

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

### PRESENT

Chris Smith (Chair)  
Yana Clipsham  
Louise Molesworth  
Nicky Rogers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor)  
Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk to the Council)

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Camilla Plumb, Alan Frost and Joan Frost.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Yana Clipsham declared an interest in Items (v) and 7(vi) as she is related to the applicant.

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

### 4. POLICE MATTERS

No crimes had been formally reported. There was an incident where a young woman was knocking on doors saying she had lost her rucksack containing all her legal papers, etc, that she had left at the phone box. Two residents mentioned this but were unable to help. No further information. The email received from the PC S Main was discussed - this which was a complaint that only Wansford Parish Council attended the Police Surgery held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Wansford. It is hard to understand the value of meetings such as these when much of the response is that there is a lack of police resources. We had no specific issues to raise, and our only concern is that when we have an emergency, we get a swift response. Alongside so many other meetings it is difficult to find time to go to them all. The Chair will draft a response to the email and circulate it to the Parish Councillors.

### 5. MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair.

**Proposed by:** Louise Molesworth

**Seconded by:** Yana Clipsham

### 6. MATTERS ARISING

#### i) Highway Issues

The Chair had nothing to report on layby, etc. It is not expected that we will get a response until the 2025 budget submissions are made in National Highways. In terms of the A47 dualling works, the current contractor has withdrawn from the project and the whole works are out for re-tender. There are currently no timelines on the work.

ii) **Social Events**

Thanks were expressed to Nicky Rogers for all her work to date. There have been approximately thirty-six people who have responded to the invitation to the party which is being held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. The event is now based on a summer picnic with residents bringing their own picnic and chairs. The cake competition will be judged by Alan and Joan Frost – cakes to be shared on the day by those attending once judging is complete. There will be a live band. The Parish Council will provide cheese, bread, pickles, etc. and Alan and Joan will provide lawn games, etc, and there will be a quiz written by Karen Jones. Nicky is designing another flyer updating residents on the plans and hopefully getting more takers. So far so good. A final party meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 to finalise plans. The marquee will be set up on the evening of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and we would much appreciate volunteers to help please.

iii) **Tubs and Flowers at the A1 Entrance to Thornhaugh**

The tubs are in place and have been planted. Thanks to those residents who are keeping them watered.

iv) **Bill's Bench**

Simon Hurn will repair this, but he cannot fit it in until winter – the approximate cost is £80.00. The Clerk will ask him to look at refurbishing other benches near to Bill's bench as well.

v) **Defibrillator Training.**

Louise Molesworth will get an outline of the course content and an idea of what days/times would suit the tutor. Once this is known, the details will be included in a newsletter to find out what interest there is from residents.

## **7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- i) 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 – No Objections from Parish Council. Permitted
- ii) 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 – No Objections from Parish Council. Permitted
- iii) 24/00555/FUL & 24/00556/LBC – to widen existing farm entrance by 2m at Manor Farm, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections from Parish Council. Withdrawn by the applicant
- iv) 24/00669/LBC - Alterations to barn including formation of blockwork and proposed rendering of blockwork - part retrospective at Manor Farm, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections from Parish Council. Refused
- v) 24/00721/WCPP - Variation of condition C2 (drawings and documents) of planning permission 23/00852/FUL at Land Adjacent To Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision. We had no objection
- vi) 24/00741/FUL - Erection of a replacement stable block at Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision. We had no objection
- vii) 24/00737/LBC Repairs to internal ceilings and walls at Sacrewell Lodge Great North Road, Thornhaugh. Permitted
- viii) 24/00738/LBC Repairs to internal ceilings at Sacrewell Farm And Country Centre, Great North Road, Thornhaugh – Permitted
- ix) There has been concern expressed by a few residents about the installation of a UPVC window into The Rectory. Additionally, the guttering also seems to have been replaced with UPVC. A complaint has been made to Planning Compliance who have opened an enquiry. As far as we are aware, no planning application has been made.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) CAPALC – Various
- ii) Cate Harding - Parish Council Liaison Meeting 19th June 2024 6.30 pm. The Chair apologised that she was unable to attend. We discussed the difficulties of keeping track of various meetings and the Clerk will set up a diary and reminder system for us.

## **9. FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This was approved as proposed by Louise Molesworth and seconded by Yana Clipsham.
- ii) Bank Account Mandate – this needs to be amended due to the recent resignation. The Clerk will send the paperwork to Nicky Rogers so that she can be added as a signatory. It was agreed to leave internet banking with Yana Clipsham.
- iii) Rialtas Parish Council Software Package – it was agreed not to go ahead as it appears over sophisticated and therefore over-priced for the number of transactions for Thornhaugh Parish Council.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **i) Parish Councillor Vacancy**

A resignation email had been received from Camilla Plumb who will leave the Parish Council with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024. The Clerk will manage the official paperwork with PCC. The vacancy notice will be posted on noticeboard and on the website. If an insufficient number of residents request an election, we can go to co-option.

### **ii) Notice Board at Home Farm end of Thornhaugh**

This has been removed whilst groundwork has been done. It has not yet been replaced. The Clerk has obtained quotes for a replacement (c. £750 excluding installation). The Clerk to ask costs of refurbishing existing board for comparative pricing. Gavin Elsey suggested we can apply via him for a grant from the Community Leadership Fund. The Clerk will manage the process. If we can get a grant to cover at least part of the cost, we should go for a new one which will be better for the longer term.

### **iii) Thornhaugh & Wansford Parish Councils' Burial Ground Committee**

The Burial Committee has been given approval to install a flagpole in the church grounds. The type of pole sourced has internal ropes to ensure there is no wind noise for residents. The T&WPCBGC will continue the purchase and installation process and consider which flags to purchase. The idea of designing a village flag has been put on hold pending the T&WPCBGCs' discussions.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh.**  
**Reminder:-** this is the revised dates. Meetings have reverted to Mondays.

**SIGNED**

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Chairman

**DATE**

**16/09/24**

## **ACTION POINTS**

**Highway Issues**

Chris Smith

**Summer Picnic**

Nicky Rogers

**Defibrillator Training**

Louise Molesworth

**Parish Councillor Vacancy**

Deirdre McCumiskey

**Community Leadership Grant**

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