THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the 2014/2015 Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27th August 2014 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

William Rogers (Chairman) Ashleigh Kewney Ian Molesworth Brian Watts

IN ATTENDANCE

PCSO Gian Nigro PCSO Yane Pokhun Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

Ashleigh Kewney was welcomed to his first meeting as a Parish Councillor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were Apologies for Absence from Liam Higgins, John Holdich and Diane Lamb.

2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no Members of the Public present.

4. POLICE MATTERS

The PCSOs stated that there had been one theft on 07/08/14 from a property down Old Oundle Road (the part within Thornhaugh Parish). They advised that the current 60 mph speed limit is too high for speed calming measures to be installed on Old Oundle Road

5. <u>MINUTES</u> of the Inaugural Meeting of the 2014/2015 Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th July 2014 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

 Proposed by: William Rogers
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 Seconded by: Brian Watts
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6. MATTERS ARISING

i) Co-option of Parish Councillor

Ashleigh Kewney was co-opted as a Parish Councillor and completed the required paperwork.

ii) Home Farm Matters

It was noted that the "mountain" of sand/grit which had been building up at Thornhaugh Quarry has been reduced and is now less intrusive. The Clerk will thank Alan Jones, Senior Minerals and Waste Officer, Peterborough City Council for his help.

iii) Village Improvements

It was agreed to arrange a time and date to prepare the winter hanging baskets as part of a group activity in the village.

iv) Fouling on Footpaths

The Clerk had requested more signs and asked about the possibility of providing dog fouling bags but the Dog Warden had not responded so she will follow this up.

7. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

- Augean Variation of Environmental Permit (*Three Parish Councillors stated they would attend the presentation*)
- Wittering Parish Council Speed Calming Measures down Old Oundle Road (As the Thornhaugh Parish Councillors had been approached by a Thornhaugh resident, who lives in the part of Old Oundle Road which is within the Thornhaugh Parish, regarding an increase in the number of motorists who will use the road when the proposed housing developments are built in Wittering and his concerns about speeding on this road, they did feel it was their responsibility to respond to his concerns. The Clerk will draft a letter to Wittering Parish Council and send it once it has been approved by the Chairman)
- PCC 14/01503 Consultation on Conservation Area Trees Notification 5 m Crown lift, 20% thin Crown and cut back to boundary at 6 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh (*Noted, no comments*)

8. <u>FINANCE</u>

i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st July 2014 was reviewed and approved as presented

Proposed by:- William Rogers

Brian Watts

Seconded by:-

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

i) Electoral Boundary Changes

As no clear response had been received from John Holdich regarding the effect of the Electoral Boundary Changes on Thornhaugh Parish, the Parish Councillors did not feel they identified the issues of concern and did not plan to attend the meeting on 3rd September 2014.

ii) Highway Matters

The Clerk will ask the Highways Department whether the roadside on the right-hand side of Russell Hill (going up to the junction with the A47) just past the 30 mph sign belongs to the Highways Department as overgrown trees and hedges are encroaching onto the highway. If the roadside does belong to the

Highways Department, it will be requested that they cut back the trees and hedges. This was reported in July but no reply received or action undertaken.

The Clerk will inform the Highways Department that the verges need trimming near Home Farm, Thornhaugh on the Leicester -> Peterborough side of the A47 and the road sign showing the turning into the landfill site on the A47 has been knocked and damaged and is not visible to lorry drivers.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Third Meeting of the 2014/2015 Parish Council will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 20th October 2014 in St Andrew's Church.

11. <u>CLOSURE</u>

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

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE 20/10/14