

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

12th April 2010 at 7.30pm

Neil Walton has resigned and we wish him well for the future. A formal notice of vacancy has been advertised.

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

Public: None

1.1 Apologies for absence

Anthony Lawrinson

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 March 2010

Agreed and signed.

1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens

The clerk has signed a declaration stating that the council has maintained, planted bulbs, seeds and trimmed trees etc. on the greens for longer than the necessary twelve years. This and all other proof of maintenance will be sent to Land Registry.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.5.2. An audit of repairs is still to be put together to give to Highways. There are numerous pot holes in the village; the council has replied to an online questionnaire reporting the pot holes to Bucks CC but has had no response yet although some of the potholes have been filled. It was resolved that we will contact Highways, and also try to find out whether Bucks CC has a list of those already reported.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

Matters previously discussed included the hidden dip sign on the A421 which has been displaced and is lying on the verge. The Thornborough sign at Cat Lane is no longer pointing to Thornborough correctly and needs turning to its correct position. Highways have been informed.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.6 Planning

10/00424/ALB The Old Manor High Street - Alteration to outbuildings for residential use - No comment

10/00425/APP The Old Manor High Street - As above - No comment

10/00487 The Lone Tree PH Bletchley Road - Change of use of public house to residential dwelling and erection of one detached dwelling house, closure of existing access and creation of new access - No comment

1.7 Finances

1.7.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.7.2 The bank reconciliations for March and April were approved by all councillors

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

284	Cartwright Landscapes	Grass Cutting 2009	2,351.59	
285	BALC	Subscription	87.90	LGA 1972 s143
286	E.on	Street Lights	23.23	PCA 1957 s3 (7)
287	E.on	Street Light Maintenance	73.14	PCA 1957 s3 (1)
288	AVDC	Dog Bin Emptying	177.80	Litter Act 1983 ss 5,6
289	K Warner	Duck Food	18.60	
290	S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	185.45	LGA 1972 s112
291	Martin Thomas	Re-instate 4 bollards	350.00	

01.04.10 DD Anglian Water 44.00

01.04.10 DD E.on 28.00

1.7.4 It was resolved that Cartwright's grass cutting quotation for 2010 be accepted.

1.7.5 It was resolved that we will renew our membership of Aylesbury Vale North Sports Council

1.7.6 The 2009/10 Accounts were approved by the council and signed by the chairman.
The 2009/10 Annual Return and Statement of Assurance were approved by the council and signed by the clerk and chairman

1.8 Councillors Issues

1.8.1 Grasscreting: Work has started on the area of green outside the village hall. Kerbing along the roadside edge abutting High Street has been completed. The area which is being netpaved is being prepared.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

It was resolved that we will put boulders in place in the area on the corner of the green, ford side.

A black and white bollard has been placed at the corner of the green by the area of kerbing, Andy is to ask if Graham has another one for the corner of the green by the proposed boulders.

1.8.2 Affordable Housing: We have had a few letters of complaint from residents as no notice was put up informing villagers that the Consultation Day had been cancelled; the clerk is to respond to those we have not already replied to. As soon as we know when the event has been rearranged posters will be put up around the village, in the Thornborough News and on the website. Although we have told Bucks Community Action and the architect that we thought the brickwork in the housing plans was bland and suggested a two-tone style we have had no response.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.3 **Culvert at bridge in Bridge Street:** The Senior Bridge Engineer at Bucks CC has told us that the County Council is the owner of the bridge and is responsible for its maintenance. While our concerns with flooding are appreciated they are not convinced that the installation of a culvert would be suitable at the location suggested by us because of several reasons including the fact that there is limited room to make any appreciable change in flow capacity.

We were asked to contact them if there is any accumulated debris under the bridge, as there is it was resolved that we will contact them to ask them to put the task on their list for clearing.

