THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the 2014/2015 Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th July 2014 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT William Rogers (Chairman)

Liam Higgins Ian Molesworth Brian Watts

<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor

One Member of the Public

Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were Apologies for Absence from Ashley Kewney.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Member of the Public present raised the following two issues:-

- Dog Fouling the Clerk will request more signs and investigate the possibility of providing dog fouling bags
- Overgrown trees and hedges that are encroaching onto the road at the top of Russell Hill the Clerk will
 contact the Highways Department to establish ownership and then request the owner prunes them back

The Parish Councillors expressed their gratitude and thanks to the Member of the Public who had been mowing the grass at the top of Russell Hill, ensuring this part of the village is smart and tidy.

A Member of the Public had contacted the Clerk to report footpaths overgrown by nettles by Mick George's quarry and along the A47 – it was agreed to report this to the Footpaths Officer

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. A report covering the period 15th June – 16th July 2014 listing one road related call for service and one theft on Russell Hill had been submitted.

5.	MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the 2014/2015 Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th May 2014 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.						
	Proposed by:-	William Rogers)) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY				
	Seconded by:-	Brian Watts) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY				
6.	MATTERS ARISING						
i)	Co-option of Parish Councillor Ashleigh Kewney of Home Farm had expressed an interest in being co-opted but unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting and so it was agreed to formalise this at the next Parish Council Meeting.						
ii)	Home Farm Matters There were no Home Farm Matters discussed.						
iii)	Village Improvements The Parish Councillors had received many appreciative comments from local people about the hanging baskets. It was agreed to purchase four more brackets for the hanging baskets. It was agreed to re-plant the hanging baskets with winter bulbs/flowers and to re-plant the hanging baskets with cherry tomatoes next summer. Diane Lamb suggested that the Parish Council request funding from the Community Leadership Fund.						
iv) v)	Fouling on Footpaths This had been dealt with under 3. Public Participation. Speeding on Old Oundle Road						
,	John Holdich has requested that speed calming measures could be considered to help problem.						
7.	CORRESPONDENCE						
•	Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of City of Peterborough: Draft Recommendations (Noted)						
8.	<u>FINANCE</u>						
i)	Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30 th June 2014 was reviewed and approved as presented						
	Proposed by:-	William Rogers) CARRIED HIMANIMOLIST V				
	Seconded by:-	Brian Watts) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)				
9.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>						

i)

Thornhaugh Quarry MountainIt was noted that there is a "mountain" of sand/grit building up at Thornhaugh Quarry. The Clerk will contact the Planning Department to ascertain if there are any planning conditions about this.

ii) Meadow Lane River

It was noted that the drain near Meadow Lane is frequently blocked and this causes a "river" of water to flow down Meadow Lane. The Clerk will report to the Highways Department.

iii) Defibrillator

The advantages and disadvantages of purchasing a Defibrillator were discussed. It was agreed to ask a local GP for her opinion before making a final decision.

iv) Unveiling of Thornhaugh Village Sign

The arrangements for the unveiling of Thornhaugh Village Sign on 26th July 2014 were discussed and finalised.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Second Meeting of the 2014/2015 Parish Council will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 in St Andrew's Church.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm					
SIGNED	Chairman	DATE	03/09/14		