

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

### PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)  
Yana Clipsham  
Louise Molesworth  
Camilla Plumb

### IN ATTENDANCE

Nicola Rogers, Laura Fox-Clipsham and Steve Fox (Members of the Public)  
Gavin Elsey, PCC Ward Councillor  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

Gavin Elsey confirmed that although he had left the Conservative Party and joined Peterborough First as an Independent, he will be the Ward Councillor for the Sutton, Thornhaugh, Wansford and Wittering villages until the Peterborough City Council Elections in 2024.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Yana Clipsham declared an interest in Planning Application 23/00852/FUL as she is related to the applicants.

### 3. PUBLIC FORM

Laura Fox-Clipsham and Steve Fox answered a number of questions on Planning Application 23/00852 as they are the applicants.

### 4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present and nothing formally recorded. The Chairman mentioned that the Book Exchange had not lost any further books and that a note had been left that although 10 books had been taken, 10 replacements had been provided.

### 5. MINUTES of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were reviewed and approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed by:-** Louise Molesworth      **Seconded by:-** Yana Clipsham

### 6. MATTERS ARISING

#### i) Highways Issues

The Chairman said that the grass cutting has been completed as has the removal of the fly-tipping on the A47. She is still lobbying Highways England re removing the layby on the A1 North just before the Thornhaugh turning. Gavin Elsey said that this was a good time to put forward such a request as the Peterborough City Council Transport Officers had registered a bid for upgrading the A1 to be considered for the 2025-2030 programme of works. There will be a detailed process to follow.

ii) **Defibrillator Training**

Louise Molesworth said that the Defibrillator Training Session that had taken place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 had been very successful. As several interested participants were unable to attend on that day, another session will be held in 2024 subject to interest and availability.

iii) **Social Events**

Camilla Plumb said that she had not had sufficient spare time to organise a Social Event for September 2023 and therefore the next event will be the Christmas Tree Event on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The Chairman has booked the Ukelele Band again this year.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- i) 23/00474/CTR - to 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 – Permitted
- ii) Planning Appeal for 22/00506/FUL - Change of use from agricultural land to garden land at Croft Farm, Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh – Appeal Dismissed. The Chairman had contacted Peter Sharpley to thank him for putting up the interim signs about guests not using that area as a garden, and fencing part of it off to accommodate sheep in one end of the paddock, as this has been a great help in stopping its use by Croft Farm guests. Since the Appeal Decision, Peter Sharpley has confirmed that he is planning to fence off the area at the back of the two holiday lets as well as the rest of the paddock which he is in the process of arranging.
- iii) 23/00569/FUL - Redevelopment of land for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station providing electric car charging points at Abbots Wood Service Station, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- iv) 23/00647/LBC - Proposal: Replace rear door, proposed new doors, replacement of windows and reinstate the overgrown loose gravel at Avebury Cottage, 8-12 Meadow Lane, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- v) 23/00852/FUL - Proposed Cattery, temporary mobile home and small pet crematorium at Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections/Support

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Branch - Noted
- ii) CAPALC – Community Automated External Defibrillators' Fund - Noted
- iii) PCC Code of Conduct Course – no-one from Thornhaugh Parish Council will attend.

9. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
**Proposed by:-** Yana Clipsham                      **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth
- ii) The Clerk will arrange for Neil Croft-Taylor to be taken off the bank mandate.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) Parish Council Vacancy – the notices advertising the Parish Councillor Vacancy due to the resignation of Neil Croft-Taylor on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 had been put on the Noticeboards and on the Website. As 10 or more electors

had not requested an election, the vacancy will be filled by co-option. A notice advertising the vacancy will be put on the Noticeboards, the Website and in the Newsletter with a closing date of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

- ii) The Chairman will attend the next meeting of the Augean Liaison Meeting along with Hallie Hardy.
- iii) Peter Sharpley had contacted the Chairman to report that the fence next to Croft Farm has been increased in height without Planning Permission. After discussion and looking at advice on the Government Planning Website it was agreed that the Chairman will contact Peter Sharpley to suggest that the first approach should be for the two parties involved to try and resolve the issue between them. Gavin Elsey also confirmed that that would be the normal approach. This is consistent with the actions the Parish Council have taken in the past relating to boundary/planning compliance issues.

If the two parties cannot reach a resolution, then Peterborough City Council would need to be involved and as an individual Peter Sharpley is at liberty to contact them as the neighbour affected by the fence. If he believes assistance from the Parish Council is required after that, he should contact the Parish Council who will have further discussions about the issue.

The Chairman will contact the Anulkat Family to explain the Parish Council has had a complaint about the fence height to ensure that all parties are aware.

- iv) Yana Clipsham said she had enjoyed attending the recent RAF Reception which was a community event designed to give local councils and businesses the opportunity to discuss any issues.
- vi) The Village Sign is currently being re-painted/refurbished and the Chairman had asked for the addition of a commemorative plaque to mark King Charles III's Coronation be added to it.
- vii) It was noted that the Coronation Coins have been distributed.
- viii) Yana Clipsham agreed to become the Parish Council's Representative on the Christie Hall Committee. The Clerk will inform Lisa Chambers of Christie Hall.

## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in St Andrew's Church.**

## 12. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

SIGNED

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Chairman

DATE

18/09/23

## ACTION POINTS

Highway Issues

Chris Smith

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Chris Smith  
Deirdre McCumiskey

**Bank Mandate Change**

Deirdre McCumiskey

**Christie Hall Representative**

Deirdre McCumiskey