

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council
held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 18th November 2015
in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Brian Watts (Vice Chairman)
Liam Higgins
Ashleigh Kewney
Louise Molesworth

IN ATTENDANCE

Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

The recent death of William Rogers, past Chairman, was noted with great sadness and the Parish Councillors acknowledged his hard work and outstanding commitment to the village. It was agreed to put up a small plaque stating "Bill's Bench" on the first bench that he helped to install on the footpath in his memory. It was agreed that the remaining money raised from the Barbeque and Quiz Night will be donated to the fund being set up in his memory for projects within the village.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from John Holdich and Diane Lamb.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. The police had sent a report stating that there had been two reported crimes in the village since 1st November 2015:- on 9th November – making off without payment from service station on Leicester Road and on 15th November - rowdy behaviour (quad bikes and off road bikes) at the quarry site on Leicester Road. The police were able to attend around an hour later than reported (reported 1.30pm) but there was no-one on site. The caller had stated that a lorry with bikes regularly attends most weekends – any details if this vehicle is seen would be useful including a registration number. The Clerk will write to Mr M George to check whether he has given permission for people to ride quad bikes and off road bikes in the quarry.

5. MINUTES of the Second Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council held on 8th September 2015 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Brian Watts

Seconded by:- Liam Higgins

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Home Farm Matters**

It was noted that the Dog Foul Bin has not yet been delivered because it is out of stock at the suppliers. It was agreed to strength the notice-board post fitting as it is in poor condition.

ii) **Grit Bin**

It was noted that the new Grit Bin has been installed opposite St Andrew's Church.

iii) **A1 Footpath**

The Highways Division had not yet clarified whether the A1 Footpath from Wansford to Carpenter's Lodge was a designated cycle route. Brian Watts will mention this when he completes the Footpath Questionnaire sent out by Peterborough City Council

7. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been e-mailed to the Parish Councillors.

8. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st October 2015 was reviewed and approved as presented
Proposed by:- Brian Watts **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth

9. ADJOURNMENT

i) **Parish Councillor Vacancy and Chairman Vacancy**

The Clerk had contacted Peterborough City Council who had produced the necessary formal notice of the Parish Councillor vacancy which will be put up on the village notice-boards. If an election is not requested by a minimum of 10 residents, the Parish Council will be able to co-opt a Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy. The Clerk will also put up a notice asking for anyone interested becoming a Parish Councillor to contact her. It was agreed to discuss the Chairman vacancy at the next meeting when hopefully the new Parish Councillor will have been appointed.

ii) **Dates for Meetings in 2016**

It was agreed that the dates for meetings next year will be as follows:- 11th January, 14th March, 9th May, 11th July, 12th September and 14th November 2016.

iii) **Christie Hall**

Brian Watts reported that the Christie Hall Lease is due for renewal shortly. Apparently, there have been rumours that the RBL are considering selling the Christie Hall and surrounding land. The Parish Councillors were concerned to hear this because the Christie Hall is a well used facility for people of all ages in the area.

iv) **Finance**

If any resident has any ideas of items that can be purchased to enhance the village, please can they contact the Clerk or a Parish Councillor?

v) **RAF Wittering Christmas Meal**

It was noted that RAF Wittering are organising a Christmas Meal for Senior Citizens of the village on 9th December 2015. There are six places for residents of Thornhaugh.

vi) **Access into Thornhaugh from the A47**

A resident had raised concerns about the poor signage at the potentially dangerous right hand turn from the A47 (towards Leicester) into the village. The Clerk will contact the Highways Division to see if coloured cats' eyes/signage stating "Caution – Queue Ahead" could be installed. She will also request a site visit to discuss this issue with Parish Councillors.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Fourth Meeting of the 2015/2016 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 11th January 2016 in St Andrew's Church.**

11. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.00 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

11/01/16