

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

13th July 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Charlotte Moore, Andy Spurr, Mark Cole

Public: Two members of the public

1.1 Apologies for absence

Anthony Lawrinson, Alex Keeling, Neil Walton

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 Public Participation: Mr Cornell and Ms Taylor spoke to the council about their planning application for a conservatory at The Maltings, Bridge Street. They then left the meeting. Decision by council minute reference 1.6.

1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 08th June 2009

Agreed and signed

1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens

We are still waiting to hear from Chandler Ray and will contact them again.

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

09/01162/APP The Maltings, Bridge Street - Erection of Conservatory - No comment

1.7 Finances

1.7.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.7.2 Monthly bank reconciliations for June and July approved by all councillors

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

243

E.on

Street Lights

24.34

PCA 1957 s3

244	D. Flynn	Immersion Heater Repair (Sports Pavilion)	55.00	
245	Playsafety Ltd	Playground Inspection	148.35	
246	E.on	Street Light maintenance	10.87	PCA 1957 s3
247	S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	166.70	LGA 1972 s112
248	Friendship Club	Donation	100.00	LGA 1972 s137

01.07.09 DD Anglian Water 7.00

01.07.09 DD E.on 21.00

1.8 Councillors Issues

- 1.8.1 **Grasscreting:** We now have the required quotations for the repair of verges and placing of boulders for protection from further damage. One of the quotations needs to be clarified (Action: Andy Spurr). It was resolved at the last parish council meeting that we would repair the Dole Tree area first leaving the other areas for discussion at a future meeting and that we would set aside £850.00 for the repair of the Dole Tree area.

Action: As Above

It was noted that part of High Street is due to be resurfaced in September.

- 1.8.2 **Affordable Housing:** We have received three draft proposal plans for the affordable housing with the council resolving that proposal 1 was the preferred option. It was agreed that we will contact Jean Fox of Buckinghamshire Community Action to ask whether we can publicise the proposal 1 plans in the Thornborough News.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 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:** One of the village ducks has had ducklings and so at the moment there is no need for any Aylesbury ducks. There is shelter and some protection from predators in the reeds at the bank by the Manor wall.

The purchase of a duck house is in hand. The position of the duck house is still to be decided. An article was put into the Thornborough News asking whether anyone had ideas on how to ensure the ducks accepted the duck house as a new home but we have had no response so far.

Action: Andy Spurr/Charlotte Moore

- 1.8.5 **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).

Bucks CC has still not removed the footpath sign lying on the verge in High Street. We now know that it comes from the junction of footpaths THB/15 and THT/2 and will contact Bucks CC again asking them to put it back there. (Action: Sue Reeder)

Action: As Above

- 1.8.6 **Village Post Office:** We are meeting with a representative from the Post Office on July 14th who will investigate options for a phone line, extra electrical sockets and security in the village hall. The village hall committee has told us that rental will have to be paid for the use of the hall. It was resolved that we will arrange a meeting with Bernard Garbe, ourselves and the post office when we can discuss this and the required modifications to the village hall.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.7 **Footpath from post box to pond:** We have still to find a place for the storage of the workers' tools and cannot proceed until somewhere is found. An article is to be put into the Thornborough News asking whether anyone has any storage space for workers' tools.

Action: Tim Nichols

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

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.9 **Tourist sign for The Two Brewers:** This is still in the process of application. The parish council has agreed to part fund the cost of the sign.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.10 **Street Lighting:** The purchase of new street lights is not a major issue until electricity cable undergrounding works are completed. Therefore new lighting and any comments on the new street light at Lower End will be discussed at a parish council meeting in the autumn.

- 1.8.11 **Light at Lower End:** There is no feedback yet from villagers and councillors on the new light at Lower End. The subject will be discussed at a parish council meeting in the autumn.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.12 **Repair of Emersion Heater at Sports Pavilion:** The emersion heater in the sports pavilion has now been repaired.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.13 **Cleaning of Playground Equipment and Removal of Weeds/Brambles at Nash Road Playground:** We have contacted Hannah Melisi to ask if Community Payback workers can carry out the work but have not had a reply. It was resolved that Andy will look at any work required on cutting back brambles etc. and carry it out if possible.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.14 **Notice Board for Church News:** The new position of the notice board on the village hall wall has been approved.

- 1.8.15 **Report on AVDC Community Chest Microgrant Meeting:** Mark Cole attended the meeting at Stewkley village hall along with other grant recipients. A covered play area, school playing fields, playgroups, dogs which are trained to detect cancer by odour are just some of the projects

which were funded by the Community Chest Grants scheme. Thornborough was complemented on its Thornborough News and was held up as an example for others to follow.

The cricket club is raising funds for some cricket nets; it was agreed that the parish council would fund the nets and also resolved that we would apply for a Community Chest Microgrant for them (Action: Sue Reeder).

Action: As Above

- 1.8.16 **Rospa Playground Inspection Report:** There were no major issues in the report. A few minor adjustments are required on the play equipment and play area. It was resolved that Andy would inspect the areas needing work (Action: Andy Spurr).

We are to discuss the skate ramps at the sports field at a future meeting.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.17 **Parking on pavement at Lower End:** This continues to be a problem and could be a danger to pedestrians. The obstruction of a footpath is unlawful. It was resolved that we would ask Alex Keeling (Action: Mark Cole) to inform the police that the footpath in Lower End is being obstructed by vehicles.

Action: As Above

- 1.8.18 **Core Strategy - Local Development Framework:** It was resolved that Tim would respond to this telling the parish council details of his response.

Action: Tim Nichols

- 1.8.19 **Recommendations for provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople:** It was resolved that we would ask Alex Keeling (Action: Mark Cole) to respond and ask that he sends a copy of his response to the parish council.

Action: As Above

- 1.8.20 **Trees on Green:** Some of the trees on the green have sharp thorns and need to be replaced. The subject is to be discussed at the August parish council meeting.

- 1.8.21 **Memorial Bench and Tree:** Mr and Mrs Allen have told us that they would like to plant a tree and site a memorial bench on the green in memory of their daughter and the council agreed that we should meet with them to decide a suitable spot.

We have also had a letter from a former resident who once planted a tree on the village green which has since died. They would like to have it replaced at their own expense. It was resolved that this was agreeable as long as the council could decide on the position and type of tree.

- 1.8.22 **Allotment 11 Rental and Rules for Allotments:** This item is to go onto the agenda for discussion at the August council meeting.

1.9 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm