

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

### PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)  
Yana Clipsham  
Louise Molesworth  
Nicky Rogers

### IN ATTENDANCE

John Stannage (Wansford Parish Council)  
Peter Sharpley (Member of the Public)  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Camilla Plumb and Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor)

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. PUBLIC FORM

John Stannage said that the Wansford Parish Council Clerk is not well, and all correspondence should be sent to him for the time being.

John Stannage said he has a meeting with Highways England on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and, if the Chairman has not received a response to the issues she has raised with HE, namely the closure of the layby and the work done at the bus stop, he would speak to HE about this.

### 4. POLICE MATTERS

Rural Parish Police Surgery – this seems to be an attempt at a practical resolution of meeting residents and keeping Parish Councils involved. It isn't over-clear what format this will take or what information is being given. There is a surgery planned between 9.00–11.00 am on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in Wittering Parish Hall. Yana Clipsham will attend.

### 5. MINUTES of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 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 she has not had a response to the issues she has raised to date (see Public Forum).

**ii) Social Events**

The next event will be the Christmas Tree Event on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Nicky Rogers confirmed she will produce the flyers.

**iii) Tour of Thornhaugh Site**

The Clerk said she had not heard from anyone who would be interested in going on a tour of the Thornhaugh Site to date.

**iv) State of Russell Hill to A47**

The Chairman said she had not received a response to her report of the poor state of the road to date.

**v) Dog Foul Bin Update**

Thanks were expressed to Sutton Parish Council who had provided a replacement bin. The bin has now been installed by PCC.

**vi) Peterborough City Council Budget Simulator**

The Chairman attended the Budget Simulator Session at the Wansford Parish Council Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Details had been included in the recent Village Newspaper. Peterborough City Council has developed a 'budget simulator' which enables all residents in the Peterborough district to contribute to, and better understand, budget parameters. Details of the simulator were put on the Parish Council website and are available directly on the PCC website. Residents had been encouraged to have their input in the budget plans (<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/budgets-spending-and-performance/budget-simulator-challenge>).

**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 – Permitted
- ii) 23/00852/FUL - Proposed Cattery, temporary mobile home and small pet crematorium at Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections/Support – Awaiting Decision
- iii) 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 – Awaiting Decision
- iv) 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 – Permitted
- v) 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 – Permitted
- vi) 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 – Permitted
- vii) 23/01338/FUL - Ground-mounted solar panels (60no) along with 3 electric vehicle charging points (retrospective) at Processors & Growers Research Association, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections. Awaiting Decision

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Cate Harding, Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough – free Associate Membership for two years
- ii) Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough – visit on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- iii) National Highways A1 Wansford to Stibbington – bridge surveys and maintenance
- iv) CAPALC – October & November 2023 Training Courses
- v) CAPALC – October Newsletter
- vi) Parish Council Liaison Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

- vii) A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling October Newsletter
- viii) CAPALC – Funding for Community Hubs

## 9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023  
**Proposed by:-** Yana Clipsham                      **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth
- ii) Precept 2024-2025

The Clerk had circulated figures to aid the Parish Councillors in setting the precept. The Parish Council has not asked for an increase for the last two years. It is very close to its current spending (around £500 left after expenses, most of which are fixed). The spend figures have not been increased to reflect current inflation so a higher spend can be expected next year. RPI was running at 6.7% in September 2023. Considering PCC's straightened circumstances, a suggestion was made that the precept is increased by 5% to £7,022 for 2024-2025. This was agreed by all present.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) **Meeting Dates 2024**  
These were agreed as: - 9<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- ii) **Remembrance Day**  
The Chairman reported that 5 x lamppost poppies and a wreath have been purchased. The lamppost poppies were installed on 1<sup>st</sup> November and the wreath was laid on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the Thornhaugh Remembrance Service.
- iii) **Footpath**  
Louise Molesworth said she had received a complaint that the footpath wasn't accessible and not cut in. Peter Sharpley said he had had to lock the gate due to fly-tipping.

## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at **7.00 pm on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in St Andrew's Church.**

## 12. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.

SIGNED

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Chairman

DATE

09/01/24

## ACTION POINTS

Highway Issues

Chris Smith