

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July 2025 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Yana Clipsham
Nicky Rogers
Paul Whybrow

IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Paul Whybrow was appointed Chair for this meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Mike Kealey and Alan Frost.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

5. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk had not been able to obtain an update on the man who died after leaving his vehicle and being hit by another vehicle at the top of Russell Hill on 20th April 2025. Nor had she been able to obtain an update on the anti-social behaviour caused by motorbike riders in Thornhaugh Quarry. This is a commercial business and is responsible for its ensuring that its fencing is secure.

Mike Kealey had reported that a car has been vandalised at Home Farm, and this has been reported to the police.

6. MINUTES of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Annual General Meeting held 12th May 2025 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by: Nicky Rogers

Seconded by: Yana Clipsham

7. MATTERS ARISING

i) Highway Issues

On 8th July 2025, the Secretary of State for Transport announced that the A47 dualling between Sutton Roundabout and Wansford has been cancelled. Almost £10 million has been spent on this project to date. Due to the contractor trimming close to the bushes on the verges on Russell Hill, the glow worms have been adversely

affected. The Clerk is trying to ascertain the contractor's details to request that they leave more of the verge next year. Yana Clipsham said that the road edges are falling away on Old Oundle Road.

ii) **Social Events**

After discussion, it was agreed that due to the lack of volunteers available in August, there will not be a Summer Party this year. The Lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place on 7th December and there will be a Christmas Party in the church on 19th December 2025.

iii) **Defibrillator Training**

The Clerk will contact St John's Ambulance to arrange a First Aid and Defibrillator Training Course for twelve residents in St Andrew's Church on a Saturday morning in September 2025. Nicky Rogers will deliver leaflets advertising the event.

iv) **Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan**

Mike Kealey was not present so there was no update. Paul Whybrow will contact Mike Kealey and ask him to arrange a meeting with Mick Grange and/or Simon Scriven of Sutton with the Parish Councillors to progress the TNP.

v) **Draft Local Plan**

PCC will publish all comments submitted on the Draft Local Plan on its website. All comments received will be reviewed and any changes arising from the consultation will be made to the Draft Local Plan. It will publish a Proposed Submission version in autumn 2025 for public consultation. This version of the plan will then be submitted to central government who will appoint an independent planning inspector to carry out a public examination into the document.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) 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 – Awaiting Decision
- ii) 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 - Approved
- iii) 25/00660/CTR Removal of overhanging branch to Walnut tree at Browett's Cottage, 6 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh - Approved
- iv) 25/00686/CTR Remove overhanging walnut tree branches at 4 Russell Hill Thornhaugh – Approved
- v) 25/00756/WCPP Variation of condition C3 (restoration of site) of minerals application 14/01716/MMFUL at Land at Leicester Road, Wansford – Awaiting Decision
- vi) 25/00798/NONMAT – For Non material amendment (changes to layout) to planning permission 24/01392/WCPP at land Adjacent To Magnolia House Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh - Awaiting Decision

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Already Distributed

10. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation on 30th June 2025. This was approved as proposed by Nicky Rogers and seconded by Yana Clipsham and agreed to by all present. The Clerk will check the accuracy of the total payments on the spreadsheet.
- ii) Bank Account Mandate
Yana Clipsham and Nicky Rogers visited Barclays Bank in Peterborough and completed the Bank Account Mandate Form over the telephone. Chris Smith, Louise Molesworth and Camilla Plumb have been removed, and Nicky Rogers has been added.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) IT Policy
The Parish Council needs to have a thornhaughparishcouncil.gov.uk domain name and the Clerk and all Parish Councillors need to be given email addresses using this rather than use their personal email addresses. In addition, they need to download software on their mobile phones if they use them to make calls relating to Parish Council business. Gavin Elsey will give the Clerk the details of whom to contact at Peterborough City Council to organise this.
- ii) Approval Of Standing Orders 2025 Update
It was agreed that the Standing Orders drawn up by Chris Smith are still satisfactory.
- iii) Trees opposite Wittering Grange
It is believed that Augean have planted some new trees opposite Wittering Grange, but they are not being watered and are dying. The Clerk will contact Augean.
- iv) Dates of Future Meetings
Gavin Elsey requested that the dates of future meetings are changed because they clash with Wansford Parish Council Meeting dates. It was agreed that future meetings will take place on the third (rather than the second) Monday of every other month.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 1st September 2025 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh.

SIGNED

Chair

DATE

01/09/25