

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 2018/2019 Parish Council
held on 21st May 2018 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)
Ashleigh Kewney
Louise Molesworth
Adrian Rodgers

Liam Higgins
Penny Lewin-Watts
Lucy Sharpley

IN ATTENDANCE

Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Martin Lewis and Diane Lamb.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND REPRESENTATIVES

i. **Chairman**

Christine Smith (no change)

ii. **Vice Chairman**

Louise Molesworth (no change)

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

Robert Reeve (no change) and Ian Molesworth (subject to his agreement)

iv. **Representative on Thornhaugh Environmental Association**

Liam Higgins (no change)

v. **Representative on Augean Community Liaison**

Martin Witherington (no change)

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

Penny Lewin-Watts

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. A Rural Crime Report had been received in April 2018.

5. MINUTES of the Sixth Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council held on 19th March 2018 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Parish Council Elections 2018/Co-Option of two Parish Councillors**

Chris Smith, Martin Lewis and Louise Molesworth have been elected as Parish Councillors following an Uncontested Election. Ashleigh Kewney and Adrian Rodgers were co-opted as Parish Councillors with voting

rights. Liam Higgins Lucy Sharpley and Penny Lewin-Watts were co-opted as Parish Councillors with no voting rights. Penny Lewin-Watts also acting as a representative of Christie Hall.

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

Diane Lamb has verbally confirmed that Peterborough City Council has no objections to the Community Facilities Fund grant being used to repair the stone wall, even if it is not owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk will ask her to put this in writing. Prior to the confirmation from Diane Lamb, the Chairman had written to Mr N Bailey, MD of Joice & Hill seeking confirmation of ownership of the all which has now been superseded by Diane's confirmation. Mr Bailey was also asked to effect repairs to the entrance to the Chicken Farm to help keep the roads mud-free. The Chairman also approached Mick George regarding a donation of stone and we are still awaiting his response. The Chairman will follow this up.

iii) **Summer Tea Party**

It was agreed that a Sub Committee will be formed to arrange a Summer Tea Party for the w/e of 8th/9th September 2018. Louise Molesworth will send out an e-mail asking for volunteers for the Sub Committee.

iv) **Speeding Motorists on Russell Hill**

Adrian Rodgers reported that the post is covered with foliage and so a 20-mph sign would not be seen. He will review the possibility of removing some of the foliage before erecting the sign or seek an alternative site.

v) **Planning Consultation Notification 18/00295 (9 x various signs) – Super Service Station, Great North Road, Thornhaugh PE8 6HA**

The Planning Department had not replied to the suggestion if some sort of fence or bushes/trees screen might be a viable option to prevent light pollution (if this is not too late). This would also stop any headlights from pointing towards the village. The Clerk will chase up with the Planning Department.

vi) **Telephone Box (Library)**

Penny Lewin-Watts is in the process of trying to find a painter/handyman to paint the Telephone Box (Library).

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Liam Higgins has read the the document regarding East Northamptonshire Resource Management Facility Order 2013 and had no observations that he wishes to be put forward but agreed to review in more detail and make comment if necessary on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. **FINANCE**

i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st March 2018 was reviewed and approved as presented. Ashleigh Kewney suggested that next year 'Miscellaneous' is either itemised or a note is included stating 'no item above £50' as it is a higher amount than some of the other categories.

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

ii) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30th April 2018 was reviewed and approved as presented

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

iii) Annual Audit 2017-2018

The Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2018 have been audited by Karen Jones of Thornhaugh and the Annual Return was signed by the by the Clerk and the Chairman.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) **GDPR**

The Chairman reported the GDPR legislation specifically includes public bodies such as parish councils but the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) which is our parent body have been lobbying government to exclude small parishes. This is going through parliament at the moment so we have to wait until 25th May 2018 to see the outcome of what the government agrees.

- ii) **Circular Footpath**
Liam Higgins stated that the circular footpath is overgrown and impassible for buggies, etc, but suggest that this is not pursued at present pending the outcome of Martin Witherington's work on the footpath down the land adjacent to the Chicken Farm.
- iii) **Flag Poles at Shell Garage on A1 North**
Penny Lewin-Watts is concerned that the flag poles (advertising Cornish Pasties) at the Shell Garage are causing problems with visibility when exiting back onto the A1. The Clerk will contact the Planning Department to establish who would deal with this issue.
- iv) **Planning Application 18/00416 - proposed timber garage, felling of 1 Cherry tree and cutting back of laurels at 1 Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh**
No Objections
- v) **Hanging Baskets**
Louise Molesworth stated that the new hanging baskets will be ready in early June. She will liaise with Hillfield Nurseries regarding the delivery and erection of the hanging baskets. She will prepare a written note of how the baskets should be cared for and given these to the residents who have agreed to maintain a basket near their properties.
- vi) **Conservation Officers**
The Clerk will contact Daniel Worley and Sam Falco, the PCC Conservation Officers who attended the March Meeting for an update on the progress of the Draft Appraisal and request the return of the book lent to them by Penny Lewin-Watts.
- vii) **Tree Officer**
The PCC Tree Officer has agreed to attend the November Meeting.
- viii) **Spraying off Verges**
Liam Higgins expressed concern about the use of weed killer on the entrance verges on the A47. General discussion concluded that this was not a Parish Council matter since this seems to have been a decision made by the Highways Agency presumably on health and safety grounds.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at **7.00 pm on 16th July 2018 in St Andrew's Church.**

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

16/07/18