance to and exit from the village to the A1 North.

### iii) **Thornhaugh Parish Council Precept**

It was reported Liam Higgins is still in the process of pursuing why it had been reported that Thornhaugh has the highest Council Tax in the Peterborough City Council area. His findings will be discussed at the next meeting.

### iv) **Affordable Rural Housing**

It was agreed not to pursue this further at present.

### v) **Royal Diamond Jubilee**

Liam Higgins reported that he had been contacted by a resident with the following suggestions on how the Royal Diamond Jubilee could be celebrated:-

- Planting a tree
- Organising a Village Party
- Presenting a gift (mug or spoon, etc) to the village children (under 16?)

These will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Harry Stebbing – Confirmation of order for village seat (*Noted*)
- PCC – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (*Clerk will confirm Parish Council is satisfied with current arrangement of using St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh as the village's Polling Place*)
- URS – Proposed temporary diversion of Public Footpaths No 2 and No 4 at Cook's Hole Quarry, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh (*No objections but Clerk will request that the original routes of Public Footpaths No 2 and No 4 are reinstated in 2042*)
- PCC – Consultation on Conservation Area Trees Notification – Walnut Tree at 6 Russell Hill (*No objections*)

## 7. **FINANCE**

i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011 was reviewed and approved as presented

**Proposed by:-** William Rogers )  
**Seconded by:-** Brian Watts ) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Martin Witherington reported that some trees had been felled (without planning permission) in the Conservation Area of the village.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Fourth Meeting of the 2011/2012 Council will take place **at 7.15 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 in St Andrew’s Church.** Julie Rivett, Neighbourhood Manager (North and West), will give a talk on “Undertaking a Village Plan”.

10. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.00 pm

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**DATE** 01/11/11