

**MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
12th January 2009 at 7.30pm**

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

Public: None

1.1 Apologies for absence

Andy Spurr

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 Public Participation:

No members of the public present

1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 08th December 2008

Agreed and signed

1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens

Chandler Ray has been contacted and has said that there is no progress to report. Alex Keeling will ring and speak to Diana Davis.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.5.2 We have many pot holes in the village's roads; Highways is to be chased regarding their repair.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.6 Planning

08/02846/ATC College Farm, Lower End - Crown reduction 1 Ash - No comment

08/02892/APP Indaba, Bridge Street - Erection of Replacement Conservatory - No comment

08/02628/APP Western Green Farm Bletchley Road - Demolition of existing farmhouse and erection of two storey detached dwelling and renovation of outbuildings to form annexe and erection of stables - No comment

08/02848/APP Willowford House Back Street - Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension - No objection in principle, letter asking for conditions sent to Development Control at AVDC

1.7 Finances

1.7.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.7.2 December 2008 and January 2009 bank reconciliation approved by all councillors

1.7.3 The annual review of the effectiveness of internal audit was undertaken by the council

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

215	Mrs S Reeder	Salary	135.04	LGA 1972 s112
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216	E.on	Street Lights	44.74	PCA 1957 s3
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02.01.09 DD Anglian Water 7.00

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1.8 Councillors Issues

- 1.8.1 Quotation to be obtained for grasscreting the area outside the village hall which is of primary concern, the areas outside The Two Brewers and at Back Street being secondary.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.2 **Rural Policing in Buckinghamshire:** The full time police officer for Thornborough and a number of other villages has been replaced by a part time officer even though the police precept was recently increased by 19%. A letter from the Chief Constable states that after a review of Neighbourhood Specialist Officers (NSO) it was discovered that north of the district could lose one of them. Terry Cavender of Akeley parish and Sir Beville Stanier, Bucks CC councillor are taking the matter up. The goal is to ensure the continuance of a proper police officer.

Action: Alex Keeling

Partial Review of the SE Plan: Gypsy and Traveller

Accommodation Needs. The response has been completed and sent off, 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:** Rod James has offered to become editor. We are still working on the costs for the production of the magazine. In the interim a newsletter will be produced before the first proper colour magazine. A letter will go out to all residents on the launch of the new magazine.

Action: Mark Cole

Tim Nichols will compose a letter for the new magazine.

Action: Tim Nichols

In the meantime Alex Keeling has offered to print a temporary newsletter.

Action: Alex Keeling

- 1.8.6 **Aylesbury ducks and duck house:** Buckingham Town Council has advised us that their ducks are wild and can therefore not give any to us. It was resolved that we would purchase ten ducks and that a duck house will be purchased to be put in the pond.

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

- 1.8.8 **Overhanging vegetation:** Highways has been contacted and will be contacted again regarding overgrown vegetation at the playground sign and Lower End.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.9 **Maintenance of the church clock:** The parish council has the power to

maintain the church clock, PCA 1957 s2; it was proposed that the council would maintain the clock and resolved that Charlotte should get costing for the maintenance to present to the council at the February meeting.

Action: Charlotte Moore

1.8.10 **Maintenance of the churchyard:** It was resolved that we will try to get local people involved in maintaining the churchyard, an article asking for volunteers is to be put into the village magazine. One suggested solution is that sheep could be used in the churchyard to keep the grass cropped with fencing to keep them off the paths. It was proposed that an option was that we could put the mowing of the grass onto the parish council's grass cutting schedule.

1.8.11 **Village Post Office:** We have been told that the post office will not continue in its present form once sold. It was resolved that the church vestry could be used if suitable; we are to ask Pam, who at present works in the post office, if she would run the post office at a different venue.

Action: Mark Cole

1.8.12 **Ruined Verges:** Many of the verges have been ruined by construction vehicles associated with building works, or villagers and visitors parking on them or using them for passing. Highways have said we can use boulders as protection. It was resolved that we would get costing for them and once building works are completed arrange to fill the ruts in and then put boulders around the edge.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.8.13 **Footpath from post box to pond:** Over time the footpath has narrowed due to overgrowing grass. It was resolved that we would see what work would be involved and how much it would cost to trim the grass back. We would then consider whether to spend the money.

1.8.14 **Road gritting:** We have previously found out that the village is not eligible for road gritting.

1.8.15 **Water running down road from Lone Tree into Lower End:** This may be caused by overflowing drains or a spring or because the road was not gritted. Highways to be informed.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.8.16 **Tourist sign for The Two Brewers:** It was resolved that Highways are to be contacted and asked whether we can have a brown tourist sign to The Two Brewers off of the A421.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.9 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm