

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

17th May 2010 at 7.00pm

With regret the parish council accepted Tim Nichols resignation. We wish him well for the future and thank him for his dedication and commitment during his time as councillor.

Present: Anthony Lawrinson, Mark Cole, Andy Spurr

Public: Two members of the public

1.1 Apologies for absence

Charlotte Moore, Melanie Staff

1.2 Co-option of Councillor: It was resolved by show of hands that Maggie Beach be co-opted onto the council. Maggie agreed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the councillor's Code of Conduct before the clerk and handed her completed and signed Register of Member's Personal Interests to the clerk.

1.3 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.4 Public Participation:

None

1.5 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 12th April 2010

Agreed and signed.

1.6 1.6.1 Ownership of the Greens: A letter has been received by Land Registry saying that a Land Registry or Ordnance Survey surveyor will visit the greens to obtain information to update their records; this will be without appointment within the next two weeks.

1.6.2. 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

1.7 Planning

10/00546/APP 4 Chapel Lane - Single storey rear extension - no comment
10/00650/APP Bungalow Farm Nash Road - Change of use of barn from agricultural to residential dwelling - no comment

1.8 Finances

1.8.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.8.2 The bank reconciliations for May was approved by all

councillors

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

292	Graham Smith	Repair, kerbing and netpaving of Village Green	8,266.13	
293	Bucks CC	Allotment License Fee	75.00	
294	E.on	Repair of faulty Street Light	11.10	PCA 1957 s3 (1)
295	Came and Company (Broker Network Ltd)	Parish Council Insurance	1,249.00	LGA 1972 s111
296	E.on	Street Lights	23.23	PCA 1957 s3 (7)
297	S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	150.90	LGA 1972 s112
298	Thornborough Cricket Club	Repair to Sports Pavilion	104.00	

04.05.10 DD Anglian Water 44.00

04.05.10 DD E.on 28.00

1.9 Councillors Issues

1.9.1 **Grasscreting:** Work on the area of green outside the village hall has been completed and we are very happy with the result.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

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

Two black and white bollards have been placed on the green, one at each end.

1.9.2 **Affordable Housing:** A consultation Day has been arranged for 1st June in the village hall, between 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Notices informing villagers of the event have been posted up around the village, in The Two Brewers, the Thornborough News and on the council's web site.

1.9.3 **Footpath from post box to pond:** Community Payback Workers have completed work on the footpath and will return to trim the shrubbery around the perimeter of the sports field and clear the overgrown grass on the footpath in High Street. A date is to be arranged.

Action: Clerk

1.9.4 **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

1.9.5 The tree marking our achievement in the production of the Parish Plan has

been collected and planted on the edge of the sports field.

Action: Charlotte Moore

- 1.9.6 **Sports Pavilion:** The parish council has received and paid the invoice for repair to the sports pavilion.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.9.7 **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 will provide 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

- 1.9.8 **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 underway. Footpath lighting will cost in the region of £10,000. Andy Spurr will speak with an electrician asking for advice
- Railings
- Cricket nets (the AVDC grant has been approved, the parish council has paid the outstanding amount)
- Pavilion Maintenance - The council has paid for the repair and installation of security features to the pavilion doors
- Tennis Courts
- Church Maintenance - It was resolved that we will pay £500 per year towards churchyard maintenance
- Cycle Path
- Bridleway
- Traffic Calming - This could include chicanes, speed bumps - We will enquire whether Highways will fund these
- 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

- 1.9.9 **Byelaws for use of Greens:** The proposed bye laws were read out to the council by the chairman, amendments will be made in some areas. A model set of bye laws will be downloaded and sent to all councillors in time for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

- 1.9.10 **A421 Lone tree Junction:** Despite several emails and letters to Highways regarding safety issues at the A421 junction at The Lone Tree we have had no response 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. A complaint is to be sent to Traffic management.

Action: Mark Cole

Simon Dudley, Local Area Technician will be invited to a future meeting when the audit of repairs (1.6.2) has been put together.

- 1.9.11 **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

- 1.9.12 **Area 14 Speed Limit Review:** It was resolved that we will advise Transport for Buckinghamshire of any changes we wish to be considered for roads in the parish.

Action: Clerk

- 1.9.13 **Great Ouse Catchment Flood Management Plan:** The flood consultation submission explained amongst other things our concerns that the River Great Ouse and its main tributaries are not regularly dredged as they have been in the past and that tracts of the Great Ouse are now overgrown with reeds and willows making navigation almost impossible and causing the backing up of flood waters.

Action: Mark Cole

The parish council will remind riparian owners to keep streams and ditches clear.

- 1.9.14 **Delegated Budget Scheme:** There are various grants available and we need to know how to apply for these. It was resolved that we will advertise in the Thornborough News for a fund raiser who will seek out any funding available.

Action: Mark Cole

- 1.9.15 **HS2 Rail Link:** We have received a letter from AVDC saying that it opposes the suggested proposals for a High Speed rail network. A letter from John Bercow says that he does not believe the proposed route is appropriate and that there is merit in further examination of upgrading the existing line.

- 1.9.16 **Thornborough News:** It was resolved that we will pay for an extra 20 copies of the magazine for the next two months.

- 1.10 **Correspondence:**
Letter from resident regarding Affordable Housing

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm