

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council
held at 7.00 pm on 17th July 2017 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Lee Moore, PCC Footpaths Officer
Nicholas Bailey, MD Joice & Hill
Six Members of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

The Members of the Public raised no issues at the Meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

5. MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council held on 15th May 2017 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth **Seconded by:-** Liam Higgins

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Home Farm Matters including Dog Foul Bin**

Following comments at the last Parish Council Meeting, it was agreed that there would be no further action with the siting of the Dog Foul Bin at present. Martin Witherington stated that the work to dismantle the Noticeboard will be completed in the next two weeks.

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

The work to repair the stone wall at the top of Russell Hill will be undertaken in September 2017.

iii) **Improvements to Access onto the A1 Northbound**

Brian Watts had received further contact from Marcia Eastman of Highways England and a feasibility study of the junction may be undertaken subject to funding.

iv) **Lights adjacent to Apple Grove**

The owner has not yet made any changes to the lights and Brian Watts will discuss the issue with him.

v) **Gate via the Path by the Chicken Farm**

Brian Watts gave an up-to-date resume of the situation regarding the locked gate via the path by the chicken farm. Nicholas Bailey, MD Joice & Hill addressed the Parish Council on his company's viewpoint and Martin Witherington addressed the Parish Council on the Thornhaugh and Wittering residents' viewpoint. Lee Moore, PCC Footpaths Officer gave an explanation about the legal situation. After Nicholas Bailey and Lee Moore had left the meeting, the issue was discussed fully by the Parish Council. A suggestion was made for a Public Footpath to be located around the field south of the sheds and exiting into Russell Hill. It is hoped that this will be a compromise as Joice & Hill will not have to erect a fence and it will lessen the risk of the spread of disease. Brian Watts will send a map send to the Clerk outlining this suggestion which will be forwarded onto Nicholas Bailey.

vi) **Overgrown Footpaths**

It was agreed that the condition of the footpaths will be monitored on an on-going basis.

7. **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

i) **The Old Rectory Wall**

This work has now taken place.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk had no further correspondence to add to the correspondence that has already been e-mailed to the Parish Councillors.

10. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30th June 2017 was reviewed and approved as presented
Proposed by:- Brian Watts **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) **Peterborough Local Plan Update**

The Parish Councillors were shocked to discover that there is a proposed site for the development of 418 properties on the edge of Wansford. The Parish Councillors are also still concerned about the proposed site for the development of 2,500 properties on the edge of Wittering. It was agreed that the Clerk will liaise with Wansford, Wittering, Castor and Sutton Parish Councils to ascertain whether a joint meeting to discuss these proposals should be arranged as it was felt that a combined response may carry more weight. Brian Watts will produce a flyer about the issue and distribute it to the Thornhaugh residents. In the meantime, the Parish Council will submit a letter registering its extreme objections to any development at both these potential sites.

ii) **Planning Application 17/01290 Super Service Station, Great North Road, Thornhaugh**

Thornhaugh Parish Council had no objections to the above but made the following observations:-

1. That the site is adequately fenced
2. That there is low light pollution (across to the fields towards the village of Thornhaugh)
3. That the access to the entrance/from the exit is improved

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Third Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 25th September 2017 in St Andrew's Church.**

13. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

25/09/17