

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on 7th May 2024 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chair)
Yana Clipsham
Louise Molesworth
Camilla Plumb
Nicky Rogers

IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Frost and Joan Bolton-Frost (Members of the Public)
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Gavin Elsey, PCC Ward Councillor who has recently been re-elected for a four-year term.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND EXTERNAL BODIES

- i) Chair – Chris Smith
- ii) Vice Chair – Louise Molesworth
- iii) Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Burial Ground Committee – Louise Molesworth and Robert Reeve
- iv) Augean Community Liaison Committee – Hally Hardie and/or Martin Witherington (TBC)
- v) Christie Hall Management Committee – Yana Clipsham
- vi) Finance Officer – Nicky Rogers

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present, and nothing formally recorded.

5. **MINUTES** of the meeting of the Thornhaugh Parish Council held on 5th March 2024 were reviewed and approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by:- Louise Molesworth **Seconded by:-** Yana Clipsham

6. MATTERS ARISING

- i) **Highways Issues**

The Chair said she had no further updates on the A1 layby issues other than that changes are being considered for the 2025 round of budgeting. A47 Dualling – archeological works are nearing completion, and

the programme of works will be published soon and there will be public information meetings in July 2024, (dates to be confirmed).

ii) Social Events

It had been decided that it was not appropriate to ask Peter Sharpley for use of the paddock in Meadow Lane (in any case sheep are currently using it). It was agreed that Nicky Rogers will get together a group of volunteers to brainstorm ideas and to help organise an event for September 2024. It was agreed that the Christmas Tree Lights will be switched on 8th December 2024. Joan Bolton-Frost will contact the Wansford Ukelele Band to book them for the event.

iii) Flowers & Tubs at the A1 Entrance to Thornhaugh

The Parish Council is still awaiting a response from Peterborough City Council regarding its request to put planters at the entrance. The Chair has established that the likely cost will be £300 for two planters. It was agreed to purchase some bulbs to plant along the verges in October ready for next year.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) 23/00852/FUL - Proposed Cattery, temporary mobile home and small pet crematorium at Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections/Support – Approved
- ii) 19/01975/FUL - Variation of condition C2 (approved drawings to replace all approved uses for stable courtyard buildings with Class E use) pursuant to planning permission references 19/01795/FUL and 23/00867/WCPP at Sacrewell Farm And Country Centre, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- iii) 24/00210/MMFUL - Continuation of landfilling operations and the importation of clean naturally occurring materials to create an integrated restoration landform with nature conservation habitats at Cooks Hole Quarry and Thornhaugh Landfill Site, Leicester Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- iv) Plans for Limestone Quarry on 82 hectares countryside near Wittering – it was agreed that the Parish Council will make its views known when officially notified of a planning application.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Various CAPALC Bulletins
- ii) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fund for Nature

9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st March & 30th April 2024
- ii) Annual Return for Year Ending 31st March 2024 – thanks are expressed to Karen Jones for carrying out the Internal Audit and it was agreed to increase her Audit Fee. The Annual Return will be put onto the Website.

The following were approved and signed by the Chair and Responsible Finance Officer:-

- Certificate of Exemption
- Section 1 Statement of Accounts
- Section 2 Annual Governance Statement
- Section 4 Internal Audit & Report

- iii) The Parish Councillors had reviewed the Clerk's salary, and she was given written confirmation of the increase that they had agreed upon.
- iv) The Clerk will liaise with Nicky Rogers relating to internet access to the bank account.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) **Bill's Bench**

Bill's Bench needs repairing. Louise Molesworth agreed to send some photographs of the bench to the Clerk to enable a quote to be obtained for the repair work. Chris will ask Penny Lewin-Watts if she knows where the benches were purchased from.

ii) **Lectern & Grass Cutting**

Thanks were expressed to Liam Higgins for cleaning the Lectern and for cutting the grass on the triangle.

iii) **Burial Ground**

Louise Molesworth gave an update of the issues discussed at the recent Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Councils' Burial Ground Committee, including the purchase of a flagpole which will be sited in the burial ground.

iv) **Defibrillator Training**

Louise Molesworth had spoken to Sarah-Jane, her colleague at Wansford Surgery, and it was agreed that she will provide Defibrillator update training for small groups. Louise to get content of sessions so that she can establish interest from residents.

v) **Noticeboard at Home Farm**

Martin Witherington has confirmed that the noticeboard at Home Farm is in storage and will be re-erected once the landscaping is established. The noticeboard may need some refurbishment.

vi) **Camilla Plumb**

Camilla Plumb confirmed that she would be leaving the village sometime in August, although not planning to sell their home immediately. This will be discussed further at the next meeting to establish whether she will remain on the Parish Council since her absence will likely be for a year. As a homeowner in the village, she continues to meet the criteria for being a Councillor and under the regulations may continue on the Parish Council, attending meetings via video link. For further discussion and decision at the next meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council will take place **at 7.00 pm on 8th July 2024 in St Andrew's Church**. Please note that this is a Monday, and all future meetings will take place on a Monday from now onwards. An updated list of meetings will be displayed on the website and the noticeboard.

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chair** closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

08/07/24

ACTION POINTS

Highway Issues

Chris Smith

Social Event

Nicky Rogers

Internet Banking Access for Nicky Rogers

Deirdre McCumiskey

Dates of Meetings' Poster

Deirdre McCumiskey