

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council
held at 7.00 pm on 27th September 2017 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Chris Smith, Chairman
Liam Higgins
Ashley Kewney
Louise Molesworth

IN ATTENDANCE

Three Members of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

Chris Smith was appointed Chairman of the Meeting as proposed by Liam Higgins and seconded by Louise Molesworth. She read out the following statement regarding the late Brian Watts:-

"We would like to record formally for the Minutes the sadness we all feel at the loss of Brian. His shoes will be very large ones to fill by any incoming Chairman. His unflinching humour, energy and commitment have left a lasting legacy for the village, for which we are truly grateful. Our heartfelt condolences go to Penny and the family, with a firm promise that his contribution will never be forgotten".

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

A Member of the Public raised the following issues:-

- There have been reports that RAF Wittering will provide a Christmas Lunch for local Senior Citizens this year. The Clerk has not received any correspondence from RAF Wittering about this but will circulate any correspondence that she does receive. The Parish Councillors are aware of whom would wish to attend.
- A47 Sutton to Wansford Dualling – he had attended a Joint Sutton and Wansford Parish Council Meeting on 19th September 2017 to discuss the proposed plan which is to site the road south of the A47 rather than north of the A47 which is preferred by most residents. He confirmed that residents can still submit their comments for consideration by Highways England.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

5. MINUTES of the Second Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council held on 17th July 2017 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth

Seconded by:- Liam Higgins

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) **Honouring the late Brian Watts**

The Parish Councillors agreed to purchase the plaque to be attached to the bench that will be purchased in memory of Brian Watts by his family.

ii) **Chairman Vacancy**

Liam Higgins proposed that Chris Smith fill the Chairman Vacancy; this was seconded by Louise Molesworth and agreed by all present. Liam Higgins proposed that Louise Molesworth fill the Vice Chairman Vacancy; this was seconded by Chris Smith and agreed by all present.

iii) **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

The Clerk will inform Peterborough City Council of the Parish Councillor Vacancy and this will be advertised to give the residents the opportunity of calling an election. If an election is not called, the Parish Council will be able to co-opt a Parish Councillor.

iv) **Christmas Party 2017**

Mick and Anne Castellano have kindly agreed to host the Christmas Party 2017. It was agreed that this will take place after the carol singing around the Christmas Tree. It was agreed that the most suitable dates would be 3rd or 10th December 2017. Chris Smith will discuss the date with Mick and Anne Castellano

v) **Litter Picking Group**

Nikki Higgins has suggested that a Litter Picking Group is organised and will litter pick once a month. The Parish Councillors expressed their support for this community event. Chris Smith will talk to Nikki about getting this activity started.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Fourth Meeting of the 2017/2018 Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 20th November 2017 in St Andrew's Church.**

12. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

20/11/17