

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the 2018/2019 Parish Council held on 16th July 2018 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)
Ashleigh Kewney
Martin Lewis
Louise Molesworth
Adrian Rodgers

Liam Higgins
Penny Lewin-Watts

IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Lamb (Ward Councillor)
Hally Hardie, Lindsey Freeman and Lindsay Searle (Members of the Public)
Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk to the Council)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Lucy Sharpley.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPTION

The Members of the Public raised the following issues:-

- The poor condition of the Public Footpath that goes across the A47 and around the quarry. A complaint relating to the state of the footpath between Home Farm and Grange Farm has already been raised with Peterborough City Council. Diane Lamb agreed to request that the Footpath Officer visits the village to inspect the Public Footpaths generally and to ask for someone to come and review the Public Footpaths around Thornhaugh).
- An update on the A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling. (Diane Lamb agreed to contact Highways England to obtain an update).
- Chicken Farm Footpath. The Member of the Public confirmed that Peterborough City Council is supportive of the formalisation of this footpath as a Public Footpath but there is also questions about whether the road is still classified as a highway, which it has been historically, and she is in the process of searching various local archives to verify certain facts. Additionally, those with Deeded Rights to walk along the land also have the right to grant permission to other residents and this has been done in some instances and Mr N Bailey, the MD of Joice and Hill has been informed.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. No further Rural Crime Reports will be sent out. Instead, residents are encouraged to sign-up to eCops at www.ecops.org.uk. By registering with eCops, you receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice - direct to you as an e-mail. The service is completely free and works alongside Neighbourhood Watch, to bring you messages about your local area. It also allows you to feedback information to your local policing team, to help Cambridgeshire Police to police your neighbourhood effectively.

5. **MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting of the 2018/2019 Parish Council held on 21st May 2018 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Chris Smith **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

i) **Repair of the stone wall at the top of Russell Hill**

The Parish Council has now received written confirmation that Peterborough City Council has no objections to the Community Facilities Fund Grant being used to repair the stone wall. The Chairman will contact Mick George regarding a donation of stone. NB The day after the meeting, the Chairman reported that Mick George has kindly agreed to donate the stone and Mr D White, stonemason, has agreed to liaise directly with Mick George to organise the stone. Mr White confirmed that the original quote of £1,300 still stands. It was reported by a Member of the Public that further damage to the wall had occurred (appearing to be damage by a vehicle). This repair was not requested in the original quotations and the Chairman will write to Joice and Hill to ask that they fund the cost of repairing the new damage.

ii) **Summer Tea Party**

Louise Molesworth stated that the Summer Tea Party will take place on 9th September 2018. Mr A Sharpley has kindly offered the use of part of his farm for the event. This will be an informal gathering of residents to meet up and socialise. A meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 14th August 2018 at The Old Rectory to finalise the plans for the day including the provision of refreshments.

iii) **Speeding Motorists on Russell Hill**

Adrian Rodgers stated that he will put up a 20-mph sign just up from St Andrew's Church. It was sadly noted that some signs had been removed by vandals and discarded. These have been replaced.

iv) **Planning Consultation Notification 18/00295 (9 x various signs) – Super Service Station, Great North Road, Thornhaugh**

The Planning Department has suggested the Parish Council contacts the Super Service Station owners direct with a map depicting where it would like the noise/light barrier screening to be planted. Adrian Rodgers agreed to produce a map.

v) **Telephone Box (Library)**

Penny Lewin-Watts has obtained a quotation for the painting of the Telephone Box. However, the quotation is higher than the Parish Councillors would be prepared to pay, although it was noted that the costs are likely to be higher than the norm since the Telephone Box is listed and therefore specialist paint and new signage needs to meet regulations. It was agreed that further like-for-like quotations will be sourced.

vi) **GDPR**

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) has not yet produced any update on the obligations of Parish Councils relating to GDPR legislation. The Chairman confirmed that Thornhaugh Parish Council does not retain personal data. Communication with village residents is normally via Living Villages or by non-personalised mail drop.

vii) **Hanging Baskets**

It was noted that the summer Hanging Baskets have been erected and are looking attractive. Louise Molesworth has visited the households who water a Hanging Basket and they have all confirmed their willingness to continue to do so.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no further correspondence that has not already been circulated via e-mail.

8. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30th June 2018 was reviewed and approved as presented.

Proposed by:- Chris Smith **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth

A new style Statement of Accounts has been produced by the Chairman and will be circulated before the next meeting.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) **Footpath Maintenance**

This had already been discussed under Public Participation.

ii) **Planning Application 18/01107 Fell 22 x Cupressus Leylandii and 3 x Populus tress at Manor Farm, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh**

After a discussion, it was agreed to Object to the Planning Application 18/1107 in its current state. Although the Parish Council accepts, and has no objections that in principle, some trees that are damaging the wall need to be felled, it does not feel that the Planning Application is specific enough in terms of exactly how many trees/which trees will be felled. Also, it does not feel that the impact on possible increased noise levels and the impact on the landscape have been sufficiently considered. It notes that no report from the Tree Officer has been attached to the Planning Application and feels that, as this Planning Application is in the conservation area in the village, the Tree Officer should be involved with it. It would like to know if there are possible alternatives to all the trees needing to be felled as it hopes that some trees could remain in place.

iii) **Christie Hall**

Penny Lewin-Watts stated that if there is no affiliated RBL Branch in Thornhaugh, Stibbington or Wansford when the lease is due to be renewed in 2026, the RBL could sell the Christie Hall and its surrounding land for possible development. The Christie Hall Committee are aware of this and this issue will be discussed at its meetings and any necessary action taken before the renewal date of the lease.

iv) **Village Litter Pick**

A successful Village Litter Pick had taken place on 14th July 2018. Louise Molesworth asked if it could take place on alternate Saturdays/Sundays next year as several people are unable to attend on Saturdays.

v) **Conservation Officers**

Penny Lewin-Watts confirmed that her book had been returned. The Clerk will contact Daniel Worley, PCC Conservation Officer and ask for an update on the progress of the Draft Appraisal. Since the meeting, the Clerk has received the following information from Daniel Worley, PCC.

“The existing problem we have is with regard to access to the Northamptonshire Record Office (it is partially closed) which deprives us of information we require to complete the CAA. As this issue is dragging on longer than we expected (we were informed the issue was temporary but it is dragging on) we are now changing tac and trying to work around it. The majority of the Draft Appraisal is written and we are proceeding to do the editing around the missing elements. We do apologise for the delay but as soon as we can acquire the missing information from the Record Office, we should be able to move quickly in providing you with the Draft Appraisal”.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 17th September 2018 in St Andrew’s Church.**

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.20 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

17/09/18