

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11th August 2010 at 7.30pm

Present; Mark Cole, Andy Spurr, Melanie Staff, Maggie Beach

Public; Six members of the public present for the whole of the meeting

1.1 Apologies for absence: Charlotte Moore

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda: None

1.3 Public Participation: David Marchant requested that he be wished to form / be part of a sub-committee regarding any future issues that relate to footpaths and common land.

1.4 Minutes of the meeting dated 12th July 2010: agreed and amendment to be attached to the 5th July AGM Minutes regarding correction non- referral to Buckingham Community Action. Reviewed and agreed.

1.5 Review of action points from previous minutes for information only: none to report

1.6 Planning:

a) Affordable Planning Decision Process

The planned sites for the above was discussed, all sites were inspected by all concerned parties including members of TPC.

Site 1 Back Street, this was deemed to be within the flood area

Site 2 the landlord absolutely refused to sell.

Site 3 is were the village allotments are situated

Site 4 which has now been chosen as the most suitable location for the affordable houses.

Site 5 has a dwelling erected on

Sites 6 and 7 were also deemed as too remote

b) Common Land Registration and issues arising: It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged with Chandler Ray solicitor to ascertain information and clarification regarding the Common Land registration in relation to bye-laws and rights of way details.

Mark Cole & Maggie Beach

c) Modified plans for the Burnt down cottage on the green.

Mr Taylor Williams provided revised plans, the councillors had no objections

1.7 Finances:

a) Cheques agreed & signed:	
EonEnergy Maintenance	£73.14 & £11.10
Sue Reeder training	£17.50
Auditing Solutions	£299.62
Salary & Sundries : Jean James	£193.89
Playsafe Annual Inspection	£148.05
Thornborough News printing	£60.00

b) Bank Reconciliation: cheques and bank reconciliation were agreed and signed

1.8 Councillors Issues:

a) **Election of Vice-Chairman:** Andy Spurr was elected as the new Vice-Chairman, proposed by Maggie Beech, Mark Cole seconded.

b) **Election or Co-Option of two new councillors:**

The two new councillors elected are: Paul Holland proposed by Melanie Staff, seconded by Andy Spurr: and Ray Goodger proposed by Maggie Beech, seconded by Melanie Staff

c) **Flood Consultation Response:** the stream/brook to the south of the High Street was discussed concerning the actions required to maintain free flowing water . It was noted that the Environment Agency is not responsible for village brooks and streams, only for the Padbury Brook and River Great Ouse. Andy Spurr is the Council's Riparian Officer and will remind all landowners whose properties border the streams and brooks of their responsibility for good maintenace practice to prevent flooding or blockages. A notice to this effect is also published every six months in the Thornborough News.

d) **TPC photocopier-** agreed purchase to the value of £100 : this has now been purchased - no further action

e) **Financial assistance to Thornborough News:** due to the first year setup and subsequent shortfall in operational revenue as the subscription was set at £3 per year with a true cost of £1 per copy assistance was given to the value of £500 to overcome this continuing deficit. This was following consideration that this is a valued Parish magazine serving the community and that this would be a one- off contribution to assist this setup deficit. It was also proposed that future subscription costs need to reflect the true cost of publication and that advertising cost should be reviewed to balance annual expenditure- **Rod James**

f) **To consider Village Hall Funding request for 2010/11**

TPC will invite members of the Village Hall Trustees to the next meeting they are requested to provide full details of facts relating to their finances.

g) **AOB:**Urgent repair to be undertaken to fix and make safe area of soil erosion adjacent to village pond below railings near to footpath. Request to be made to Ray Goodger to action repair.

1.9 Correspondence:

AVDC Closed Churchyards Letter 20/07/10 – no further action

Playground Inspection report & brochure - no further action