

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council
held at 7.00 pm on Monday 14th March 2016
in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from John Holdich and Diane Lamb.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were four members of the public present but they had no issues to raise.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. One of the members of the public stated that her garage had been burgled recently and although the police were helpful, the thieves had not been caught.

5. MINUTES of the Fourth Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council held on 11th January 2016 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Brian Watts **Seconded by:-** Liam Higgins

6. 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. Brian Watts stated that he had not been able to repair the broken post that supports the Noticeboard due to the recent wet weather.

ii) **Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration**

It was agreed to hold this village event during the afternoon of 12th June 2016 at The Rectory (courtesy of Karen Rutter). A marquee is available and attendees will have access to the kitchen and toilet. It was agreed to have a hog roast and barbeque. It was agreed to have a 'Village Bake Off' competition for the cakes for the pudding. Louise Molesworth agreed to chair a committee to organise the event.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

8. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 29th February 2016 was reviewed and approved as presented
Proposed by:- Brian Watts **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth
- ii) It was agreed to donate £80.00 to Living Villages and £190.00 to Thornhaugh & Wansford PCC (for the use of St Andrew's Church for the Parish Council Meetings).

9. ADJOURNMENT

i) **Bus Stop**

Liam Higgins reported that the bus company had decided that it was too dangerous to use the bus stop on the A1 north. It was agreed to contact the Highways Division to see if it would be possible to use the lay-by before the bus stop as a bus stop or re-route the bus through the village.

ii) **Blocked Drains in Meadow Lane**

Brian Watts showed some photographs of flooding caused by blocked drains in Meadow Lane. It is believed that the drains are full of silt. It was agreed to contact the Highways Division/Anglian Water to request that the drains are cleared out.

iii) **Speeding in the Village**

Brian Watts reported on a recent incident of speeding in the village. He has produced some fliers to ask residents to take care when driving through the village. The leaflets will be distributed to all residents.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 9th May 2016 in St Andrew's Church.**

11. CLOSURE

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

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

09/05/16