

**MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**11th May 2009 at 7.30pm**

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

**Public:** None

**1.1 Apologies for absence**  
None

**1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda**  
None

**1.3 Public Participation:**  
None

**1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 14th April 2009**  
Agreed and signed

**1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens**

Tim Nichols and Sue Reeder walked around the village with Diana Davis from Chandler Ray to identify all the areas of Green in Thornborough. We cannot protect the Greens while they are common land and progress on registration is slow; it was resolved that we will contact Chandler Ray to see why registration is taking so long.

**Action: Tim Nichols**

**1.5.2** Despite using the pothole hotline and contacting Highways there are still numerous potholes in the village, although Highways has been out and marked several for repair. We have received complaints about the potholes from villagers; we need to ask villagers to report the potholes to Highways by emailing or phoning them and resolved to publish contact details in the Thornborough News.

We resolved to write to Sir Beville Stanier about the matter (Action: Neil Walton).

When we acquire quality status we will be able to do the repairs ourselves.

**Action: As Above**

**1.6 Planning**

09/00715/ALB The Old Manor, High Street - Single Storey extension, first floor and detached garage - amendment to 06/02480/ALB - We ask that any damage caused to verges or road because of building work is repaired.

**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** Following evaluation of the tenders received by the council from insurance companies, it was resolved that the council would accept the tender from Came and Company.

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

232	Broker Network Ltd	Parish Council Insurance	1,210.86	LGA 1972 s111
233	Mrs S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	189.04	LGA 1972 s112
234	E.on	Street Lights	48.68	PCA 1957 s3
235	3rd Buckingham Scout Group	Donation Towards New Tent	100.00	LGA 1972 s137
236	Charlotte Moore	Bin for Duck Food	18.51	

01.05.09 DD Anglian Water 7.00  
01.05.09 DD E.on 21.00

**1.8 Councillors Issues**

1.8.1 **Grasscreting:** We are awaiting details of quotations for the areas requiring grasscreting.

**Action: Anthony Lawrinson**

1.8.2 **Affordable Housing:** We are waiting for Jean Fox to contact us with information on the next stage.

1.8.3 **Culvert at bridge in Bridge Street:** We are awaiting a reply to our calls from Engineer Beryl Kemplen of AVDC, it was resolved to contact her again.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

1.8.4 **Village Magazine:** Thornborough News has received £400.00 worth of advertising. More material and photographs are needed for future issues from the parish council and the sports clubs.

1.8.5 **Aylesbury ducks and duck house:** The village will soon have some Aylesbury ducks. (Action: Andy Spurr/Charlotte Moore).

We have not been able to find any duck houses yet. When we do the ducks will need to become accustomed to their duck house and we are not sure how to do this at the moment. The position of the duck house is still to be decided. We resolved that an article will be put into the Thornborough News asking whether anyone has ideas for the design of the duck house and how to get the ducks to use it.

A dustbin for the duck food has been purchased.

**Action: As Above**

1.8.6 **Sports Field Agreement:** The cricket club are meeting on Tuesday 12th May and will sign the agreement then. The football club may have some issues with the agreement and will be asked to contact us to discuss them.

1.8.7 **Overhanging vegetation:** The overhanging vegetation at Lower End is in hand. (Action: Anthony Lawrinson)

The hedge at the playground to Nash End Farm is overgrown; we are to ask the owner if he would trim it.

There is a footpath sign lying on the verge in High Street, Bucks County Council to be informed (Action: Sue Reeder)

**Action: As Above**

- 1.8.8 **Village Post Office:** We have contacted the post office again with regard to hosting a post office in the village hall; they have acknowledged the letter and will get in touch to discuss the matter.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.9 **Ruined Verges:** Top soil will be used to repair verges and boulders put where necessary to prevent further damage. The major areas needing repair will be done first and then the rest.

**Action: Tim Nichols/Anthony Lawrinson**

- 1.8.10 **Fly Tipping:** The fly tipping at the Lone Tree has been removed by AVDC.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.11 **Footpath from post box to pond and Churchyard:** Work has commenced on the churchyard; as the churchwarden is not happy with the work done so far they will speak with Hannah Melisi regarding the quality of the work. When work in the churchyard is completed workers will start clearing the footpath.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.12 **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**

- 1.8.13 **Tourist sign for The Two Brewers:** Highways has replied to our request for a tourist sign; an application form has to be completed and sent back to them along with an assessment fee. It was resolved that we would go ahead with the application.

**Action: Andy Spurr**

- 1.8.14 **Diversions when A421 is closed:** When part of the A421 was closed recently traffic was diverted along Lower End and along Leckampstead Road instead of through Great Horwood. It is thought that the police do not always know of the correct diversion route. Alex Keeling will mention the subject at the next NAG meeting which will be on Wednesday.

**Action: Alex Keeling**

- 1.8.16 **Grass cutting Tenders/Purchase of Lawn Mower:** Quotations for lawn mowers have been obtained, second hand lawn mowers range from £3,000 to £9,000. A lawn mower capable of cutting the greens would cost between £3,000 and £4,000, someone who could do the work would need to be found. We still need to find out what insurance cover is needed, this could be part funded by the sports clubs.

**Action: Andy Spurr**

- 1.8.17 **Reserves:** The matter of reserves was discussed fully; enough money needs to be set aside so that when the council has to spend money on such projects as footpath lighting or grasscreting it does not have to take out a loan to finance them. In the next few meetings the cost of lighting and any village improvement plans will be identified.

1.8.17 **Light at Lower End:** It was resolved that we would accept e.on's quotation for a new light and part-night photo cell at Lower End providing that the quotation of £300.00 for the light and £15.00 for the part-night photo cell + VAT has not risen.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

1.8.18 **Allotment Rental:** Two young people who live in Thornborough have applied for an allotment. It was resolved that we would allow them to have an allotment but that a parent must sign the allotment agreement.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

1.8.19 **Repair of Emersion Heater at Sports Pavilion:** It was resolved that a plumber is to be contacted and asked to repair the emersion heater in the sports pavilion.

**Action: Andy Spurr**

## **1.9 Correspondence**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm