

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2024 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chair)
Yana Clipsham
Louise Molesworth
Nicky Rogers

IN ATTENDANCE

Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk to the Council)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Yana Clipsham declared an interest in Items 7(i) and 7(ii) as she is related to the applicant.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

4. POLICE MATTERS

No crimes had been formally reported. The Chair will send an email to PC Stephen Main in reply to his email which expressed his disappointment that no residents from Thornhaugh had attended the Police Surgery in July 2024.

5. MINUTES of the Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council held 29th July 2024 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by: Nicky Rogers

Seconded by: Louise Molesworth

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Highway Issues**

The Chair had nothing to report on layby, etc, despite having chased this.

ii) **Social Events**

The summer party was an enjoyable event and was held once again in Joan and Alan Frost's beautiful garden for which we thank them. Many thanks also to Trevor, our new resident who brought two of his band members to serenade us. Games, a quiz and delicious cakes were the order of the day. The total spent was £365.50.

iii) **Bill's Bench**

Simon Hurn will repair this, but he cannot fit it in until winter – the approximate cost is £80.00. The Clerk has asked him to look at refurbishing other benches near to Bill's bench as well. In addition Nicki Higgins has

suggested that the bench on Russell Hill needs refurbishing. The Clerk will ask Simon Hurn if he can refurbish this bench also but, if he cannot, two residents have offered to help with this.

iv) **Defibrillator Training.**

Louise Molesworth will list what can be included in the Defibrillator Training, for example CPR as well. Once we have a brief outline of the training on offer, we will advertise this as a possibility to gauge interest.

v) **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

Paul Whybrow has volunteered to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor and the Parish Councillors are pleased to welcome him onto the Parish Council. The Clerk will send him the Members' Interest form and inform PCC.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) 24/00721/WCPP - Variation of condition C2 (drawings and documents) of planning permission 23/00852/FUL at Land Adjacent To Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- ii) 24/00741/FUL - Erection of a replacement stable block at Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- iii) 24/00210/MMFUL - Continuation of landfilling operations and the importation of clean naturally occurring materials to create an integrated restoration landform with nature conservation habitats at Cooks Hole Quarry and Thornhaugh Landfill Site, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections - Awaiting Decision
- iv) The Old Rectory Update – the Parish Council submitted its concerns about the materials being used for refurbishing The Old Rectory which do not appear to be in line with listed building requirements and we have seen no applications to the Planning Department relating to the refurb. An enquiry has been opened by PCC. In addition, a copy of a letter to the PCC Planning Department by a resident expressing concerns relating to the use of the property as holiday lets has been received, the use is contrary to covenants in the Deeds. The use of The Old Rectory, as it is being advertised (16+ guests with parking for 20 cars) will inevitably cause disturbance to residents and potentially to the churchyard where residents may wish for peace when visiting family graves. The owner of The Old Rectory has spoken to the Chair and confirmed the window is not UPV. No comment was made on the soffits and gutters. She confirmed that her longer-term intent is to use the house as her family residence, but no timescales were put on that. The enquiries by PCC will continue to be investigated.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) CAPALC – Various
- ii) Neil Boyce - Local Plan Consultation Meeting - 11th September 2024 (the Chair and Yana Clipsham attended)
- iii) PCC - Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations Review 2024
- iv) Neil Boyce – Fly Tipping Investigation Tape. We have requested the tape, and the Clerk will chase up.
- v) Richard Clarke – Meeting of Neighbouring Parish Councils to discuss Draft Local Plan (Nicky Rogers attended, thanks to Nicky for her report)
- vi) Peter Oldfield - Cooks Hole Quarry and Thornhaugh Landfill Site
- vii) PCC – Climate Change Training
- viii) Talk & Social – 'Politics, a Dummies' Guide (Gavin Elsey) as 7.00 pm on 25th October 2024 in St Andrew's Church

9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation on 31st August 2024. This was approved as proposed by Louise Molesworth and seconded by Yana Clipsham.
- ii) Bank Account Mandate – The Chair and Yana signed the paperwork as they were unable to sign online. Nicky will send the Clerk her form and the Clerk will post it to Barclays Bank.

- iii) Zurich Insurance Renewal £241 (£240 in 2023) – it was agreed to go ahead with the quote. The Clerk will send a copy of the Insurance Schedule to the Parish Councillors so that they can understand the coverage.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) **Peterborough City Council – Draft Local Plan**

Considering the new government's proposed revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework, published in July 2024, and the anticipated updates to housing figures PCC has decided that the consultation on the draft Local Plan, scheduled for September and October 2024 is paused until February 2025. This will allow the necessary time to incorporate any changes to national policy, review site selection work and will ensure the evidence base is up to date. The new Local Development Scheme was approved by the council on 5 September 2024, this sets out the timetable and all the consultation stages involved in the preparation of a new Local Plan for Peterborough. Due to the changes to the Draft Local Plan consultation, and the recognition that circumstances change, PCC is aware that new sites may well now be available. Therefore, it is providing an opportunity for landowners and developers to submit additional sites for consideration through an additional Call for Sites exercise. PCC will be contacting the Parish Council again in late October for our input on additional sites, should there be any relevant to our Parish. Please note that PCC will require any comments that we wish to make to be submitted by 29th November 2024.

ii) **PCC**

Requests for assistance from PCC on both the water leak Russell Hill near the church and the fly-tipping of garden waste on Russell Hill near the A47 junction have been re-submitted (third time).

iii) **Christmas Tree Event**

The Christmas Tree Event will take place at 6.00 pm on 8th December 2024. Nicky will produce a flyer.

iv) **Cheese & Wine Evening**

The Parish Council plans to organise a cheese and wine evening 7.30–10.00 pm on 20th December 2024 to celebrate Christmas with our neighbours. Nicky will advertise this on the reverse of the Christmas Tree Event flyer. The Clerk will check that the church is available with Stuart Foreman.

v) **Flag Pole**

The Flag Pole, planned and purchased by the Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Councils' Burial Committee has been erected in the churchyard and is currently displaying a St Andrew's flag.

vi) **The Church as a Community Space**

It is hoped that residents will use the church as a community space and are invited to ask if they can use it regularly. It is hoped the litter pick items can be stored around the site near to the bins so that anyone can use them ad lib. There are events already planned on 5th and 25th October with other planned in the future. Please check the notice board and the PC Website. With thanks to Nikki Higgins for championing the use of the church and making these events happen.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 11th November 2024 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh. .

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

11/11/24

ACTION POINTS

Highway Issues

Chris Smith

Defibrillator Training

Louise Molesworth

Parish Councillor Co-Option

Deirdre McCumiskey

Insurance Schedule

Deirdre McCumiskey

Event Flyers

Nicky Rogers