

Minutes of Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting
Held a 7.00pm on Monday 13th April 2026 in
St Andrews Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT: Chair - Paul Whybrow
Mike Kealey
Yana Clipsham
Nicky Rogers

IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Allsopp - IT Support
Kevin Guinness / Paul Davies / Martin Witherington - Members of the Public
Sam Green - Clerk to the Council

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Gavin Elsey
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Nicky Rogers declared an interest in 7 i) Planning Application 26/002140/CTR as it is her property
3. **PUBLIC FORUM** - Kevin Guinness raised concerns about the disturbance from the bikers using the old quarry on Kingscliffe Road near to Nightingale Farm at night - mostly weekends. Members of the public have emailed the owners of this land on numerous occasions but the problem continues. Thornhaugh Parish Council offered to write a letter to the owners (awaiting confirmation of the name of the company from Kevin). Paul Davies advised the police were seen to be present in that area recently. *ACTION: Letter supporting complaints about late night use of the land on Kingscliffe road*
4. **POLICE MATTERS** - No reports of crime in the village. Noted recent behaviours of individuals destroying books from the book library/telephone box that was posted on the community facebook page but no complaint regarding this has been brought to the Parish Council. Individuals were reported to be walking towards the location of Wittering. *ACTION - to pass on the complaint to Wittering Parish Council.*
5. **MINUTES OF THE THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held ON 9 March 2026
Reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair
Proposed by: P Whybrow Seconded by: N Rogers
6. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - i) **Parish Social Events 2026** - Summer Garden Party - confirmation that Alan and Joan Frost are happy to host - awaiting confirmation of a date convenient to them - looking at last two weekends in August.
Date for Christmas Tree Light Switch On - Sunday 6th December
Date for Christmas Cheese and Wine Evening - Friday 18th December
 - ii) **Highways Issues**- Following on from concerns raised at previous meeting regarding the turning to enter Wansford near the cattery, Martin Witherington advised that Peterborough City Council have stated that whilst they get a supporting payment, this is for maintenance and not improvements. Highways Agency look after the carriageway. Reported that Police supported a 50mph limit along the A47 road between the A1 roundabout and Wittering turning following a serious Road Traffic Accident. *ACTION - to contact the police in the first instance and then P.C.C. / Highways Agency to recommend a speed limit to help prevent accidents.*
 - iii) **Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan** - Mike Kealey has approached two individuals (an individual from PCC, and a second who was involved with the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan) who are happy to attend meetings with the Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan Group. Date of initial meeting to be confirmed. Paul Whybrow has also offered to support this group alongside Mike, Yana Clipsham and Nicky Rogers.
 - iv) **IT Policies** - Jay Allsopp gave the council the following update: Jay and Sam Green have both attended the Aubergine Council Website training session. We are now awaiting the content team to transfer over historical information - the Framework has been built. In the process of

taking over the domain name so that council emails will read name@thornhaugh-pc.gov.uk. Jay and Sam will both have access to emails within the next few days and can then create emails addresses for councillors - decision made to use cllrurname@thornhaugh-pc.gov.uk and Jay to take correct spellings of surnames from the minutes. At present the best way to access emails will be through the Aubergine website on web browser, but should be able to use in Outlook - Jay to support councillors individually as needed and will correspond with every member of the council. Nicky Rogers will get in touch with her contact who could create a logo for the website. Jay to look into the ability to send bulk emails to those within the community who have agreed to correspondence - the provider would manage content and ensure GPDR safety - recipient would only see their email address in the 'envelope section. The Council would like to thank Jay for his continued support.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - 26/002140/CTR - T1 Liquidambar - Remove to just above ground level - 2 Old Rectory Drive, Thornhaugh - *Awaiting decision*

8. CORRESPONDENCE - Previously distributed

9. FINANCE

- i) Aubergine Invoice for annual email package set up - approved
- ii) CAPALC annual membership - approved
- iii) CAPALC clerk training course (July 2026) - approved
- iv) Bank Reconciliation as of 31st March 2026 reviewed (PW and SG)
- v) Outsourcing of external payroll company declined and councillors to support clerk with financial matters

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) **Fly Tipping** - Paul Whybrow had made a complaint about the Fly Tipping on Old Wansford Road to Peterborough City Council, who advised that there was a concern about asbestos and this required specialist removal. *SUGGESTION - to any member of the public wishing to highlight a concern about fly tipping to provide photograph an the location on the P.C.C. website for them to investigate.*
- ii) **Village email directory** - see IT Polices
- iii) **Freedom of Information Response to Thornhaugh Parish Council** - To make contact with the Monitoring Officer for Peterborough City Council stating the Parish Council feel an inadequate response was received and to provide more detailed information about the Castor & Ailsworth Local Plan - *ACTION for the clerk*
- iv) **Parish Council Elections** - Please find a notice stating that Thornhaugh Parish Council was uncontested and the list of elected Parish Councillors can be found on the notice boards in Meadow Lane and Home Farm and on the Thornhaugh Parish Council website
- v) Noted the sign on Old Oundle Road could be replaced, the passing places on Russell Hill Road alongside Thornhaugh Hall are in need of attention and the grit box by the A47 appears to have been vandalised - *ACTION - to contact Highways Agency*
- vi) Anglian Water will be working of the water leak on Old Oundle road close to the Thornhaugh junction of the A47
- vii) Special Thanks to Wittering Parish Council to contributing towards the costs for the work involved with the objection letter by BTG Eddison's

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

7pm Monday 18 May 2026 at St Andrews Church Thornhaugh for the Annual Parish Council Meeting - All Welcome