

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

11th February 2008 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Anthony Lawrinson, Charlotte Moore, Andy Spurr, Alex Keeling

1.1 Apologies for absence

Neil Walton

1.2 Co-option of new councillor

No one at this time has come forward for co-option. The vacancy will be advertised again

1.3 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Andy Spurr has an interest in one of the planning applications

1.4 To Agree Minutes of the meeting dated 14th January 2008

Agreed and signed

1.5 1.5.1 Parking on the Green

Statements are to be taken from the following people with a long association with the village: Mr George Capel (action Tim Nichols), Mr Derek Thomas, Mr Andy Cole (action Andy Spurr), Mr Andy Spurr, Mrs Charlotte Moore, Mrs Connie Burchett (action Charlotte Moore). The statements will be given to Chandler Ray so that The Green can be registered with the Parish Council. It can then be legitimately protected.

Action: As above

1.5.2 Sports Field Bridge

Derek Thomas is to be asked again to do the fencing at the bridge to the sports field. There is a gap in the present railings which could be dangerous as there is a large drop down to the stream.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.5.3 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

1.6 Planning

07/03148/APP – 1 Bridge Street– Two storey side extension - Amendment - No comment

08/00048/APP – Thornborough Manor High Street – New cottage to replace previous destroyed by fire - Renewal 03/0739/APP - Objection to the overall scale of the cottage, the joining section between existing barn and cottage for use as garage. Is this an identical re-application?

08/00047/ACD– Thornborough Manor High Street – Removal of front stone wall to provide for construction of new thatched dwelling on site of previous cottage - Renewal 03/00174/ACD - No comment

1.7 Finances

1.7.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors.

1.7.2 Monthly bank reconciliation approved by all councillors.

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

174	Mrs S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	129.34
175	ABB	Streetlight Maintenance	290.23
176	Bucks Playing Field Assoc.	Subscription	20.00

1.8 Councillors Issues

1.8.1 Villagers have informed us of their alarm at the state of the village. Large pot holes, broken or displaced kerbstones and the condition of the verges and greens are some of the reasons for their alarm and concern. Inconsiderate parking on greens and verges around the village has left large ruts in the grass and in some places the grass has disappeared altogether. Among the culprits are builders, utility vans and contractors. Contractors should take responsibly for any damage caused to kerbs and verges. Large lorries diverted through the village because of accidents or flooding on other roads are also to blame. Some parents driving their children to school are parking on verges or greens and causing some of the damage. Copies of a letter asking parents not to park on the verges or greens is to be sent to Mrs Howard at Thornborough infant's school asking for it to be passed on to parents. Cars parked on verges may have a note put on their windscreen. One solution is to put boulders at the edge of the grass to stop motorists parking there. It was decided to ask for quotes for these. We are also looking to close Back Street on match days so that motorists can park on the road and not the verges. If villagers could be encouraged to vote councillors in and out we could gain quality status and have the power to do the repairs ourselves, until then Bucks CC is responsible.

1.8.2 The Parish Council will arrange a meeting with Jean Fox of Bucks Community Action at a future date. This will be to discuss potential affordable housing sites.

1.8.3 The Parish Council was asked for its opinion on a permanent Christmas tree being planted in the village. It was agreed that we do not want a permanent Christmas tree.

1.8.4 Part of the stream near the bridge at Lower End towards Hatchett Leys Lane is blocked; when the bank was cleared the resulting debris was put back into the stream. Riparian owners to be informed.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.8.5 Proposed extinguishment of Highway rights, Hatchett Leys Lane. Bucks CC wishes to stop up land behind Pear Tree Cottage. It considers this to be surplus to highway requirement. All residents in Hatchett Leys Lane will be notified.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.6 The parish Council is planning to replace the plain railings in the village with ornamental ones over time. These would match the railings at the bridge by the village hall. It was decided that Michael Box at Bucks CC should be contacted for the name of the fabricators. We can then ask them for estimates.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.9 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm