

Minutes of Thornhaugh Annual Parish Council Meeting
Held at 7.15pm on Monday 18th May 2026 in
St Andrews Church, Thornhaugh

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Gavin Elsey

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest raised.

3. **POLICE MATTERS** -

Chair, Cllr Paul Whybrow has made contact with the police regarding the possibility of reducing the speed limit on the A47 to 50mph (in consideration of the near misses happening by the junction to the Old Leicester Road) - awaiting response.

Vandalism of the books from the book exchange in the village, and to trees behind Thornhaugh Hall was passed onto Wittering Parish Council. Information was also shared with the Neighbourhood Police Sergeant for our area.

4. **MINUTES OF THE THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Monday 13th April 2026

Reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair

Outstanding Action - awaiting response from Monitoring Officer regarding Freedom of Information response

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

- i) All previous councillors were unopposed at the recent elections, and consequently have been re-elected - Cllr Paul Whybrow, Cllr Mike Kealey, Cllr Yana Clipsham and Cllr Nicky Rogers
- ii) Chairmans Report 2025-2026 recorded and will be available to view on the Thornhaugh Parish Council website
- iii) Audited accounts for 2025-2026 - approved by external auditor - Chair and Clerk have signed these and will be available on the Parish website
- iv) 2026-2027 Precept approval - Approved by Peterborough City Council and the first instalment has been received.
- v) **Parish Social Events 2026** - Summer Garden Party - confirmation that Alan and Joan Frost are happy to host on Sunday 23 August 2026. Cllr Nicky Rogers proposed that the same format as the Summer Party held in 2024 is copied - with guests bringing their own chairs and drinks, activities and games available. A cake competition was successful previously and could be repeated, along with a quiz. Nicky Rogers to contact the previous live music entertainment to enquire if they would be willing to perform. Plan for a leaflet to be designed and produced for distribution in the village - to also state Save The Dates for the Christmas events
- vi) **Highways Issues** - Recent 3 car accident on the A47 - suggestion by Member of the public to consider an Accident Reduction Zone in this area (near turning for Old Leicester Road) - a sign by the side of the road to highlight high risk of accident area - recently one located at Elton by the A605
- vii) **Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr Mike Kealey confirmed a member of the Steering Committee for the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan has offered guidance and is happy to attend the first Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan meeting - to be held on Monday 8th June - 7pm at St Andrews Church, Thornhaugh.
- viii) **IT Policies** - Jay Allsopp gave the council the following update: Website is almost complete - awaiting Jay to create IT policies and will then transfer the historic documents

from current website. Plan to go live once the council have approved this following the next council meeting. Current issue identified with sending emails to Peterborough City Council email addresses (returned as mail undelivered - Jay awaiting to discuss this with relevant designated person at PCC as this appears to be due the previous domain name. The Council would like to thank Jay for his continued support.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS -**

- i) **26/002140/CTR** - T1 Liquidambar - Remove to just above ground level - 2 Old Rectory Drive, Thornhaugh - *Permitted 30/04/2026*
- ii) **26/002100/FUL** Erection of an agricultural building for fertile egg production with associated Home Farm, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh PE8 6NL - Awaiting Decision from Peterborough City Council - *Thornhaugh Parish Council queried that it would be useful for clarification of what is proposed - councillors to look at the details and drawings on the application request and form some questions for the clerk to make comments on the application on the councils behalf*
- iii) **26/002225/PRIOR** Change of use of building and outside courtyard area to commercial use Manor Farm, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh, Peterborough PE8 6HL - Awaiting Decision from Peterborough City Council
- iv) **26/002265/LBC** Installation of external charging point for electric vehicle Lavender Cottage, 2, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh, Peterborough, PE8 6HL - Awaiting Decision
- v) **26/002135/DISCHG** Discharge of condition C3 (stone material) to listed building consent 25/01344/LBC Manor Farm, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh, Peterborough, PE8 6HL - Determined 01/05/2026

8. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Previously distributed

9. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation as at 30th April - reviewed
Pending expenditure for replacement pads for defibrillator - awaiting invoice.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) **Motorcycle disturbance** - As per previous concerns raised about the noise and disturbance from the motorcycles being used at evenings and weekends on the old quarry - The Owners of the land are Holcim out of Coalville in Leicester and the Facilities Manager for Thornhaugh Quarry is Tim Claxton - 07740 934172 - people encourage to contact Tim to make complaints regarding this. Comments / complaints could also be entered on social media forums such as Trust Pilot and Google.
- ii) Cllr Mike Kealey advised that the Peterborough City Council have agreed to cut back the verges and hedging on sections of the A47 for safe exit onto this road for those entering Home Farm, Thornhaugh village and Wittering
- iii) **Wittering Local Plan** - no announcement as yet but this is hopefully in the coming month. It was noted that a summary of comments and objections can be found on the PCC website - hundreds of letters and statements had been submitted.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - 7pm Monday 15 June 2026 at St Andrews Church Thornhaugh for the Annual Parish Council Meeting - **All Welcome**

Signed by The Chair: _____

Date: _____