

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 5th March 2024 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chairman)
Louise Molesworth
Nicky Rogers

IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Frost and Joan Bolton Frost (Members of the Public)
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC FORM

The members of the public present asked if it would be possible to plant some flowers/bulbs at the entrance to the village off the A1 as they felt it would smarten up the corner and make the entrance to the village more attractive. They offered to help with a maintenance plan. The Chair said she would check if this needed Peterborough City Council permission.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Rural Parish Police Surgery – 4.00-6.00 pm on 21st March 2024 in Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion – everyone welcome.

5. MINUTES of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 8th January 2024 were reviewed and approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth **Seconded by:-** Nicky Rogers

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) Highways Issues

The Chairman had no further updates on the A1 northbound layby or entrance/exit despite chasing emails.

ii) **Social Events**

Nicky Rogers suggested that a Harvest Festival event could be held in late September/early October. Nicky Rogers suggested that we could ask Peter Sharpley if he would consider letting the residents use the paddock on Meadow Lane. Alan Frost and Joan Bolton Frost offered the use of their garden and/or their gazebo for the event. The Chair will ask Peter Sharley. Appreciation was expressed to Nicki Higgins for arranging two events in the church in April 2024.

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

The Chair said that as yet, there had been no response from Peterborough Highways despite support from Gavin Elsey.

iv) **Local Plan**

PCC sent out a request for comment to Parish Councils to inform the draft Local Plan relating to Housing Development (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment - SHELAA). This was an early consultation on land that has been offered to PCC as potential for development to meet the next Local Plan (2023 to 2044). The land offered in the plan is at a very early stage and none of the land offers have, as yet, been assessed for suitability for inclusion in the final Local Plan. PCC have been given a Government target of c. 22,000 dwellings over the life of the plan and this stage of consultation was to get first thoughts from Parish Councils on the land offered. Inclusion of the land at this stage does not mean automatic inclusion in the final Plan. The land offered will be considered for inclusion in the Draft Local Plan which will be sent out, hopefully in August 2024 for further consultation. The land will be assessed for suitability against a range of criteria, including comments from Parish Councils. The discussions at an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council were also informed by consultation with other PCs and from attendance at a City Planning meeting held on 11th January. Thornhaugh Parish Council submitted their thoughts on 18th January. Our response covered the following issues: Village envelopes, Conservation area, ancient woodlands, road network infrastructure, environmental impact, loss of agricultural land, emergency services impact, education, public transport, residents' quality of life, and property values.

v) **State of Pavements of Russell Hill**

Louise Molesworth had not yet sent the photographs to Gavin Elsey, but the Clerk will ask him for an update.

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) 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. Permitted

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) CAPALC – Various Bulletins
- ii) Augean Thornhaugh Liaison Meeting – the Clerk will check the date of this.
- iii) PCC Parish Liaison Group – 6.30 pm 21/03/24 (Zoom) – Nicky Rogers will attend.
- iv) PCC Housing Strategy Consultation (closing date 04/03/24) – the Chair had read some of this document and felt it appeared to cut across other consultations (Local Plan, etc) which the Parish Council will address.
- v) Local List consultation from PCC. Comments due by 9th April 2024. The Chair had two observations, one relating to the possibility of including a requirement to plant a tree for each one taken down, and the second was a general observation about the range and type of planning permission that are available, but it is not clear what consultation requirements relate to which categories, therefore an explanation within the document

would be useful. The Parish Councillors were asked to let her have their views and a final response will be submitted.

- vi) Robin Carr Associates - Application to add a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) along Old Oundle Road between Leicester Road and Kingscliffe Road, Thornhaugh to the Definitive Map and Statement. Nicky Rogers will walk along the route and give her comments to the Parish Council.

9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 29th February 2024
Proposed by:- Nicky Rogers **Seconded by:-** Louise Molesworth
- ii) Annual Donations agreed – Living Villages £100 and Wansford & Thornhaugh PCC £190 which are both same as in 2023.
- iii) Karen Jones had once again agreed to undertake the internal audit of the accounts. The Parish Council is no longer required to have an external audit of the accounts.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) The Chair had received enquiry about insurance for litter pickers being covered for working alongside major highways. It was confirmed that there are no restrictions on this, but an appropriate Safety Assessment must be done, and a sample was provided. This was sent to Nikki Higgins for information.
- ii) Reported water leak on Russell Hill on 29th February. Following checking by Anglian Water, they have confirmed this is not their equipment and is not water from them. A further enquiry has been submitted seeking assistance to trace which services are provided from that manhole.
- iii) Thanks were expressed to Lee Ward for clearing leaves from drain on Russell Hill opposite The Rectory. This is always a bad drain in rainy weather because leaves and detritus coming down the road and off the fields collect and stop the water running away. Please can anyone passing it to do the same to keep the water flowing.
- iv) Thanks were expressed to Adrian Rodgers for checking the defibrillator on a weekly basis. Louise Molesworth will explore the possibility of a refresher course to include the basics of using the defibrillator and also basic first aid.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 7th May 2024 in St Andrew's Church**. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting.

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

07/05/24

ACTION POINTS

Highway Issues	Chris Smith
Social Events	Chris Smith/Nicky Rogers
Pavements on Rusell Hill	Clerk
BOAT along Old Oundle Road	Nicky Rogers
Local List Consultation	All Councillors (9 th April 2024 deadline)
Thornhaugh Entrance	Chris Smith