

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

### **PRESENT**

Mike Kealey (Chair)  
Yana Clipsham  
Nicky Rogers  
Paul Whybrow

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Alan Frost (Member of the Public)  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

#### **1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Mike Kealey was appointed Chair for the meeting.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND EXTERNAL BODIES**

- i) Chair – it was agreed not to appoint a Chair but to rotate the position between the Parish Councillors
- ii) Vice Chair - it was agreed not to appoint a Vice Chair but to rotate the position between the Parish Councillors.
- iii) Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Burial Ground Committee – Louise Molesworth and Robert Reeve
- iv) Augean Community Liaison Committee – Martin Witherington and Nicky Rogers  
Christie Hall Management Committee – Yana Clipsham (the current Chair hoping to find a replacement for her position as she would like to resign at the end of this current period. The hall needs some repairs/refurbishments. The lease is due to be renewed in 2026)
- v) Finance Officer – Nicky Rogers

#### **5. POLICE MATTERS**

It was noted that man had died after leaving his vehicle and being hit by another vehicle at the top of Russell Hill on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The Clerk will try and obtain an update as to the concerns with anti-social behaviour being caused by motorbike riders in Thornhaugh Quarry. It was noted that this has been an ongoing problem for many years.

- 6. MINUTES of the Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council held 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025** were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair.

**Proposed by:** Nicky Rogers

**Seconded by:** Mike Kealey

## **7. MATTERS ARISING**

### **i) Resignation of Louise Molesworth**

Grateful thanks were expressed to Louise for all her hard work and commitment during her time on the Parish Council.

### **ii) Parish Councillor Vacancy**

There had been no applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy. It was agreed that the Parish Councillors will continue to promote the vacancy when speaking to residents. It was agreed to put another poster with no closing date on the Noticeboards.

### **iii) Highway Issues**

Mike Kealey said that the hedge on the left at the entrance into Home Farm is overgrown and he will deal with it.

### **iv) Social Events**

Alan Frost kindly offered the use of his garden for a Summer Party which will take place at the beginning of September 2025. Nicky Rogers will consult with Alan regarding the date and obtain flyers to be circulated to all residents.

### **v) Defibrillator Training.**

The Clerk agreed to see if residents could join with any defibrillator training arranged by Wansford Parish Council and obtain the costs of running a defibrillator training/first aid training course from St John's Ambulance and the Red Cross.

### **vi) Home Farm Noticeboard**

Grateful thanks were expressed to Keith Clipsham who has repaired/refurbished the Home Farm Noticeboard. It has been erected at the side of the green area near to the entrance of the poultry farm. Nicky Rogers will put several posters relating to Parish Council Business in it.

### **vii) Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan**

Mike Kealey will contact Mick Grange and/or Simon Scriven of Sutton to arrange a meeting with them and the Parish Councillors to progress the Thornhaugh NP. Nicky Rogers has now registered the Thornhaugh NP with Peterborough City Council. It was agreed that residents with the relevant backgrounds, ie website design, planning, law etc need to be encouraged to join the Thornhaugh NP Committee.

### **viii) Draft Local Plan**

The proposed number of new properties to be built locally has been reduced due to unlikelihood of a Flyover being built at over the A1 Wittering. The closing date for any further comments is 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- i) 24/01392/WCPP - Variation of condition C2 (drawings and documents) pursuant to Planning Permission 23/00852/FUL at Land Adjacent To Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections. Permitted
- ii) 24/01330/LBC - Insertion of a new external water and waste pipe to the north-east elevation and associated internal alterations to allow for the creation of two en-suite bathrooms at The Old Rectory, 3 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections. Permitted
- iii) 25/00122/FUL - Change of use (and associated building works) to convert underused stable building to create 3no. dwellings with associated parking and amenity space (Use Class C3) at St John's Wood Farm, Kings Cliffe Road, Wansford – No Objections. Awaiting Decision

- iv) 25/00221/LBC Proposal: Replacement of 16.no windows to slim double-glazed units with integral glazing bars at The Old Dairy, Home Farm, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections. Awaiting Decision

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) CAPALC – Various (the Parish Council has taken out a subscription to CAPALC)
- ii) Development on Leedsgate Farm, Kings Cliffe Road, noted but no further action is to be taken.

## **10. FINANCE**

- i) Statements and Bank Reconciliations on 31<sup>st</sup> March & 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025. These were approved as proposed by Nicky Rogers and seconded by Mike Kealey.
- ii) Bank Account Mandate – although it has proved extremely difficult to try and change the Bank Account Mandate, the Clerk will once again request for the form.
- iii) Annual Return for Year Ending 31 March 2025
  - a) Section 1 Statement of Accounts
  - b) Section 2 Annual Governance Statement
  - c) Section 4 Internal Audit & ReportThis had been previously circulated to the Parish Councillors and was signed by the Chair.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) **Telephone Box (Book Swap)**  
Grateful thanks were expressed to Jacob, Hannah and Nicky Rogers for cleaning out the Telephone Box. If anyone wishes to donate any books, please drop them off at Nicky's house.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh**

**SIGNED**

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Chair

**DATE**

**14/07/25**