

# THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

### PRESENT

Yana Clipsham  
Nicky Rogers  
Paul Whybrow

### IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Kealey (Member of the Public)  
Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk to the Council)

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

None of the current Parish Councillors felt that they were able to take on the role of Chair at present. Therefore, they will elect a Chair at the beginning of each meeting until a Chair is appointed. Yana Clipsham was appointed Chair for this meeting.

They agreed to split the work of the Chair as follows:-

Planning/Police – Paul Whybrow  
Highways/Finance/Christie Hall – Yana Clipsham  
PCC/Local Issues/Events – Nicky Rogers

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Louise Molesworth and Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor)

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

The member of the public had no issues to raise.

### 5. POLICE MATTERS

No crimes had been formally reported. Paul Whybrow agreed to contact PS Andy Gladders following his email regarding the new parish council-led process of the Police engaging with Parish Councils. Paul will organise a poster to be put on the noticeboards asking that if any residents have any police issues; they should contact him. (Action: PW).+

### 6. MINUTES of the Meeting of Thornhaugh Parish Council held 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair.

**Proposed by:** Yana Clipsham

**Seconded by:** Nicky Rogers

## **7. MATTERS ARISING**

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

Michael Kealey from Home Farm had been the only applicant for the vacancy, and he was therefore co-opted onto the Parish Council. He was welcomed to the Parish Council by the Parish Councillors. Louise Molesworth had indicated that she was considering resigning from the Parish Council. The Clerk will ask her if that is still the case and, if so, has she a date in mind. (Action: the Clerk to contact LM).

### **ii) Highway Issues**

There was no update on Highway Matters.

### **iii) Social Events**

We had to cancel the Christmas Tree Light-Up Event at the end of Meadow Lane because of the awful weather. The Cheese and Wine Party went well though and was enjoyed by those who attended. This year, we plan to separate both Christmas Events again, inviting the Wansford Ukelele Band to play at the Christmas Tree Light-Up Event as we did in 2024 and make alternative entertainment plans for the 2025 Cheese and Wine Party. We agreed to hold a summer event and will ask Joan and Alan Bolton-Frost to see if they would like to host. If they'd rather not, we will look at holding it elsewhere, including The Green at Home Farm if the owner, Martin Witherington, agrees. (Action: MK to speak to MW).

### **iv) Defibrillator Training.**

As Louise Molesworth was not present, there was no update on this.

### **v) Home Farm Noticeboard**

Yana Clipsham reported that her husband had collected the noticeboard and taken it apart. He felt it was repairable and is willing to undertake the necessary work. It was agreed to re-site it nearer to the pedestrian gate rather than in the middle of The Green. (Action MK to speak to MW).

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- i) 24/01392/WCPP - Variation of condition C2 (drawings and documents) pursuant to Planning Permission 23/00852/FUL at Land Adjacent To Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – No Objections. Awaiting Decision
- ii) 24/01125/FUL - Change of use to caravan park at Leedsgate Farm, Kings Cliffe Road, Wansford – Withdrawn by Applicant
- iii) 24/01330/LBC - Insertion of a new external water and waste pipe to the north-east elevation and associated internal alterations to allow for the creation of two en-suite bathrooms at The Old Rectory, 3 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections. Awaiting Decision

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) CAPALC – Various
- ii) Chris Smith – Resignation Letter (noted, and thanks expressed for all Chris's hard work and commitment during her time on the Parish Council)
- iii) Neil Boyce - Funding and Climate Action Forum (passed to Louise Molesworth to mention to the T&WPCBGC)
- iv) Neil Boyce – Parish Council Charter (need to appoint Parish Council Representative and Substitute) – Nicky Rogers agreed to be the Parish Council's Representative

**10. FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. This was approved as proposed by Nicky Rogers and seconded by Yana Clipsham.
- ii) Bank Account Mandate – it was agreed to look at the Bank Account Mandate once the composition of the Parish Council is settled.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**i) CAPALC Training**

It was felt that the current cost of CAPALC Training is expensive. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay the affiliation fees to join CAPALC in the new financial year. This will mean that the cost of training will be cheaper, and the Parish Councillors will have access to all the information on the CAPALC Website.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in St Andrew’s Church, Thornhaugh. .**

**SIGNED**

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Chairman

**DATE**

**10/03/25**