

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the 2011/2012 Parish Council
held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th May 2011
In St Andrew's Church

PRESENT

William Rogers (Chairman)
Liam Higgins
Ian Molesworth
Brian Watts
Martin Witherington

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Diane Lamb (Ward Councillor)
Seven Members of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr John Holdich (Ward Councillor).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Ian Molesworth declared a personal interest in Planning Application 11/00566/FUL – Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of rear and side extensions at 2 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh.

Liam Molesworth and Brian Watts declared personal interests in Planning Application 11/00256/FUL - Replacement four-bed dwelling and detached garage with store/games room above at Seven Summers Russell Hill Thornhaugh Peterborough PE8 6HL

3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN AND REPRESENTATIVES

i. **Vice Chairman**

Cllr Ian Molesworth (no change)

ii. **Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Burial Ground Committee**

Mr A Tresadern and Mr H Warren (no change). It was agreed to include the T&W Parish Burial Ground Committee Minutes onto the Parish Council's Website.

iii. **Representative on Thornhaugh Environmental Association**

Cllr Liam Higgins (no change)

iv. **Representative on Augean Community Liaison**

Cllr Martin Witherington (no change)

v. **Representative on Christie Hall Management Committee**

Cllr Brian Watts (no change)

Withering gave a report about his recent interview about the Planning Applications on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire.

ii) **Home Farm Matters**

Martin Witherington had no new issues to raise regarding Home Farm matters.

iii) **A1/Thornhaugh Gap Issues**

The Clerk had circulated an update from Wendy Gray, Route Performance Administrator, who confirmed that funding has been allocated in 2011/12 to permanently close the A1 Thornhaugh Gap. The Clerk had been contacted by William Jones of Atkins, the contractors for the work, to arrange a Site Visit. All the Parish Councillors indicated they would wish to attend. Liam Higgins asked the Clerk to contact Wendy Gray to ascertain whether any funding had been allocated to improvement work on the slip road onto the A1 North at Thornhaugh.

iv) **Village Seat**

William Rogers confirmed he had obtained two quotations for an oak seat which had been forwarded to John Holdich for consideration for financial support from the Community Leadership Fund.

v) **Planning Application 11/00256/FUL - Seven Summers, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh**

This had been discussed at Site Visit made by the Parish Councillors on 5th April 2011 and their objections had been submitted to PCC Planning Department. A revised Planning Application had been received and was discussed. The Parish Councillors had objections to the revised Planning Application and it was agreed that Liam Higgins will send the Clerk these objections to be submitted to PCC.

vi) **Thornhaugh Parish Council Precept**

Liam Higgins had been approached by a resident who wanted to know why Thornhaugh had the highest Council Tax in the Peterborough City Council area. The Clerk had asked Hubert Warren, the previous Clerk for an explanation. Hubert Warren stated this has been the case for many years and, he had always believed, is because of the number of houses in the higher categories of bands (D-H) and the comparatively small size of the village. He also stated the actual small monetary amounts involved have not significantly changed over the years. Liam will pursue this with PCC.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Local Resident - Dog Fouling/Dogs off the Lead – *(the Clerk had circulated a complaint from a resident about these issues in March 2011 and a Notice had been put onto the Parish Council Website and included in Living Villages)*
- Planning Application 11/00256/FUL - Replacement four-bed dwelling and detached garage with store/games room above at Seven Summers Russell Hill Thornhaugh Peterborough PE8 6HL (See under Matters Arising)
- CPALC – Affiliation Fee Invoice and Publications List (Noted)
- Planning Application 11/00566/FUL – Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of rear and side extensions at 2 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh (Noted)
- Planning Applications 03/01171/RMP, 10/01440/MMFUL, 10/01441/MMFUL and 10/01442/MMFUL at Cooks Hole Quarry, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – Granted (Noted)
- PCC – Peterborough Site Allocations Devt Plan Document (Note and taken by Martin Witherington)
- Planning Application 11/00256/FUL (revised) - Replacement four-bed dwelling and detached garage with store/games room above at Seven Summers Russell Hill Thornhaugh Peterborough PE8 6HL (See under Matters Arising)

