

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

14th July 2008 at 7.30pm

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

1.1 Apologies for absence
Neil Walton

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda
None

1.3 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 09th June 2008
Agreed and signed

1.4 1.4.1 Parking on the Green

Connie Burchett has given her letter regarding past usage of The Green to the Parish Council. Derek Thomas and Andy Spurr have still to write. When we have all of the letters they will be forwarded to Chandler Ray so that they can proceed with the registration of The Green.

1.4.2 Ken Horne of Highways has visited the village to look at areas of concern. The Parish Gang has been to the village again to carry out repairs. Areas of the Green were made good by Highways only to be spoilt again by inconsiderate drivers. We have been advised by Bucks County Council that we may not need full quality status to be able to carry out some repairs ourselves as long as we satisfy certain criteria. The subject is to be put onto the August agenda for discussion at the August council meeting.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.5 Planning

08/01519/APP By the Green, The Green - Erection of Conservatory - No comment
08/01236/APP Ashtree Cottage, Nash Road - Erection of ménage - 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

194	E Gibb	Duck Food Village Pond	13.60	
195	Martin Thomas	Fence Guard at Sports Field Bridge	380.00	
196	Playsafety Ltd	Playground Inspection	144.53	
197	North Bucks Planning Consortium	Subscription	20.00	
198	S Reeder	Salary	120.60	LGA 1972 s112

01.07.08 DD Anglian Water 16.00

01.07.08 DD E.on 107.00

1.7 Councillors Issues

- 1.7.1 Bucks Highways have told us that we can place boulders on the Green a little way from the edge. The insurance company have reviewed the information given to them and have confirmed that the action of putting boulders on verges is acceptable. It was resolved that boulders are to be placed around the Green by the village hall. This is to be a temporary measure to allow the area to recover. In the long term we may be eligible for a grant to grasscrete the area outside the village hall. It was resolved that we are to find out whether a grant is available (Action: Anthony Lawrinson). It was agreed that we would explain to villagers in the next newsletter and by posting information on the notice board that after consultation with Highways and the Insurance Company we have decided to put boulders on the green as a temporary measure during the summer. (Action: Tim Nichols)

The issues in Back Street such as parking and traffic are still to be reviewed and discussed (Action: Andy Spurr/Neil Walton).

Action: As Above

- 1.7.2 PC Nicole Bruce is to walk the village to carry out a visual assessment of parking problems. Adequate parking is not available in the village and therefore cars are being parked in the road. Councillor Alex Keeling expressed his concerns regarding illegal parking and speeding saying these are an issue in the village. Some councils hire young people to carry out traffic surveys. If we did this it would tell us how much and what type of traffic is using the roads. It was agreed that a note asking for young people willing to undertake accessing of traffic through the village should be put in the newsletter (Action: Tim Nichols)

Action: As Above

- 1.7.3 Buckinghamshire County Council have assured us that we will be advised of any changes on the A421. The subject of dualling of the A421 is in the Buckingham Plan; it was resolved that we would formally write to Bucks County Council advising them that the parish council is against any dualling of the A421 referring to the PFA report and the parish plan. It was also decided that we should formally respond to the speed limit review consultation to register our interest, and to support the 40mph speed limit recommended for Coombs.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson/Sue Reeder

- 1.7.4 The churchyard has been tidied but it was agreed that a request for volunteers to help in the future is to be put in next month's newsletter.

Action: Charlotte Moore

- 1.7.5 We understand that the area opposite the pub in Bridge Street would not be eligible for a grant from Highways delegated budget and that we would have to fund grasscreting of the area ourselves.

- 1.7.6 We are waiting to be informed of the next step towards affordable housing. There was an invitation to visit an affordable housing development in Cheddington, where one of the houses was open for viewing. We could not attend but photos will be taken of the houses so that we can see what has been done there.

- 1.7.7 Agreed: That Andy Spurr is to walk the field alongside the stream at Lower End to check whether there are any blockages. This could be done on a six

monthly basis. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to riparian owners every twelve months reminding them of their responsibilities and liabilities and that a letter is to be sent to Bucks CC regarding the silt blocking the drain in High Street opposite the school. It was agreed that a letter is to be sent to Bucks Highways asking them to investigate culverts in High Street which may be blocked (Action: Anthony Lawrinson) and to see whether any money is available to employ a consultant who would identify any problems and who would refer back to the Water Company and Bucks CC with any issues.

Action: As Above

1.7.8 It was decided that the quotes for ornamental railings in the village were too high and we were to look into the possibility of obtaining a grant. Some councils employ people in a commission based role to look into all grants available to councils. This subject is to go onto the agenda for the August meeting.

1.7.9 The Community Sustainable Energy Programme: Two types of grants are available; a grant of up to £5,000 is available to fund development studies which must be carried out by an approved consultant; capital grants are available for installing energy efficient measures. Solar panels could be put on the village hall and the sports pavilion. Energy efficient footpath lighting could be installed; locations and design to be agreed. It was agreed that we should go ahead. The next step is to agree a consultant.

Action: Neil Walton

1.7.10 Highways have been informed about the blocked drains in High Street. We also need to inform them about the blocked drains in Lower End and Chapel Lane.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.7.11 Mark Cole brought details of a village magazine to the meeting. It was agreed that a working party would be set up and that Sandie Davies should be invited to be involved. Any profit from a magazine would go to the Friendship Club (Action: Mark Cole). The subject is to go onto the agenda for the August meeting. There is a Community Chest fund which grants up to £1,000 for small projects, it was decided to apply for a grant to fund the cost of producing a magazine. (Action: Anthony Lawrinson).

Action: As Above

1.7.12 We now have the proof of the Parish Paths leaflet. It was agreed that 350 copies would be ordered once we have found out whether the Parish boundary had changed. (Action: Sue Reeder) It was also agreed that we should apply for a Micro Grant from the Community Chest (Action: Anthony Lawrinson) for the printing of the Parish Paths leaflet.

Action: As Above

1.7.13 Resolved: that we should find out whether the Lone Tree is a listed building as the parish council has no documentation to say that it is.

Action: Andy Spurr/Charlotte Moore

1.7.14 There is a partly built house in High Street. Work was stopped because planning permission had not been obtained. It was agreed that we should find out any more information available.

Action: Neil Walton

1.7.15 Agreed: That the unmetered electricity supply agreement from E.on is to be investigated further.

1.7.16 The Rospa play area safety inspection report was seen by all councillors.

1.7.17 The application from Bucks County Council to stop up part of the highway adjacent to Pear Tree Cottage under section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 was noted - no action required.

1.7.18 Resolved: that each new resident to the village should be sent a welcome letter and information on contacts and facilities and that a letter is to be drafted for approval.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.8 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm