

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council  
held at 7.00 pm on 22nd November 2017 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

## PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)  
Louise Molesworth

## IN ATTENDANCE

One Member of the Public  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Penny Lewin-Watts.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

The Member of the Public had no issues to raise.

### 4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. A Crime Report had been received in October 2017.

### 5. MINUTES of the Third Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

### 6. MATTERS ARISING

#### i) **RAF Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**

The Clerk reported that four residents will be attending the RAF Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

#### ii) **Dog Foul Bin**

It was agreed to site the Dog Foul Bin at the end of Meadow Lane just before the entry gate into the field. The Clerk will contact Amey to advise of this decision.

#### iii) **Repair of the stone wall at the top of Russell Hill**

The Clerk will contact the contractor and ascertain a date for the commencement of the repair work.

#### iv) **Hanging Baskets**

Louise and Ian Molesworth have taken down the summer hanging baskets and Hillfield Nurseries have put up the winter hanging baskets. Louise Molesworth will print out and distribute the watering instructions to the residents who have agreed to look after the hanging baskets.

#### v) **Christmas Activities 2017**

Louise Molesworth will purchase the mulled wine and mince pies which will be served prior to the Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017. The Christmas Tree and lights, etc, are being funded again very generously by Nicky Rogers from the Bill Rogers Memorial Fund. Mick and Anne Castellano have kindly agreed to organise and host the Christmas Party which will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017. They will manage the publicity for this.

- vi) **Litter Picking Group**  
The Litter Picking Group will meet at 10.30 am on the village green every three months: 13<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Thanks to Nikki Higgins for organising this in memory of Brian Watts.

- vii) **Peterborough Local Plan Update**  
Peterborough City Council has put a pause to its Local Plan - the document which sets out the housing target in the city up until 2036. The deferral allows council officers time to consider a new government consultation and its impact on calculating the city's future housing need. This has now resulted in a revised housing target of 21,315 new homes to be constructed, a reduction of 1,673 homes.

## 7. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- i) **Noticeboard at Home Farm**  
As Ashleigh Kewney was not present, there was no update on this item.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

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

## 9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 was reviewed and approved as presented  
**Proposed by:-** Chris Smith      **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth

Brenda Warren has made a request for a donation towards the Flower Festival which will take place in June/July 2018 in St Andrew's Church. It was agreed to ask her to make a formal request in writing which will be considered at the next meeting.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) **Hedge Cutting**  
Amev had clarified which hedges they are responsible for and will cut back the hedges in January/February 2018. Thanks were expressed to Mr Adderley's groundsmen who has cut back the hedges near Thornhaugh Hall.
- ii) **A1 Layby – lorries blocking pedestrian/cycle path**  
It was agreed that this is an on-going problem but there does not appear anything that can be done to resolve this.
- iii) **Christie Hall**  
Penny Lewin-Watts has volunteered to become Thornhaugh Representative on the Christie Hall Management Committee. The Clerk confirmed that the Thornhaugh Parish Council contribution for the rent for 2016-2017 has been paid.
- iv) **Meeting Dates 2018**  
It was agreed that the meetings will take place on the third Monday of alternative months:- 8<sup>th</sup> January, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> May (Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting), 16<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Fifth Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 8th January 2018 in St Andrew's Church.**

**12. CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 7.55 pm

**CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

After the Member of the Public had departed, the Parish Councillors discussed the three applications for the Parish Councillor Vacancy following the death of Brian Watts. As no election had been requested by 10 or more residents, the Parish Councillors were able to co-opt a Parish Councillor. Liam Higgins joined the discussion at this stage.

After a short discussion, Chris Smith proposed Martin Lewis, this was seconded by Louise Molesworth and agreed by all present.

It was agreed to ask Adrian Rodgers and Lucy Sharpley to join the Parish Council as co-opted members with No Voting Rights.

**SIGNED**

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**Chairman**

**DATE**

**08/01/18**