

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

13th October 2008 at 7.30pm

Present: Anthony Lawrinson, Andy Spurr, Charlotte Moore, Mark Cole

1.1 Apologies for absence

Tim Nichols, Alex Keeling, Neil Walton

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

The clerk has an interest in the review of the clerk's salary.

1.3 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 08th September 2008

Agreed and signed

1.4 1.4.1 Parking on the Green

Chandler Ray has written saying that they need Statutory Declarations from villagers who are or have been councillors and have a long association with the village. When they have received these they can go ahead with the registering of the greens. Chandler Ray has been contacted and has told us their charges so far.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.4.2 The parish gang has carried out repairs to the Green which have been spoilt again by inconsiderate parking.

We have been asked again by Highways to report any repairs needed to the parish gang.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.5 Planning

08/02189/ATC Greenview, 1 Chapel Lane - Repollard weeping willow - The time limit has passed.

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

204	Busiprint	Parish Plan Copies (Parish Plan Grant)	570.00	LGA 1972 s111
205	E.on	Street Lights	178.92	PCA 1957 s3(1)
206	Mrs S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	154.02	LGA 1972 s112

01.10.08 DD Anglian Water 7.00

01.10.08 DD E.on 30.00

1.6.4 The clerk's salary was reviewed and it was resolved that it should rise on the LC1 scale from SCP15 to SCP16

1.7 Councillors Issues

1.7.1 It was resolved that we would apply to the delegated budget scheme for money in respect of grasscreting the grassed area outside the village hall

and that we would obtain a quotation for the work. Alex Keeling is to be asked for any information he has on grasscrete.

Contractors working in Lower End have caused damage to verges. They have said that they will make good any damage.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.7.2 Parishes met with the police when travellers were discussed. Landowners are being encouraged to register their details with the police for inclusion in a database. In future the police will be able to act quickly to remove travellers with an s61 order.

Full time policing has been withdrawn from rural areas in North Bucks and has been reduced to two days a week.

All villages are to be included in a speed enforcement programme. Police will be able to seize vehicles without road tax or insurance.

The above will be discussed at the November meeting.

Partial Review of the SE Plan: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs. It was agreed that the paperwork is to be completed by Alex Keeling for approval at the November meeting.

Action: Alex Keeling

- 1.7.3 Affordable Housing Approaching Landowners: Jean Fox will approach the landowners of the potential affordable housing sites.

- 1.7.4 It was agreed that we would contact Bucks CC to investigate the viability of a culvert at the bridge in Bridge Street.

Action: Andy Spurr/Sue Reeder

- 1.7.5 It was agreed that we will contact Bucks CC to see whether the parish council would be liable if an accident happened to someone falling through the gap in the remaining kee clamp railings.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.7.6 The Community Sustainable Energy Programme: A consultant has been engaged who will provide us with options and quotes on sustainable energy. We will then be able to apply for a feasibility study grant. It was agreed that street lights could be replaced with solar energy footpath lighting - 25 - 30 altogether, to be installed at locations including the village green and the school.

Action: Neil Walton

- 1.7.7 Village Magazine: A sample magazine was shown to the council. It was agreed that costs for a village magazine, title to be decided, are to be obtained for the next 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 of a magazine.

Action: Mark Cole

- 1.7.8 A welcome letter to all new residents was approved.

- 1.7.9 We have been asked to consider the purchase of a container for the duck food to prevent vermin from getting to it. It was agreed that we will purchase a strong plastic container for storing the duck food. The

legislation used for the expenditure will be the Local Government Act 1972 s137.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.7.10 Criteria for Gaining Approval to Take on Services: We were informed by BALC that we do not qualify at the moment because of the clerk's lack of experience. It was agreed that we would contact them again to find out what experience is required by the clerk.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.7.11 Sports Field Agreement: This is to be shown to the cricket club and discussed at the November meeting.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.7.12 Cricket balls entering nearby properties: It was resolved that the owners of the property who have had cricket balls in their garden will be invited to a future parish council meeting where the matter will be discussed.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.7.13 It was agreed that Cartwright's are to be asked to do a final cut at the end of October.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.7.14 Response to Bucks CC LTP2 update: The response was approved and will be sent to Bucks CC.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.7.15 Overhanging vegetation: It was agreed that the owners of the overhanging hedge in Padbury Road will be contacted and asked to trim it.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.8 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm