

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2024 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)
Yana Clipsham
Louise Molesworth
Nicky Rogers

IN ATTENDANCE

Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor)
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Camilla Plumb.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC FORM

There were no members of the public present.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Rural Parish Police Surgery – Yana Clipsham and the Clerk had attended this meeting where various issues were discussed including speeding and anti-social behaviour. Residents are encouraged to make any complaints via the appropriate channels rather than Facebook. Posters have been supplied for the noticeboards. The next meeting will be held 4.00 – 6.00 pm on 28th March 2024 in Wittering Parish Hall.

5. MINUTES of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 6th November 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 had meet with Highways Agency on 14th November 2023 (Sean Sharp and Mark Lambert). Mark Lambert confirmed that funding was decided in five-year cycles and therefore changes to the layby would be part of the 2025 budget submission. He has confirmed that he will be putting forward some substantive work on the layby (perhaps a wider, better footpath) and remedial plans would also include looking at the entrance into Thornhaugh off the A1. Sadly, nothing is planned until then. However, they did agree to

apply for changes once again to the bus-stop and once again seek closure of the layby. We are just waiting yet again. Discussion about the A47 entrance also being unsafe. Contact to be made with National Highways about better signage as a minimum. Peter Sharpley has informed the Chairman that Galliford Try has various grants available for local project and she will ask for the criteria.

ii) Social Events

It was noted that the Christmas Tree Event on 10th December 2023 had been enjoyed by those who had attended. Our thanks once again to the Wansford Ukelele Folk who made the event a success. A collection was done once again for the Children's Society and £102.57 was raised. It was agreed to look at holding a Social Event in the summer and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

iii) State of Russell Hill to A47

The Chairman said that as yet, there had been no response from Peterborough Highways. The request was forwarded to Gavin Elsey for support.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) 23/00852/FUL - Proposed Cattery, temporary mobile home and small pet crematorium at Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections/Support – Awaiting Decision
- ii) 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 – Permitted
- iii) 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 – Permitted
- iv) 24/00017/CTR - Remove all 4no. conifer trees at 14 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh - Neutral to accept the decision of the Tree Officer but to request replacement trees are planted at the site.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) CAPALC – Various Bulletins
- ii) PCC – Local Plan

9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st December 2023
Proposed by:- Yana Clipsham **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Peterborough City Council Local Plan Briefing

This will be attended by the Chairman and Yana Clipsham. The Clerk will ask for the deadline for comments to be extended.

ii) State of the Pavements on Russell Hill

Louise Molesworth complained about the state of the pavements and Gavin Elsey asked her to send him some photos so he could investigate her concerns.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 5th March 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 _____ DATE 05/03/24
Chairman

ACTION POINTS

- Highway Issues Chris Smith
- Galliford Try Grants Chris Smith
- PCC Local Plan Briefing Chris Smith, Yana Clipsham and the Clerk
- State of Pavements on Russell Hill Louise Molesworth