

Minutes of Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting

Held at 7.00pm on Monday 15th June 2026 in

St Andrews Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT: Chair - Cllr Paul Whybrow (PW)
Cllr Mike Kealey (MK)
Cllr Yana Clipsham (YC)
Cllr Nicky Rogers (NR)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan Frost / Paul Davies - Members of the Public
Sam Green - Clerk to the Council

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Gavin Elsey, Jay Allsopp - IT Support, Tom Mylott
2. **Parish Councillor Vacancy and Co- Option of candidate** - Tom Mylott was officially accepted as a member of the Thornhaugh Parish Council - Proposed by Cllr Paul Whybrow and Seconded by Cllr Yana Clipsham. Sadly Tom was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but the councillors look forward to seeing him at the next planned meeting
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Nicky Rogers declared an interest in 7 i) Planning Application **26/002446/CTR** - T1) Weeping Willow as it is her property.
4. **POLICE MATTERS** -
 - i) PW recently requested consideration by the Highways Agency for a 50mph speed limit along the A47 between the Wansford roundabout to the Old Oundle Road junction and this is being reviewed.
 - ii) An email was received by Wittering Parish Council from a Thornhaugh resident regarding the vandalism of cars located alongside his property - names of the people reported to have carried out the vandalism were given and it was also notified to the police by the resident. This is the third incident in recent weeks within the village (previously the vandalism of trees behind Thornhaugh Hall and also of books from the Book Exchange (phone box) on Meadow Lane). The Chair has reported all three incidents to Neighbourhood Police Sergeant responsible for the parish.
5. **MINUTES OF THE THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on 18 May 2026
Reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair
6. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - i) **Parish Social Events 2026** - Summer Garden Party - Alan Frost has kindly offered the use of his garden for this event on Sunday 23 August. NR will approach the person who offered live music when the event took place in 2024. A flyer should be available for distribution before the next council meeting and a suggestion made to form a working group nearer the time to arrange games, the cake event, a quiz etc
Date for Christmas Tree Light Switch On - Sunday 6th December
Date for Christmas Cheese and Wine Evening - Friday 18th December
 - ii) **Highways Issues** - Discussion held around the implementation of a 50mph limit on the A47 between Wansford and Old Oundle Road junction and a Speed Reduction Zone similar to that imposed at the Elton / Warmington stretch of A605 - Agreed to 'Ask The Expert' and plan to make contact with The Highways Agency for their input / suggestion.
 - iii) **Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr Mike Kealey informed the council that the first Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan Meeting was held on Monday 8th June and was well attended. Appointments made for Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk. A Terms of Reference has been created however it was felt that a statement about a quorum for attendance should be added -
The quorum for a parish council meeting in England and Wales is defined by the Local Government Act 1972 as at least one-third of the total number of members serving on

the council, or no fewer than three councillors, whichever number is greater. The Neighbourhood Plan Group to adopt the same quorum.

Member of the Public (AF) asked if information / minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan would be added to the Thornhaugh Parish Website. MK advised the group wanted to look into sharing information with the community through the Parish Website, leaflet drops, sharing via Living Villages magazine. ACTION - to speak to Jay Allsopp regarding communication via social media.

Next Meeting for the Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan will take place at St Andrews Church on Monday 29 June.

MK wished to thank Antonia Pounsett who was guest speaker at the meeting for all her valued input and support.

iv) **IT Policies** - Jay Allsopp sadly was unable to attend the council meeting therefore an update on the new website will be carried forward to the next meeting

7. Planning Applications

i) **26/002446/CTR** - T1) Weeping Willow - Remove dying willow to just above ground level - 2 Old Rectory Drive, Thornhaugh - *Awaiting Decision from Peterborough City Council (PCC)*

ii) **26/002100/FUL** Erection of an agricultural building for fertile egg production with associated infrastructure and demolition of two existing poultry houses. Home Farm, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh PE8 6NL - *Awaiting Decision from PCC - council unaware of any comments made at this time*

iii) **26/002225/PRIOR** Change of use of building and outside courtyard area to commercial use Manor Farm, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh, Peterborough, PE8 6HL - *Refused by PCC - 01/06/26 - Refused due to insufficient information on traffic and use.*

iv) **26/002265/LBC** Installation of external charging point for electric vehicle. Lavender Cottage, 2, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh, Peterborough, PE8 6HL - *Awaiting Decision from PCC - Granted on 12 June*

v) **26/002404/FUL** Change of use of agricultural storage area for the siting of 15 self-storage containers - Grange Farm, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh, Peterborough, PE8 6NR - *Awaiting Decision from PCC*

8. CORRESPONDENCE - Previously distributed

i) PW advised he submitted a complaint about the potholes and edges of the grass verges along Russell Hill to Peterborough City Council who have advised they will review the concern within two months.

ii) A Thornhaugh resident had contacted the parish council regarding the countdown signs on the A1 as you approach Thornhaugh are in need of attention - The 300 yard marker is missing, the 200 yard marker is obscured by a diversion sign and the 100 yard marker is not in view. The Parish Council will bring this to the attention of Highways England.

iii) A Thornhaugh resident contacted PW by phone regarding concerns around the area of land on Russell Hill on the approach to the A47 that previously had large branches laid there. Cars appear to be again parking on this area thus ruining the grassed area. It was felt cones would not have any effect and reseeded would not be worthwhile as new grass would be unlikely to last very long in this area.

iv) Noted that planning permission has been sought for a dog park at Wittering Grange - query if this falls within the Thornhaugh Parish (added to PCC website after the agenda for this meeting created). Member of the Public asked if the two other dogs parks came through the parish council as requests for planning - callers uncertain and to be looked into.

v) Notification of exercises taking place at RAF Wittering on 16/17 June

9. FINANCE -

i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation as at 31st May - reviewed and agreed.

ii) Invoice payment for Accounts Audit - invoice approved and to be paid. Agreed by all councillors to keep the fee for auditing to the current level - Clerk to advise internal auditor

iii) Salary for Clerk - Barclays have advised there is missing information in the recent letter of request to set up a monthly standing order for the salary and has sent a letter to rectify this. In the interim, the council agreed for the clerk to receive payment by bank transfer for May.

10. Matters for Future Meetings -

- i) To continue with monthly council meetings
- ii) To look at grants and financial support for the Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan
- iii) Freedom of Information Response to Thornhaugh Parish Council - Awaiting review to be conducted by the Head of Information Governance at Peterborough City Council which should be completed by the beginning of July
- iv) Expected date for information of the Wittering Development Plan in the next month

Member of the Public (AF) wished to express his thanks to all the councillors for their efforts and time spent.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

7pm Monday 20 July 2026 at St Andrews Church Thornhaugh - All Welcome

Signed by The Chair: _____ **Date:** _____

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