

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

14th January 2008 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Tam Dougan, Charlotte Moore, Anthony Lawrinson

1.1 Apologies for absence

Alex Keeling, Andy Spurr, Neil Walton

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 To Agree Minutes of the meeting dated 10th December 2007

Agreed and signed

1.4 1.4.1 Parking on the Green

Chandler Ray are waiting for statements from Villagers with a long association. The following people are to be consulted for contribution: Mr George Capel (action Tim Nichols), Mr Derek Thomas (action Andy Spurr), Mr Andy Spurr, Mrs Charlotte Moore, Mrs Connie Burchett (action Charlotte Moore)

Action: As above

1.4.2 Sports Field Bridge

Derek has not yet finished off the fencing around the entrances to the bridge, and has been asked again to do this.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.4.3 Highways were informed of various issues in Thornborough that require fixing by AVDC; they all need to be chased. They were Rose Cottage Leylandi trimming, pot hole at the junction of Lower End and High Street, pot holes opposite Hatchet Leys Lane, state of the pavements between Nash End Barns and Chestnut Cottage, pot holes and leaking drains on Chapel lane. Some potholes have now been filled but some still remain. Highways are to be informed again.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.4.4 When there is an accident or flooding on the A421 or A422 traffic is diverted through Thornborough. It was decided that there should be a review of diversion routes. When the A422 is flooded so is Thornborough and so there is no point in diverting traffic through the village. Buckingham County Council has been contacted and is to do a review of the situation and will publish the results for consultation.

Action: Neil Walton

1.5 Planning

07/03338/APP – The Old Manor High Street– Erection of garage and new parking area
07/03340/ALB – The Old Manor High Street – As above
07/03088/APP – Meadow Valley Farm Nash Road – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two storey dwelling - No comment

1.6 Finances

1.6.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors.

1.6.2 Monthly bank reconciliation approved by all councillors.

1.6.3 The following cheques were approved and signed with the appropriate powers considered.

168	ABB	Streetlight Maintenance	64.75
169	Mrs S Reeder	Salary & Expenses	139.22
170	E.on	Streetlights	84.29
171	St Mary's Church	Donation	300.00
172	TPC Reserve Account	Transfer	7,000.00
173	Mr T Nichols	Photocopying	42.00

1.7 Councillors Issues

- 1.7.1 Tam Dougan has resigned as Parish Councillor. Tam has offered to help in an advisory role on future issues, if needed. The Parish Council thanked Tam for all her hard work. The vacancy for Parish Councillor will now be formally advertised.
- 1.7.2 ABB streetlights: In order for the bill to be reduced the Council must officially inform ABB that they wish the streetlights to be turned off. Only the following streetlights will remain on:
Lower End 1 and 3, High Street 3, Back Street 3, Nash Road 8 and 10, Thornhill (Main Road) 1 and 3, Thornhill (Bottom section) 4 and 2, leaving 10 on in total. Both ABB and Powergen have now been informed. The appropriate streetlights were turned off on 26th October. ABB have been told that we want light 1 in Bridge Street switched back on.
- 1.7.3 There have been some complaints from villagers about the streetlights. It was agreed that an article should be put in the next newsletter with the reasons for switching off the streetlights. Also a notice will be put on the notice board. A meeting to be convened to identify suitable replacement lighting so that costs can be obtained.
- Action: Tim Nichols and Sue Reeder**
- 1.7.4 Three dog waste bins have now been ordered from the District Council. They will be placed:
- 1 Halfway between Royles Cottage and the sports field main gates.
 - 2 On the middle section of the Green by the Dole tree.
 - 3 Adjacent to the Children's playground, on the outside, as far to the left as possible when facing the playground.
- 1.7.5 There has been some fly tipping and dumped tyres in Leckhampstead Road. Bucks County Council are to be informed and asked to make arrangements for their removal.
- Action: Charlotte Moore**
- 1.7.6 More strimming of the sports field is needed, also to the inside of the field near the shed. It was decided to get a quote for this work. Also the village has not been strimmed and this needs to be done. It was decided that this should now wait until the ground is hard or has dried out.
- 1.7.7 Winter Maintenance Review: this has now been completed. High Street,

Thornborough did not score enough points to be included for winter maintenance e.g. salting. It was decided by all to write and query the decision not to salt in the High Street as it is on a bus route, a school bus route, there is a school there etc. The decision has now been queried, only one more point is needed to be included for winter maintenance and not all the criteria was included in their assessment. There will be a review and we will be advised of the decision.

Action: Neil Walton

- 1.7.8 Highways have a delegated budget of 120k per year, which they pass down to Aylesbury Vale Local Committee to agree on local Highways related projects, such as streetlights, with 25k maximum for each project. The delegated budget is discretionary amounts that can be made available. There is a bidding/assessment process for next year and it was decided to apply for some of the budget for such things as footpath lights or to repair or replace damaged kerbstones. Neil has now asked for application forms and contacts. We need to find out how much footpath lights cost and where they are most needed. Then we will know how many to apply for. The deadline has now been extended to 31st December.

Action: Neil Walton

- 1.7.9 A site for the Affordable Housing has still to be decided. Suggested sites are the field in Nash Road between the children's playground and Nash End Barns. land beyond the allotments, the bottom of Thornhill, although this could cause traffic problems, and the field opposite the sports field as long as this is still within the village boundary. Jean Fox is to be invited to attend the January Parish Council meeting to see a map of the village and discuss the potential sites.

- 1.7.10 Contractors working at The Old Manor in High Street have been constantly parking on the verges and the footpaths, blocking pedestrian access and ruining the verges. It was decided to speak to Charles Hall and ask him to ask the builders to park more considerately.

Action: Tim Nichols

- 1.7.11 High Street is to close from 2nd – 23rd January 2008 to carry out drainage works at The Old Manor. A diversion route has been arranged, bringing traffic into Bridge Street or the entrance by the Lone Tree from the A421. It was decided to ask Transportation if this could be changed so that traffic would be diverted into the Thornton turn from the A421 and then into Thornborough via Nash Road.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.7.12 The drains in Chapel Lane are blocked. When it rains the rainwater does not drain away. It was decided to inform Highways and ask for the drains to be cleared.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.8 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm