

## THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of MEETING

**Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.00p.m.**


**Present:** Cllr Andy Spurr (Chair), Cllr Ray Goodger, Cllr Charlotte Moore, Cllr Mary Taylor, Cllr Melanie Staff. Cllr Debra Hosein, Maggie Beach (Clerk). AVDC Cllr Sir Billy Stanier

**Public:** 2 members of the public

Item	Minute	Action
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Stuart Mitchell, BCC Cllr Warren Whyte.	
2	<b>Public Participation Session</b> Residents had come to the meeting to talk about planning applications.	
3	<b>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:</b> None	
4	<b>Minutes of the meeting of 14th March 2016</b> –Agreed	
5	<p><b>Review of Action Points from February meeting</b></p> <p><b>Item 9 Road and Transport issues iv. Coombs speed limit review</b> The Clerk has forwarded responses to Coombs residents.</p> <p><b>Review of Action Points from March Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Item 2 Memorial Bench</b> – the concrete base is in place and the work to mount the bench is progressing.</p> <p><b>Item 8 Planning</b> – a) response submitted</p> <p>c) Updates</p> <p>i AVDC response –on agenda</p> <p>ii <b>MK Strategic Development Directions Plan.</b> Sir Billy Stanier sent information after the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Whaddon which Cllr SM and the Clerk used to inform briefing paper circulated to all Councillors. Agreed by e-mail that the suggested response (attached as Appendix 1) be submitted as a response to the consultation. The Clerk has submitted the response.</p> <p><b>Item 9 Sports field and Pavilion</b></p> <p>i. <b>Cricket Club</b> – The Clerk has checked that Thornborough CC last received a donation in the spring 2015.</p> <p>ii. <b>Update of working groups</b> - on the agenda.</p> <p><b>Item 10 Thornborough News</b> – on the agenda</p> <p><b>Item 11 Road and Transport issues</b></p> <p>i. <b>Reported issues update.</b> –Clerk has written to BT Openworld</p> <p>iii. <b>Grass cutting and Verges</b> –Cllr AS has obtained a quote which is on agenda</p> <p><b>Item 12 Playground</b> –on agenda</p> <p><b>Item 13 Street lighting</b> –on agenda</p> <p><b>Item 15 Finances</b> b) Cheques all sent</p> <p><b>e) Discussion on a policy on future charitable donations</b> - on agenda.</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>a) <u>Ref 16/01006/LB1</u> Lower End Farm, Lower End, Thornborough, MK18 2DD - For information.</p> <p>-The brief is to provide a single storey rear extension and link to the existing curtilage outbuildings.</p> <p>- The dilapidated outbuildings are proposed for conversion/restoration into habitable accommodation which will bring them into regular use.</p> <p>- Accommodation includes new dining room that relates to the garden, self-contained bedroom for a nanny and provision of a ground floor WC.</p> <p>- Improvements to the garden and landscaping are also proposed and include the option for a car port to take cars away from the garden.</p> <p>'Alterations and extensions to Listed Building will generally only be acceptable if the proposal preserves the special architectural and historic interest of the</p>	<b>Clerk to make responses</b>

