

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

10th November 2008 at 7.30pm

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

Public: Three members of the public

1.1 Apologies for absence

None

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

The clerk has an interest in the clerk's annual salary rise.

1.3 Public Participation: Mr and Mrs Staff spoke regarding cricket balls entering their garden from the sports field on cricket match days and their concern that no-one from the cricket club came round on these occasions to see whether there had been any injury to anyone or damage to property. Mr and Mrs Staff are worried for their grandchildren's and their own safety when they are in the garden on match days. There have been two instances of actual damage. They have made some suggestions to the cricket club as a solution to the problem but these have been turned down. The suggestions include: to move the square further away, to rotate the square through 90 degrees, only play from one end, put netting up, which the owners of the house next to the sports field do not want and to stop hitting sixes, this would mean that the cricket club would be excluded from competitions.

Mr and Mrs Staff said that they do not want the club to stop playing cricket and that some measures that have been taken by the cricket club have improved the situation.

A meeting between all interested parties is to be arranged.

The Treasurer of St Mary's church, Sarah Vinson spoke on maintenance of the churchyard and asked for the parish council to pay for the cost of the grass cutting. The church is finding it difficult to find the money themselves; grants are received for the maintenance of the building but not for the grass cutting.

The parish council said that the church is vital to the community and that volunteers to help with the maintenance of the churchyard should be sought

1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 13th October 2008

Agreed and signed

1.5 1.5.1 Parking on the Green

We are awaiting news from Chandler Ray regarding registration of the Greens.

Action: Sue Reeder

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

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.6 Planning

None

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** A review of the parish council’s banking arrangements was undertaken and found to be satisfactory.
- 1.7.4** **It was resolved that** the budget and precept for 2009/10 will be discussed and approved at an extra meeting w/c 24th November
- 1.7.5** The following cheques were approved and signed with the appropriate powers considered

207	Mrs S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	137.28	LGA 1972 s112
208	Mrs S Reeder	Remembrance Wreath	12.00	LGA 1972 s137
209	AVDC	Emptying of Dog Waste Bins	406.93	
210	E.on	Street Lights	22.37	PCA 1957 s3(1)
211	E Gibb	Duck Food	13.40	

03.11.08 DD Anglian Water 7.00
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- 1.7.6** The clerk’s annual salary rise was approved and will be backdated to 1st April 2008 in accordance with NALC recommendations.

1.8 Councillors Issues

- 1.8.1 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.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.2 Rural Policing in Buckinghamshire: Alex Keeling has written to Thames Valley Police regarding the withdrawal of full time officers from rural areas in North Bucks.

Partial Review of the SE Plan: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs. The paperwork is still to be completed for approval.

Action: Alex Keeling

- 1.8.3 Affordable Housing Approaching Landowners: Jean Fox has contacted us to say that the potential site at the top of Thornhill has been ruled out. The sites at Back Street and the allotments are still potential sites and the landowner at Nash Farm is to be seen at the end of November.

- 1.8.4 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

- 1.8.5 Liability in the case of an accident at railings in village: Bucks CC has replied to say that the parish council would be liable in the case of an accident happening at railings belonging to them.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.6 The Community Sustainable Energy Programme: We have been informed that our application for solar energy lighting was not viable.

Action: Neil Walton

- 1.8.7 Village Magazine: We now have the quotations from the printers and will apply for the Community Chest Micro Grant for help with the start up costs of the magazine. (Action: Sue Reeder) We are still hoping to persuade Sandie Davis to stay on for the meanwhile and Neil Walton has offered to help with the printing of the Thornborough News.

Action: As Above

- 1.8.8 To be put on the December agenda and discussed at that meeting: The purchase of some more ducks, a duck house and a container for the duck food.

- 1.8.9 Criteria for Gaining Approval to Take on Services: We have been informed by BALC that five years experience is needed by the clerk before we can take on services from Bucks CC.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.10 Sports Field Agreement: This is to be shown to the cricket club and discussed at the December meeting.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.11 Cartwright's has done a final grass cut.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.12 Overhanging vegetation: Highways has been contacted and will be contacted again regarding overgrown vegetation in the village.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.13 The Freedom of Information Act: The Publication Scheme was adopted by a resolution of the council and will be published on the parish council's web site. It was also resolved that copies of information not on the web site will be charged at 10p per sheet.

- 1.8.14 Development at Benthill: The Buckingham Society will keep us informed.

1.9 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm