

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

### PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)  
Yana Clipsham  
Louise Molesworth  
Camilla Plumb

### IN ATTENDANCE

Nicola Rogers (Member of the public)  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by postponement of meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023. There was no choice since the meeting would not have been quorate for that date.

#### 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. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There had only been one applicant for the vacancy and the Parish Councillors were pleased to welcome Nicola (Nicky) Rogers to be co-opted the Parish Council. The Clerk will liaise with Nicky regarding the formal paperwork relating to the appointment.

#### 4. PUBLIC FORM

The member of the public asked what had happened to the dog foul bin on Russell Hill. The Chairman said she would give an update under any other business.

#### 5. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present and nothing formally recorded. It was noted that some local farmers have had their equipment tampered with recently and it was suggested that residents be alert to any unusual activity and report this to the police.

#### 5. MINUTES of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 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 spoken with Sean Sharp of National Highways who is responsible for the maintenance, etc. of the laybys on the A1. He confirmed that he has been trying to get the layby closed and work done on the bus stop but is not getting support (he was refused a closure on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023). He suggested the Chairman writes to Mark Lambert directly who is responsible for safety issues so that his and our request is being reviewed in tandem. An email was sent (22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023) explaining, yet again, the situation and our concerns. The main request is to close the layby completely and to adjust the grass area leading to the bus stop so that we can at least be adjacent to the carriageway when pulling out of Thornhaugh. An acknowledgement has been received by Mark Lambert who has suggested a meeting. Proposed dates have been given and we await confirmation. The Chairman will keep everyone updated when she gets a response.

### **ii) Social events**

We agreed at the last meeting that the next event would be the Christmas Carols at 6.00 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Village Sign at the end of Meadow Lane. The Wansford Ukulele Band has been booked.

### **iii) Update on the village sign**

The village sign has been refurbished and put back in situ. A plaque stating King Charles III Coronation will be added.

## **7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- i)** 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
- ii)** 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 – Permitted
- iii)** 23/00852/FUL - Proposed Cattery, temporary mobile home, and small pet crematorium at Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections/Support
- iv)** 23/00954/HHFUL - Proposed swimming pool and solarium, works to outbuilding, external works & planting scheme at The Hall, Thornhaugh Hall Estate, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections
- v)** 23/00867/WCPP - Variation of condition C2 (change of northern range – 2 no units from Gin Rectifier to Bar use), pursuant to planning permission reference 19/01795/FUL at Sacrewell Farm And Country Centre, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections
- vi)** 23/01208/CTR - T1. Walnut - Removal of dead wood and restoration of crown height, as previously approved, to 4m at Browetts Cottage, 6 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections
- vii)** 23/01178/FUL - Change of use of agricultural land to dog walking paddocks including creation of associated parking areas – retrospective at Grange Farm Equestrian Centre, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – Neutral, support if there is a caveat stating no development rights.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i)** Amanda Rose, Head of Communications, Peterborough City Council - Budget simulator community meetings (the Chairman will attend the meeting at Wansford Parish Council on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023)
- ii)** Flood Groups Conference 2023 - 21st September 2023, Burgess Hall, St Ives - noted.
- iii)** Cate Harding – Peterborough City Council Draft Local Plan - noted.

## **9. FINANCE**

- i)** Statement and bank reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023  
**Proposed by:-** Yana Clipsham                      **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth
- ii)** Zurich Insurance renewal - £241.00 - approved

- iii) Clerk's annual office expenses payment - £200.00 - approved

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) The Augean Liaison Committee meeting was held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at Augean's Kings Cliffe Site. We have not heard back from Martin Witherington on whether he is happy to continue being the Parish Council representative. The meetings have been very few and far between in the recent past – the last one 2019. Hally Hardie has been attending past meetings to stand in for Martin Witherington. It is proposed that Chris Smith now takes this role on since Hally Hardie is likely to be relocating in the not-too-distant future. The meeting, also attended by a PCC planning representative, was extremely informative and minutes will be circulated, which the Chairman will send round to Councillors and put on the website. We were given an Augean corporate update to explain some of the changes since the last meeting, including the acquisition of Augean. They have been bought out by two financial investors who have left the running of the operations much the same. They are supportive of the Augean ethos and business style, which includes community support and sustainability. Augean went on to explain the next work phases for the site including the continuation of remedial work on areas not appropriately filled by their predecessors. They are looking to use on-site material for capping off to keep the carbon footprint to a minimum, whilst ensuring appropriate and compliant finishing. Sites that have been completed and appropriately capped will return to 'public amenity' sites. Part of the planning requirement is that the completed sites will be fully maintained by Augean for 30 years. Work at the Kings Cliffe site is due to cease at the end of 2026, with Thornhaugh finishing at the end of 2036. The Cooks Hole area previously being worked by Mick George is now back in the hands of Augean and they are preparing this area to be included in the Thornhaugh site.

There is an open day at the Kings Cliffe site on 14<sup>th</sup> October and a Thornhaugh site visit was offered if there is enough interest. Please let Deirdre McCumiskey know if you would be interested in a tour of the Thornhaugh site.

- ii) The Chairman has again reported the state of the road going to the A47. Previously, Peterborough Highways deemed the road in 'reasonable condition'. However, there is now grass growing through the tarmac in the centre of the road in several places. The Chairman has therefore reported this (18<sup>th</sup> September 2023) once again for inspection.
- iii) The dog waste bin has, for some reason, been removed. This has been reported to the City Council for urgent replacement (chased again 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023).
- iv) Asbestos waste was reported as being dumped on Old Oundle Road. This has been cleared away.

## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 6th November 2023 in St Andrew's Church**. A change from the original meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to suit Councillors' diaries.

## 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

06/11/23

## **ACTION POINTS**

**Highway issues**

Chris Smith

**Tour of the Thornhaugh site**

Deirdre McCumiskey

**Dog foul bin**

Deirdre McCumiskey