

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 1st September 2025 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Yana Clipsham
Nicky Rogers
Paul Whybrow (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE

Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk to the Council)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Mike Kealey, Alan Frost and Gavin Elsey

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no reports of crime in the village.

5. MINUTES of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held 14th July 2025 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by: Nicky Rogers

Seconded by: Yana Clipsham

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) Highway Issues

The Chair attended a meeting at Sacrewell along with Sam Carling, MP, other Parish Councillors and other interested bodies to discuss the safety concerns along the A47 that will remain now that the plans to dual the A47 between Wansford and Sutton have been dropped. The Parish Councillors expressed disappointment that over £10 million had been spent on preparing for the dualling of the A47. The consensus was that it was unlikely that National Highways would undertake any safety work on the A47, but a further meeting is planned to pursue the concerns.

ii) Social Events

Nicky Rogers will confirm the Wansford Ukelele Band's attendance on the Christmas Lights' Switch-On. The arrangements for the Christmas Lights' Switch-On and the Christmas Party will be finalised at the next meeting.

iii) **Defibrillator Training.**

The Clerk had booked St John's Ambulance to give a First Aid and Defibrillator Training Course for twelve residents. However, disappointingly, only one resident had said they wished to attend. The Clerk will ascertain any costs of rescheduling the event but if there are costs, the event will go ahead anyway. Nicky Rogers will undertake a leaflet drop in the village over the weekend and will attend the Coffee Morning on Friday. It was noted that the Parish Council does not have any yoga mats to use during the training.

iv) **Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan**

Mike Kealey was not present so there was no update. It was agreed that it is likely that there will be difficulties in getting the plan off the ground as it must be undertaken by a committee of residents rather than Parish Councillors, although a Parish Councillor can be on the committee.

v) **IT**

The Chair proposed that the Parish Council moves to a .gov.uk domain and this was seconded by Yana Clipsham and agreed to by all present. Jay Allsopp, Website Designer, has agreed to undertake this work for the Parish Council. The Clerk will invite him to attend the next meeting.

7. 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) 25/00756/WCPP Variation of condition C3 (restoration of site) of minerals application 14/01716/MMFUL at Land at Leicester Road, Wansford – Awaiting Decision
- iii) 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 – Permitted
- iv) 25/0142/CTR Prune apple and pear trees at Old School House, 7 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections. Awaiting Decision
- v) 25/00982/HHFUL - Alterations to roof to include new dormer windows and roof light at Thornhaugh Hall, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections. Awaiting Decision

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Already Distributed

9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation on 31st August 2025. This was approved as proposed by Nicky Rogers and seconded by Yana Clipsham and agreed to by all present.
- ii) Insurance Renewal (£241) – The Chair proposed this was paid, this was seconded by Yana Clipson and agreed to by all present.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) **Broken Verges**

There are broken verges at the top of Russell Hill. The Clerk will report to the PCC Highways Department.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 17th November 2025 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh.

SIGNED

Chair

DATE

17/11/25