	<p>building. In some cases proposals will not be considered appropriate and it may be necessary to seek a different design solution.' NOTED</p> <p>b) <u>Ref 16/00973/COUAR</u> - Old Kilns, Back Street, Thornborough MK18 2DH - Determination as to whether prior approval is required for a change of use from an agricultural building to single dwelling-house (Class C3) and associated building work under Class Q(a) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building under Class Q(b) and in respect of transport and highways impact, noise impacts of the development, contamination risk on the site, flooding risk on the site and whether the location or sitting of the building makes it otherwise impractical or undesirable. After discussion it was proposed Cllr.MS, seconded by Cllr MT that Thornborough Parish Council make no objection to the application but express concern about the possible resulting increased traffic on Back Street and potential damage to the lane during construction, and that the Council would not want this application, if agreed, to open up the land to the back of the properties on the north side of Back Street and especially between the house on the Old Kilns site and the building that the COUAR application pertains to for further development, thus extending the village envelope into neighbouring agricultural land. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>c) <b>Updates –</b>  <b>Neighbourhood Plans</b> – AVDC response to Sir Billy Stanier re the status of Neighbourhood Plans from Cllr Carole Paternoster. Cllr Carole Paternoster gave Paragraph 49 of the National Planning Policy Framework as the answer: “Housing applications should be considered in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development. Relevant policies for the supply of housing should not be considered up-to-date if the local planning authority cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites”.</p>	
7	<p><b>Dates for the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Open Meeting of the Parish</b></p> <p>Agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Council should precede the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.00</p> <p>Agreed that the Open Meeting of the Parish should take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00. The Clerk will organise the agenda/programme and publicise the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Clerk to organise agenda and publicise the Open Meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>Cllr MT left the meeting at this point. (7.45.p.m.)</b></p>		
8	<p><b>Sports field and Pavilion</b></p> <p>i. <b>Cricket Club</b> – After e-mail discussion it was decided by majority that TPC is to make a donation to the Cricket Club for mowing the sports field in the absence of the Football Club sharing the financial burden for the mowing. The Cricket Club last had a donation a year ago.</p> <p>ii. The transfer between Thornborough Pre-school and Thornborough CC is progressing satisfactorily at the start of the season.</p> <p>iii. <b>Update of working groups</b> - The work-tops for the Cricket Club are now in place and the other tasks that needed doing have also been completed.</p>	
9	<p><b>Thornborough News</b></p> <p>At the last meeting Cllr SM reported that he has costed out an A5 version of the magazine:</p> <p>275 x 3 double sided newsletters on 80g paper all black &amp; white = £49.32</p> <p>275 x 4 double sided newsletters on 80g paper all black &amp; white = £68.48</p> <p>275 x 2 double sided 80g inserts with 100g cover colour one side and Black &amp; White the other = £145.57</p> <p>275 x 3 double sided 80g inserts with 100g cover colour one side and Black &amp; White the other = £156.57</p> <p>All exempt VAT because they are stapled.</p> <p>He had circulated two samples for consideration.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr CM, seconded Cllr MS that TPC fund the new Thornborough News as a bi-monthly, predominantly black and white A5 magazine, agreed unanimously. The Clerk will start to action this.</p>	<p><b>Clerk to action</b></p>

10	<p><b>Post Office</b>                  The Clerk reported that she had received a phone call from the Post Office asking why TPC had stopped paying the Post Office rent. The Village Hall Committee had terminated the Post Office contract giving this as the reason. The Clerk has explained to both the Post Office and the Village Hall Committee that this is not the case, that TPC has never actually paid the rent for the Post Office but has given the Village Hall grants of £1,000 over four years in the past and has now decided to support the asset of the Village Hall with an annual grant, starting in January 2016 of £1,000 which the Village Hall Committee can use to cover the Post Office rent if they chose to.                  The Village Hall Committee have decided that the Post Office will continue in the Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons. The Post Office have agreed to pay a nominal rent of £5 a session.</p>	
11	<p><b>Road and Transport issues</b>                  i. <b>Reported issues update.</b> – The first round of work on A421 is completed but a second round of work will take place in May.  <b>Coombs Speed Limit Review.</b> The Clerk has received a response from BCC's CEO which advises that Padbury Road did not meet the Department for Transport criteria for a lower speed limit. The review was therefore curtailed and the cost thus reduced to £207.31 from the grant offered by the LAF of £1,300. TPC can see no way to take this further.                  ii. <b>Closures</b> – noted.                  iii. <b>Dropped kerb</b> – Request for LAF funding. Agreed that the Clerk should apply for funding for this from the LAF.</p>	Clerk to apply to LAF
12	<p><b>Street lighting</b>                  The Clerk presented two possible sites for street lights along the High Street together with a proposal to upgrade the light on Church Lane and turn it to face more towards the High Street.                  Proposed Cllrs MS seconded Cllr RG that Thornborough Parish Council commission two new lights to be placed along the High Street at the end of footpath adjacent to SunnyBrook, High Street and outside The New Inn, High Street, and that the light at Church Lane be upgraded and possibly re-aligned. Agreed unanimously. The Clerk will talk to residents at each suggested spot and then if all are happy, action this.                  It was thought that a further light outside the Chapel would also be required. The Clerk will assess this.</p>	Clerk to action
13	<p><b>Playground update</b>                  Cllr AS reported that repairs of the climbing frame and removal of two badly damaged pieces of equipment was in hand and would be completed before the Annual Inspection.</p>	Cllr AS to action
14	<p><b>NBPPC Report</b>                  The Clerk has attended the meeting of NBPPC on 6<sup>th</sup> April, report attached as Appendix 2. After consideration the Clerk will follow up the letter sent to Peter Williams concerning the issue of Thornborough being considered a Larger Settlement by AVDC.</p>	Clerk to action
15	<p><b>LAF</b>                  i. <b>Review</b> – The Clerk reported that the LAF review had shown that LAFs were well attended and useful. The report indicated that they will be used in future to support the devolution of services.                  ii. <b>Funding</b> – The Clerk reported the projects agreed for funding and the current funding dates.</p>	
16	<p><b>Finances:</b>  <b>a) Bank Reconciliation – March 2016</b>                  Current Account £11,685.31                  Reserve Account £14,170.00                  Current liabilities: £874.99                  Unbanked cash: £0.00                  Total £24,980.32</p>	

	<p><b>b) 2016 Audit Governance Statement</b> Governance questions Cllrs. agreed that all answers for governance statements were 'yes' apart from 9 which was not applicable. Proposed Cllr CM, seconded Cllr AS that these answers be approved and that Cllrs. approve completed Section 1, Annual governance statement 2015/16. Agreed unanimously</p> <p><b>c) Cartwright Landscapes Quotation for grounds maintenance</b> Cartwrights had supplied a quotation for grounds maintenance for 2016-17. Proposed Cllr CM, seconded Cllr DH that the quote be accepted. Agreed unanimously</p> <p>Cartwrights had supplied a quotation for work on the damaged verges that TPC agreed should be repaired at the last meeting Proposed Cllr RG, seconded Cllr MS that the quote be accepted. Agreed unanimously</p> <p><b>d) Payments:</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>E-on (unmetered supplies)</td> <td>£14.47</td> <td>Cheque No 696</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs K Warner, Duck food</td> <td>£13.40</td> <td>Cheque No 697</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment Rent 2016-17</td> <td>£75.00</td> <td>Cheque No 698</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cartwright Landscapes – Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>£3,412.44</td> <td>Cheque No 699</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AVALC Donation</td> <td>£25.00</td> <td>Cheque No 700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk's Salary – April</td> <td>£364.97</td> <td>Cheque No. 701</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC - Clerk's Income Tax (PAYE Ref. 475/SA75351 Accounts office Ref. 475PE00369213)</td> <td>£91.20</td> <td>Cheque No. 702</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>£3,996.48</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>f) Receipts - none</b></p> <p><b>g) Financial support requests policy-</b> Deferred to next meeting.</p>	E-on (unmetered supplies)	£14.47	Cheque No 696	Mrs K Warner, Duck food	£13.40	Cheque No 697	Allotment Rent 2016-17	£75.00	Cheque No 698	Cartwright Landscapes – Grounds Maintenance	£3,412.44	Cheque No 699	AVALC Donation	£25.00	Cheque No 700	Clerk's Salary – April	£364.97	Cheque No. 701	HMRC - Clerk's Income Tax (PAYE Ref. 475/SA75351 Accounts office Ref. 475PE00369213)	£91.20	Cheque No. 702	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,996.48</b>		<p><b>Clerk to accept both quotes</b></p> <p><b>Clerk to raise cheques</b></p> <p><b>Clerk to put on May agenda</b></p>
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17	<p><b>A.O.B., other correspondence and any other Councillors' Issues.</b></p> <p>i. Buckingham Community Centre Tour de Vale charity bike ride </p> <p>ii. Various requests for display of posters</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All Noted</p>																									
18	<p><b>Date of next meeting; 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b> <b>NB Annual Meeting of the Council at 7.00p.m. followed by May meeting of the Council.</b> <b>Date of Open Meeting of the Parish 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b> The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.</p>	<b>Clerk to check with hall booking secretary</b>																								

