

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council
Annual General Meeting
held on 15th May 2023 in
St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh**

PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)
Yana Clipsham
Neil Croft-Taylor
Louise Molesworth
Camilla Plumb

IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Frost (Member of the Public)
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Gavin Elsey, PCC Ward Councillor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND EXTERNAL BODIES

- i) Chris Smith was re-elected Chairman as proposed by Yana Clipsham and seconded by Louise Molesworth. Chris Smith confirmed that she is looking to retire but other members of the council did not feel able to take over Chair at the moment she agreed to continue. This will be reviewed again at the next AGM in May 2024.
- ii) Vice Chairman – Louise Molesworth as proposed by Chris Smith and Seconded by Camilla Plumb
- iii) Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Burial Ground Committee – Louise Molesworth, Robert Reeve
- iv) Augean Community Liaison Committee – Martin Witherington (TBC)
- v) Christie Hall Management Committee – Neil Croft-Taylor
- vi) Finance Officer – Yana Clipsham

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present, and nothing formally recorded although it was understood that there has been a break-in at Thornhaugh Hall and so residents should remain vigilant and be aware of securing property. In addition, the Chairman reported that several series of books have been removed from the Book Exchange at the same time. This may be a misunderstanding on how the Book Exchange works but it is sad that so many books are being removed.

- 5. MINUTES of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 20th March 2023 were reviewed and approved and signed by the Chairman.**

Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth **Seconded by:-** Camilla Plumb

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Highways Issues**

The Chairman said she is still lobbying National Highways re removing the layby on the A1 North just before the Thornhaugh turning. NH suggested that anyone who sees vehicles parked on the pathway or near misses when entering/exiting Thornhaugh should inform them on 0300 123 5000.

A47 Dualling Project - the Chairman and Yana Clipsham attended a recent meeting relating to the A47 Dualling Project. It was an informative meeting with lots of details about routes and plans going forward. In relation to timing of the project, the project was delayed by the approval process from the Secretary of State and now the original target date of March 2023 has been delayed until late Autumn 2023. During June there will be public meetings set up to provide specific dates and construction plans and anyone is welcome to attend. These will be advertised in due course. The project is scheduled to run for c.27 months, therefore an estimate of September 2023 to December 2026 (indicative only). Working hours are 7am to 7pm, with road closures mostly from 8pm to 6am the next day. Prior notice of the various road closures will of course be publicised. It is anticipated that one piece of work may result in full closure for a couple of weeks whilst the new carriageways are connected. Diversion routes will be set up and appropriately sign-posted, with National Highways noting that diversion routes should not utilise local village roads.

The four houses on the Southbound carriageway will have a new exit/access road to the rear of the properties. Access to/from A1 southbound will be via the PGRO entrance. The road (which is already in existence as a track) will join the new road around the Sacrewell entrance.

ii) **Defibrillator Training**

Louise Molesworth is waiting to hear back from the organisation that runs the Defibrillator Training with regards to a convenient date.

iii) **Website Review**

The newly re-vamped Website went 'live' on 15th May 2023 and thanks are expressed to Jay Allsopp for all his hard work in making this happen.

iv) **Social Events**

The Coronation Event did not get the necessary support to warrant continuing, but a very enjoyable private Coronation Party was held in Alan and Joan Frost's garden. Neil Croft-Taylor will order ten Coronation Coins for the children who live in the village.

Neil Croft-Taylor and Camilla Plumb volunteered to organise a social event in September 2023. This may be in the form of a quiz/bingo/drinks' evening to be held in the church. They will get a group of volunteers together initially as an "ideas forum".

The date of Sunday 10th December 2023, at 6.00 pm was agreed for the Christmas Tree Carol Singing event. The chair to check if the Ukulele Group are available.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

i) CAS15A/0001/22 - Land to the east of Tolmers, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh, Peterborough Common Land Register - Section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006. Approved.

ii) 23/00068/TRE- Lime trees cutback by 30% and potentially pollard 5 trees which are showing signs of rot and phytophthora at base (90/00002/TPO) at Home Farm, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh. Part Refused/Part Permitted. Detailed comments and instructions from the Tree Officer on individual trees can be seen on the city council planning website.

iii) 23/00112/FUL -Erection of 2 x temporary shipping containers for 18 months at Abbots Wood Service Station, Great North Road, Thornhaugh. Withdrawn by Applicant.

iv) 23/00474/CTR - fell and remove the 5 dead elm trees at the front of the driveway. To prune back the trees growing either side of the swimming pool to give clearance from the pool at 3 Old Rectory Drive, Thornhaugh, Peterborough Awaiting Decision. From the Chairman's perspective, if the trees are dead, they need to be removed. As always, the Parish Council would support whatever the Tree Officer advises. No Objections.

v) Planning Appeal for 22/00506/FUL - Change of use from agricultural land to garden land at Croft Farm, Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh Awaiting Decision. The Chairman had checked on Planning Inspectorate Website but, as yet no date assigned for a hearing. There have been complaints that the

paddock is being used for ball games which is a misuse of the paddock at least until after the Appeal result, but Peter Sharpley has agreed to put up signs confirming that the paddock is not part of the Holiday Lets. The Parish Council agreed not to take any further action at this stage unless the appropriate signs were displayed and use of the land by holiday let guests continues.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Cate Harding – Peterborough Mayor’s Jolly – 20th May 2023
- ii) RAF Wittering Annual Formal Reception – Yana Clipsham and Neil Croft-Taylor will hopefully be attending this event on behalf of the Parish Council
- iii) Sure Green – Fencing, Landscaping, Gardening & Forestry

9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st March & 30th April 2023
- ii) Annual Return for Year Ending 31st March 2023 – thanks are expressed to Karen Jones for carrying out the Internal Audit. The End-of-Year Accounts will be put onto the Website.
 - i) Section 1 Statement of Accounts)
 - ii) Section 2 Annual Governance Statement) these were approved and signed by the Chairman.
 - iii) Section 4 Internal Audit & Report)

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Action Point for next meeting. Seek an update on John Clare Conservation Project (invite Hannah Joyce to the meeting)
- ii) Martin Lewis had started a Heritage Project. Is this something anyone would like to pick up, or does anyone know of anyone in the village who would be interested in heading this up for us?
- iii) Fly-tipping seems to be getting worse. We have asked for help from Gavin Elsey for extensive fly tipping off the A47. Peterborough City Council have dealt with the recent incident of broken glass panels being dumped on Russell Hill.
- iv) Everyone to keep an eye on any issues with the drains after these past weeks of heavy rain.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 17th July 2023 in St Andrew’s Church.**

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

17/07/23

ACTION POINTS

Highway Issues

Chris Smith

Defibrillator Training

Louise Molesworth

Social Event

Neil Croft-Taylor
Camilla Plumb