

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

13th December 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Cllr Mark Cole, Cllr Melanie Staff, Cllr Ray Goodger, Cllr Charlotte Moore

Public: Five members of the public attended.

1.1 Apologies for absence – Cllr Maggie Beach, Cllr Andy Spurr

1.2 Declaration of interest in terms in the Agenda - none.

1.3 Public Participation - The safety of the through roads in the village has caused great concern this winter. TPC was asked what it can do in the future to make sure the roads are cleared; could the Parish Council pay for more grit bins, which should be filled at least once a year? Cllr Cole had already contacted Bucks County Council, which has confirmed that Thornborough roads are not a priority, and that additional grit bins would cost £450 each. It was suggested that a small salt spreader is purchased – **Action Cllr Goodger to investigate.**

1.4 Minutes dated October 11th 2010 and November 8th 2010 agreed and signed.

1.5 Action points from previous meeting agreed.

1.6 Planning

Thornborough Affordable Housing was discussed at length, with some members of the public showing concerns regarding the building of the houses; it was again pointed out that any objections or support should be addressed directly to AVDC Planning. The Chairman is to attend the planning meeting at AVDC on 16th December to confirm that the Parish Council approve of the affordable housing plans.

Two planning applications regarding the Buckingham Arm Canal outside the Parish were studied; for information only.

1.7 Finances

- a) Cheques were agreed and signed
- b) Bank reconciliation deferred due to technical problems
- c) Chandler Ray invoice, still waiting for update – **Action Cllr Spurr for January meeting.**

1.8 Councillors issues

- a) Village Hall Funding, David Wise (Village Hall Trust) attended the meeting to discuss finances and request a £500 donation from the Parish Council. The TPC chairman requested a detailed financial breakdown in advance for discussion at the TPC January meeting. Cllr Beech had informed the TPC prior to this meeting that Bucks County Council is investing £15,000 to update the kitchen in the hall to supply the School children with hot lunches. These facilities could mean that the hall is rented out more frequently, which would help raise funds towards the upkeep.
- b) Still waiting for update on repairs to the village pond subsidence. **Action Clerk**
- c) It was agreed that the Chairman should attend a meeting for an update on the Thames and Ouse Valleys Emergency Flood Plan, on 12th March 2011 at Oxford. It is organised by the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum (the local consortium of emergency services, Environment Agency, Health, Military, Utility and Transport agencies).
- d) No further news on Commons Registration for rights of way.
- e) BT Race For Infinity Broadband, Cllr Cole said that Chris Sharpe already has this in hand. BT is to select a limited number of parishes making a good case for fibre-optic broadband upgrades.
- f) Nash Travellers' site – an update was provided on the recent AVDC planning refusal.
- g) Royal Wedding Street Party – this has been proposed by Bernard Garbe; discussion is to be added to the January agenda. **Action Clerk for agenda.**
- h) Thornborough road gritting – see 1.3 above.

- i) Thornborough grass cutting; a request has been made that only a single-width cut be made by Bucks CC on road verges outside the village centre to encourage wild flora and fauna. Members agreed. **Action Clerk.**
- j) Village signposts, It was agreed that the subject had been investigated previously, and it was not considered worth progressing.
- k) Vacancy for new Parish Councillor – to be advertised in Thornborough News and on noticeboards. **Action Cllr Cole/Clerk.**

1.9 Correspondence – A response to her email of 4th December on affordable housing was to be sent to Mrs Hopkins. **Action Cllr Cole**

Mr J Cranwell wrote concerning a number of village issues he would like to see improved. **Action Cllr Cole/Clerk**

Meeting closed 21:00