Action: Tim Nichols

- 1.8.4 **Footpath from post box to pond:** A date for community payback workers to come and complete the work required is still to be arranged.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.5 **Tourist Sign for The Two Brewers:** Highways have replied to our query regarding permission for the parish council to erect a tourist sign; they have informed us that we have to go through them for the purchase and erection of the sign. It was resolved that we will go ahead with the application.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.6 **Tree on Village Green:** It was resolved that we pick up the tree and plant on the green.

Action: Mark Cole

Tim attended the Inaugural Buckinghamshire Community Action Led Planning Recognition Awards where we were presented with a commemorative plaque and tree voucher marking our achievement in production of the parish plan. Charlotte will collect the tree.

Action: Charlotte Moore

- 1.8.7 **Sports Pavilion:** The sports pavilion was broken into leaving the entry door insecure; we are awaiting an estimate for making the door secure by installing a metal bar and padlocks with the same being done to the sports field shed door.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.8 **Planting Bulbs, Hanging Baskets:** We have spoken to the Gardening Society; they are happy to be involved in the planting of bulbs. We are to provide the materials and they the labour. It would be best if we could purchase bulbs for flowering throughout the year. It was resolved that we would speak with them again and ask them to come back to us with an estimated budget.

Action: Mark Cole

- 1.8.9 **Repair of Bollard on the Green Footpath and Re-instatement of Removed Bollard:** Martin Thomas has completed the work of replacing and installing four bollards which were either missing or beyond repair with new oak ones.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.10 **Capital Spend on Reserves:** After discussion proposed items for capital spend are:

- Footpath Lighting (we have heard that we are unable to have two solar powered lights free of charge; it was resolved that we will purchase one solar light to try out) Undergrounding electricity cables works is due to start April 12th.
- Railings
- Cricket nets (the AVDC grant has been approved, the parish council has paid the outstanding amount)
- Pavilion Maintenance
- Tennis Courts
- Church Maintenance
- Cycle Path
- Bridleway
- Traffic Calming
- Village Maintenance: to include grasscreting the area of green opposite The Two Brewers and outside the village hall. Repairing and kerbing the area of green at High Street side opposite the village hall and repair of the Dole Tree area of green
- Bulb Planting

Because Neil has resigned no plan of action has been put together, we will discuss capital spend further next month.

- 1.8.11 **Byelaws for use of Greens:** The council wants to protect the greens once they are registered and will create byelaws for this. It was resolved that the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.12 **A421 Lone tree Junction:** Several months ago Highways were contacted regarding safety issues at the A421 junction at the Lone Tree. Apart from an acknowledgement from Transport for Bucks to say that our message had been passed on to Traffic Management and a comment from Ken Horne, Local Area Technician to say that the scheme would have been safety audited when first installed we have had no response. It was resolved that we will contact Traffic Management asking for a prompt reply.

Action: Sue Reeder

Simon Dudley, Local Area Technician will be invited to a future meeting when the audit of repairs (1.5.2) has been put together.

- 1.8.13 **Thornborough News:** At the meeting with the printers concerns were raised regarding the quality of trimming and stapling also suggestions were made on how to cut down on the expenses of production such as less full colour pages and to advertise for anyone who works near the printers to volunteer to pick up the finished magazines. We will discuss the issue of the council granting funding towards costs at the next meeting.

Action: Mark Cole

- 1.8.14 **Area 14 Speed Limit Review:** There is to be a speed limit review area briefing meeting on 13th April. Local Councillors will be presented with up to date information on various subjects including attitudes to speed limits, dealing with speeding and effectiveness of speed limits. It was resolved that two councillors will attend the meeting which is to be held in Mayors Chamber, Buckingham.

- 1.8.15 **Ordinary PC meeting, AGM and Annual Parish Meeting:** It was resolved that the May meeting will be held on Monday 17th May at 7.00pm, the AGM at 8.30pm and the Annual Parish Meeting at 9.00pm. All three meetings will be held on the same day.

1.8.16 **Great Ouse Catchment Flood Management Plan:** The recently developed plan for managing flood risk is of interest to those living in the Great Ouse catchment area. There is a meeting on 14th May which Mark Cole will attend.

1.9 **Correspondence**
High Speed 2 Rail Link

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm