

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

08th June 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Anthony Lawrinson, Andy Spurr, Neil Walton

Public: One member of the public

1.1 Apologies for absence

Charlotte Moore, Alex Keeling, Mark Cole

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Anthony Lawrinson declared a minor interest in planning application item 1.6 - 09/00653/APP

1.3 Public Participation: The member of the public said that the playground equipment needed cleaning and the brambles, weeds etc. removed and that the rubber on the swings was perishing. Minute reference 1.8.17.

1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 11th May 2009

Agreed and signed

1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens

Chandler Ray are awaiting a reply from Bucks CC in answer to their queries regarding adopted footpaths.

They are also waiting for a map of Thornborough footpaths from Rights of Way which they will put with the council's mowing plan and a selection of photographs of the greens for our Statutory Declaration.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.5.2 Anthony Lawrinson met with Highways to talk about areas in the village needing repair. A plan of what needs doing - pot holes, verge repairs, blocked drains, pavement repair etc. is to be put together to give to Highways. We also spoke to Highways about speed limits in the village; a 40mph speed limit from the village sign in Thornton Road, which would also bring down the speed of traffic in Back Street, 40mph limits from the Lone Tree to Lower End and from Cat Lane to Bridge Street and restrictions on vehicle weight and width, Highways are not keen on vehicle restrictions but would look at putting in traffic calming (Action: Anthony Lawrinson).

Simon Dudley, Team Leader, Area Maintenance will be invited to a council meeting to discuss the subject and we will also encourage villagers to come along by way of an article in the Thornborough News (Action: Tim Nichols)

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

Action: As Above

1.6 Planning

09/00653/APP Land at High Street - Erection of detached dwelling - Opposed, comments: - Dwelling on too large a scale, larger than adjacent buildings and on elevated ground. If and when this and any other plan is passed we ask that access to the site is via Padbury Road not High Street and that vehicles associated with the site do not come through the village and that their size is restricted. We may not oppose an application on a smaller scale.

1.7 Finances

1.7.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

- 1.7.2** June's bank reconciliation has not yet been received and will be presented for approval at July's parish council meeting
- 1.7.3** A cheque for £401.00 to Thornborough news was signed, dated 28/05/09, being an emergency payment for printing costs; details below
- 1.7.4** The following cheques were approved and signed with the appropriate powers considered

237 28/05/09	Thornborough News	Village Magazine	401.00	LGA 1972 s142(2)
238	Auditing Solutions	Internal Audit	287.50	
239	E.on	Street Lights	24.34	PCA 1957 s3
240	E.on	New Street Light	362.25	PCA 1957 s3
241	E.on	Street Light Maintenance	71.59	PCA 1957 s3
242	S Reeder	Salary	151.92	LGA 1972 s112

01.06.09 DD Anglian Water 7.00
01.06.09 DD E.on 21.00

1.8 Councillors Issues

- 1.8.1 Grasscreting:** We now have a quotation for reinstating damaged verges along the road side in High Street, around the green of Church Lane and the green at the junction of Back and High Street (Dole Tree and nearby areas), and for a grass paving system opposite the school to help protect the green from further damage and which can support vehicles. It was resolved that we would obtain further quotations. It was decided that we would split the areas needing repair and would start with the Dole Tree area. It was further resolved that we would put aside £850.00 for this and that we would discuss the other areas at a future meeting.

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:** Beryl Kemplen of AVDC has been in touch with us and we will contact her again.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.4 Aylesbury ducks and duck house:** The Aylesbury ducks due to be installed on the pond have been taken by a fox. We have found somewhere else where we can get some more ducks from and the matter is in hand.

The purchase of a duck house is in hand. The position of the duck house is still to be decided.

Action: Andy Spurr/Charlotte Moore

- 1.8.5 Sports Field Agreement:** The Cricket Club and the Football Club have given their signed hire agreement to the council.

- 1.8.6 **Overhanging vegetation:** Highways are aware of the overhanging vegetation at Lower End and may come to remove it.

In the meantime the owner of the property next to the overhanging vegetation will be asked whether they would trim it (Action: Anthony Lawrinson).

The hedge at the playground to Nash End Farm is overgrown; we are to ask the owner if they would trim it (Action: Andy Spurr).

Bucks CC has been informed of the footpath sign lying on the verge in High Street and replied to say that they will inform the area officer who will deal with it (Action: Sue Reeder).

Action: As Above

- 1.8.7 **Village Post Office:** Representatives from the post office assessed the village hall for its suitability as a hosted post office and found it to be satisfactory. A post office would be held on one day a week for two hours and would provide the normal services along with the sale of groceries and greetings cards. The post office would be providing a public service and would not expect to pay for using the village hall, if payment is not waived the parish council would have to pay the rent. It was resolved that we will contact the Village Hall Committee and ask them if the village hall could be used without the payment of rent.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.8 **Ruined Verges:** Some verges have been repaired with top soil and boulders have been put around the edge to prevent further damage. See also 1.8.1.

Action: Tim Nichols/Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.9 **Footpath from post box to pond and Churchyard:** Work at the churchyard by Community Payback workers has now been completed.

It was resolved that we will contact Hannah Melisi to find out when work on clearing the footpath will commence.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.10 **Water running down road from Lone Tree into Lower End:** Highways are aware of the problem.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.11 **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

- 1.8.12 **Diversions when A421 is closed:** Highways have again told the police that when the A421 is closed traffic should not be diverted through Thornborough.

Action: Alex Keeling

- 1.8.13 **Grass cutting Tenders/Purchase of Lawn Mower:** It was resolved that the purchase of the lawn mower is to be left until funds are available.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.14 **Reserves:** The matter of reserves was discussed fully; It was resolved that £850.00 will be earmarked for greens improvement. We need to find

out the cost of lighting and which type of lighting is to be installed. When we have decided on some options villagers will be invited along to view the selection. In the next few meetings the cost of lighting and any village improvement plans will be identified.

- 1.8.15 **Light at Lower End:** There is no feedback yet from villagers and councillors on the new light at Lower End.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.16 **Repair of Emersion Heater at Sports Pavilion:** We are still waiting for the plumber to repair the emersion heater.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.17 **Cleaning of Playground Equipment and Removal of Weeds/Brambles at Nash Road Playgrounds:** It was resolved that Hannah Melisi will be contacted to see whether Community Payback Workers would clean the playground equipment and remove the weeds and brambles.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.18 **Notice Board for Church News:** It was resolved that the church notice board will be moved from the churchyard to the village hall wall next to the map of Thornborough (Action: Charlotte Moore) and that the Village Hall Committee will be informed (Action: Sue Reeder)

- 1.8.19 **Friendship Club:** It was resolved that the parish council will grant £100.00 to the Friendship Club, the legislation being Local Government Act 1972 s137.

- 1.8.20 **Report on AVDC Community Chest Microgrant Meeting:** Mark Cole attended the meeting and will report on the outcome at the next parish council meeting.

1.9 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm