

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

08th December 2008 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Andy Spurr, Alex Keeling, Neil Walton, Mark Cole

Public: One member of the public

1.1 Apologies for absence

Anthony Lawrinson, Charlotte Moore

The chairman having to leave the meeting early because of business commitments and the vice-chairman being absent **it was proposed, seconded and resolved that** Alex Keeling would chair the meeting.

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 Public Participation:

The member of the public spoke on an item on the agenda - planning application 08/02607/APP Retention of rear conservatory at 33 Thornhill.

They told the parish council of their objections to the planning application for the following reasons:

The conservatory has a transparent pitched roof and can be looked into from their property; the owners may be able to look into the member of the public's property.

The conservatory is very close to the boundary of their property with one window opening onto their patio area.

At night time the conservatory lights shine directly into their living area.

The conservatory has affected the amount of sunlight entering their garden.

There is insufficient drainage causing their garden to flood.

They told the parish council that they were not consulted before the erection of the conservatory and if they had been would have requested a flat roof and bricks rather than windows on the side facing their boundary.

Relevant photographs were shown to the council.

The member of the public said that some properties in Thornhill have restrictive covenants on them in their leases.

The member of the public then left the meeting.

After the parish council discussed the planning application it was proposed and resolved that the parish council will oppose the planning application commenting that there may be a restrictive covenant on the property and that there is insufficient drainage.

1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 10th November and 24th November 2008

Agreed and signed

1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens

Chandler Ray will be contacted and asked whether there is any progress.

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

08/02607/APP - discussed and resolved in 1.3

08/02649/ATC Home Farm Chapel Lane - Fell no 1 horse chestnut, sycamore and poplar - No comment

1.7 Finances

1.7.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.7.2 December's bank statement has not yet been received therefore December's bank reconciliation is to be presented for agreement at the meeting of January 12th 2009

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

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| 212 | Mrs S Reeder | Salary and Expenses | 182.16 | LGA 1972 s112 |
| 213 | SLCC | Subscription | 61.00 | LGA 1972 s143 (1)(b) |
| 214 | E.on | Street Light Maintenance | 67.28 | PCA 1957 s3(1) |

01.12.08 DD Anglian Water 7.00

01.12.08 DD E.on 30.00

1.8 Councillors Issues

1.8.1 It was resolved at an earlier meeting 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. Information on grasscreting can be obtained from the internet.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.8.2 Rural Policing in Buckinghamshire: A reply to Alex Keeling's letter has been received from the Chief Constable answering most of the questions. The item is to go onto the January agenda for discussion at that meeting.

Partial Review of the SE Plan: Gypsy and Traveller

Accommodation Needs. Existing sites should be maintained. The parish council would not support any sites in Thornborough parish.

Action: Alex Keeling

1.8.3 Affordable Housing: We are awaiting news from Jean Fox of Buckinghamshire Community Action.

1.8.4 Culvert at bridge in Bridge Street: The parish council is investigating the possibility of a culvert.

Action: Andy Spurr/Sue Reeder

1.8.5 Village Magazine: The parish council has been awarded £400 from the Community Chest Micro Grant for start-up costs of the village magazine.

The allocation of a sum of money for the production of the magazine was

proposed with a budget of up to £1,000 for capital costs. A working party needs to be set up. The subject is to go onto the January agenda for discussion and resolution at that meeting.

In the meantime Alex Keeling has offered to print a temporary newsletter for January/February.

- 1.8.6 **Purchase of Aylesbury ducks, a duck house and container for duck food:** It was decided that we would ask Buckingham Town Council whether they have any ducks that they would allow us to have. It was proposed that up to £500 would be made available for the purchase of a duck house. These subjects are to go onto the January agenda for discussion and resolution at that meeting.

- 1.8.7 **Sports Field Agreement:** A copy of the sports field agreement will be sent to the football club.

Neighbours of the sports field have been contacted regarding a meeting with the cricket club to discuss cricket balls entering nearby properties. Alex Keeling has offered to attend the meeting as representative of the parish council.

The cricket club will next meet in January.

- 1.8.8 **Overhanging vegetation:** Highways has been contacted and will be contacted again regarding overgrown vegetation in the village. Subjects brought up for the January agenda and discussion and resolution at that meeting were: overgrown footpath in High Street and verges needing repair.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.9 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm