# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the 2011/2012 Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

lan 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 lan 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)

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public present were concerned about the inappropriate use of the access slip in front of the four houses on the A1 South opposite the Thornhaugh Gap. They were experiencing problems with motorists using the access slip as a lay-by thus blocking their driveways. They were also experiencing anti-social behaviour with litter being deposited in the access slip and motorists urinating in the bushes. The members of the public had been in liaison with Wendy Gray, Highways Division Route Performance Administrator regarding their concerns but had been informed that, due to financial restraints, there were no funds available to try and alleviate the problems.

The Parish Councillors agreed to pursue this on behalf of the members of the public. It was suggested that the "Lay-By" sign before the access slip could be moved nearer to the actual lay-by and that a "No Parking" sign and double yellow lines may deter some motorists. Diane Lamb indicated that funds for these options may be available from the Community Leadership Fund.

The members of the public present were also concerned about the overgrowth on the bridle path next to the four houses on the A1 South opposite the Thornhaugh Gap. The Clerk will contact Mr B Rowcroft, PCC, to establish who is liable for keeping the overgrowth down.

The members of the public present requested that there is still access for pedestrians to cross over the A1 to enter Thornhaugh village once the Thornhaugh Gap is permanently closed to vehicles later on in the year.

The members of the public present were concerned about speeding motorists in the village. A recent Speedwatch Session had not revealed any speeding motorists. Several ideas were discussed regarding how to discourage speeding motorists including road signs, interactive road signs and speed bumps. The Clerk will contact Highways Division to see what options may be possible

**MINUTES** of the Sixth Meeting of the 2010/2011 Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:-	William Rogers	)
		) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Seconded by:-	Liam Higgins	)

**MINUTES** of the Seventh Meeting of the 2010/2011 Parish Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:-	William Rogers	)
-	-	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Seconded by:-	Liam Higgins	)

#### 6. MATTERS ARISING

#### i) Thornhaugh Landfill Site

Planning Applications 03/01171/RMP, 10/01440/MMFUL, 10/01441/MMFUL and 10/01442/MMFUL at Cooks Hole Quarry, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh have all been granted Planning Permission. Martin

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

8.	<u>FINANCE</u>						
i)	Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 17th May 2011 was reviewed and approved as presented						
	Proposed by:-	William Rogers	)				
	Seconded by:-	Martin Witherington	) <u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u> )				
	On 1st April 2011, the Parish Council appointed Karen Jones as Internal Auditor for the Financial Sended 31st March 2011. She is a retired ex-Bank Official, having spent 27 years working at Bank.						
	Karen Jones is a local resident but is not a Parish Councillor, is not related to any of the Par Councillors or the Parish Clerk and has not attended any Parish Council Meetings. She has had involvement with the Parish Council's finances or with the preparation of the Annual Return.  Karen Jones had submitted an Internal Auditor's Report to the Parish Council which was noted by Parish Councillors. There were no action points to be implemented.						
	Annual Return for the Fin	ancial Year Ended 31st N	March 2011 was reviewed and approved as presented				
	Proposed by:-	William Rogers	) ) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY				
	Seconded by:-	Martin Witherington	) CARRIED GNANIMOUSET				
9.	ADJOURNMENT  Brian Watts asked if there was any news about changing the signage at the bottom of Russell Hill. was informed that this was being dealt with.  Liam Higgins stated there were large pot holes in the back lane. Brian Watts agreed to spread gard rubble in the pot holes to fill them up.						
	The Clerk was asked to put information about the Village Website and the Parish Council's concerns about speeding motorists in the village in Living Villages.						
10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETIN	DATE OF NEXT MEETING					
			ke place <b>at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in St</b> shire ACRE) will speak on Affordable Rural Housing.				
11.	CLOSURE						

SIGNED DATE 12/07/11 Chairman

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at  $8.40\ \mathrm{pm}$