## Appendix 1

Thornborough Parish Council, North Bucks, after discussion wish to make the following comments in response to the Current PlanMK Consultation:

1) **Thornborough Parish Council OBJECT in the strongest possible terms to 'Direction of Growth No1, Development to the West and South-West of the City', especially to any attempt to cross the Shenley Ridge or head South-West beyond the North Bucks Way.** Thornborough Parish Council remind MKC that the 2004 Local Plan Inspector, Keith Holland, with 15 years' worth of extensive and supportive documentation at his disposal, wrote "*I do not see the logic of regarding the Whaddon Valley as a possible long term development area. To do so disregards the qualities of the valley landscape and the merits of the Shenley Ridge as a logical and clear long term boundary*".

2) **Thornborough Parish Council SUPPORT, for good, and very obvious 'sustainable' planning reasons 'Direction of Growth 2 – Development East of the M1 Motorway'.** Inspector Keith Holland said "*...the land to the East of Milton Keynes is suitable for long term development, as I consider this land is much less sensitive in landscape terms than the Whaddon Valley; My view is that the M1 motorway should not be seen as a long term barrier to development. It is certainly not unusual to have motorways running through cities; I clearly favour the Eastern option as the logical direction for large-scale expansion of the City in the longer term*".

**3) Thornborough Parish Council strongly make the point that if MK is to grow as a National Regional Centre, as Government requires, 10-15 year solutions are not practical nor workable and accordingly the best sustainable solutions will not be achieved. MKC plus the MK2050 Commission must seek Government initiatives, support and help to finance the crossing of the M1, to provide and grow the major physical and social Infrastructure that will be required to properly integrate the New MK with the Old rather than continue the current 'short-termism' approach and policies by 'cramming development onto only those pockets of land promoted by the development Industry'. Simply - all land around MK should be very carefully evaluated and only the best and most sustainable locations chosen. The opportunities East of the M1 motorway are undeniable— for example: the potential of Cranfield (technology park and airfield) and Marston Moretaine (employment and recreation).**

Maggie Beach  
Clerk to Thornborough Parish Council

## **Appendix 2**

### **Report of North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium meeting Wednesday 6 April 2016**

#### **Challenge to AVDC's assessment of Judgement relating to Neighbourhood Plans**

There was a long discussion on this issue which was also raised at our last Thornborough Parish Council meeting. Despite ABDC's strong assertion that they are correct in the interpretation of the situation, there appears to be considerable debate and challenge. This will be ongoing.

#### **Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan**

VALP is officially behind schedule.

Current timetable for presentation of draft VALP: 3 meetings within a few days: to Scrutiny meeting, to Cabinet, then to Council.

LM feels that this is too tight and the Scrutiny Meeting will not have time to respond with any effect to the presentation and has complained.

There is also discussion about whether the numbers and details of proposed sites is a strategic issue or not. If they are considered strategic, it removes ability to challenge at the planning stage.

Once it's been approved it will have a 6week consultation period, probably over the summer holidays.

We also discussed the South West Milton Keynes Development option of the PlanMK and various other planning updates for Towns and Parishes. Aylesbury especially has a great deal of agreed development sites expanding the town considerably.

Maggie Beach  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2016