

THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Cllr Stuart Mitchell (Chair), Cllr Andy Spurr, Cllr Ray Goodger, Cllr Charlotte Moore, Maggie Beach (Clerk), AVDC Cllr Sir Billy Stanier.

Public: One member of the public

Item	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies: Cllr Melanie Staff, Cllr Deborah Hosein, Cllr Mary Taylor, BCC Cllr Warren Whyte	
2	Public Participation Session – None	
3	Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: Cllrs RG and CM – Item 7	
4	Minutes of the meeting of 3rd April 2017 –Agreed	
5	<p>Review of Action Points</p> <p>Item 6a Planning – response sent item</p> <p>Item 7 Sports Field - Mowing</p> <p>i. Clerk has informed Thornborough CC of the new rent for seasonal users</p> <p>ii. Handover from Pre-school to Cricket Club every weekend - The Chair and Clerk have talked with the Pre-school and Cllr MS has attended the first handover which went very smoothly.</p> <p>Item 8 Tree management – on agenda</p> <p>Item 10 Road and Drainage issues – on agenda</p> <p>Item iii After discussion with the Chair and Clerk, Twiggs have moved the sign at the Lone Tree junction to a place where it no longer is in the site line.</p> <p>Item 12 Street Lighting – on agenda</p> <p>Item 14 Renewal of Allotment Licence - The clerk has renewed the allotment licence with Buckinghamshire County Council for a further year.</p> <p>Item 16 Finances,</p> <p>b) Audit update</p> <p>The recommendation from last years’ audit about the limits for tendering and work requiring three quotations needs to be reviewed – completed at the Annual Meeting of the Council preceding this meeting, 8th May 2017</p> <p>d) Bank Closure NatWest Bank in Buckingham is closing in September 2017. The possibility of transferring TPC accounts to Lloyds Bank, Buckingham The Clerk is still assessing the situation.</p> <p>e) Payments: Cheques all sent</p> <p>Item 17 A.O.B., other correspondence and any other Councillors’ Issues</p> <p>Car and trailer parked on the Green - now moved..</p> <p>Ground round a manhole cover on the Green by the pond - ground round the manhole cover now raised</p> <p>Fly tipping again along the Leckhampstead Road. - Still not all moved. The Clerk will report it.</p>	
6	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) <u>Ref. 17/01410/ATC</u> Cherry Trees High Street Thornborough Buckinghamshire MK18 2DF Tree 1 - Cherry tree at front of property to be felled, reason being it is in the middle of the drive which is being turned into parking area, Tree2 - Cherry tree at rear of property to be crown reduction/thinned by 30% to bring back shape - NO COMMENT</p> <p>b) <u>Ref 17/00906/APP</u> Barley Hill Farm, Thornton Road, Nash, MK17 0HL- Single storey extension to rear. –SUPPORTED</p> <p>c) <u>Ref 17/01366/ACL</u> Thornborough Mill, Mill Lane, Thornborough, MK18 2ED - Erection of tree house for use as Games Room/Home Office ancillary to Thornborough Mill. Councillors expressed concern about this as they felt that</p>	Clerk to make responses

	<p>the property, with a plumbed bathroom and electricity cannot be described as a tree house. AVDC Cllr Sir Beville Stanier will check this out for us with AVDC planning. – OPPOSED</p> <p>d) Letter from AVALC re. AVDC planning dept. issues – AVALC have asked for information about late and uncompleted applications as they are concerned about the efficiency of the AVDC planning dept. Agreed the Clerk will send relevant information.</p> <p>e) Winslow Station – British Rail are apparently trying to rush the new station build through by 2018. They have used old data and the planned station is not fit for purpose as a result; for instance, no, or very little parking is included. Once built it will be mothballed until the railway line is open in (possibly) 2024. Parish Councils of parishes that would use the station are encouraged to write to complain by NBPPC. TPC share these concerns about the inadequacy of the plans for this station, with insufficient car parking, drop off areas, disabled parking etc. Agreed to write a letter complaining about this issue.</p> <p>f) MK Local Plan Consultation - Consultation is under way till 9th June. MK Council now only need to find between six and seven thousand new homes across MK and are finally looking at expanding eastwards. TPC agreed to write giving support to the plan.</p>	<p>Clerk to draft letters re: -AVALC letter - Winslow Station - MK Plan</p>
7	<p>The Church Clock Cllr RG explained the work that had been done on the historic church clock on the church tower to keep it working. Cllr CM asked whether TPC would be prepared to pay for the clock repairs. There are still further repairs that need to be done. TPC agreed that in principle Thornborough Parish Council is happy to pay for the repairs to the church clock, the only public clock in the centre of the village, but would need to know amounts required before agreeing to pay all bills.</p>	
8	<p>Tree management The Clerk has contacted AVDC but the DC is unable to help with diagnosis or advice. After discussion it was agreed that the infected sweet chestnut tree outside the Village Hall be cut down. To prune the diseased part out would make the tree very lop-sided and possibly dangerous in a high wind. It was also agreed to explain why this needs to happen at the Open Meeting of the Parish as Councillors expect many parishioners will not be happy about such a change. The Clerk will ask Chris Woodyard to go ahead, apply for planning permission and when granted, cut down the sweet chestnut tree and trim the top of the Dole Tree to maintain its health.</p>	<p>Clerk to put this issue on the agenda for the Open Meeting and to ask Chris Woodyard to action.</p>
9	<p>NBPPC Meeting - Report The Clerk reported on the meeting. Points of interest:: The VALP - concern that there will only be 6 weeks of consultation on the newest draft of the VALP - VALP criteria for settlements has been changed. The small, medium and large village categories taking a proportionate amount of new housing have been replaced with a 'sustainable village' concept, sustainable villages will take more housing, but no-one is sure what criteria for a 'sustainable village AVDC will be using. Winslow Station. – see planning Item 6e Unitary Authority - delayed now because of the General Election and may not be decided until late summer. Updates - A member reported to NBPPC about the rules at Development Control Committees. Apparently for every 50 people who write in you can get a further 5 minutes to put your case. - Verney Junction (Garden Village) project is still being pushed. There appear to be some very influential people involved.</p>	

	- One of the owners of land north of Winslow where there have been proposals for development in the past has broken ties with Gladman and the possibility of development is being looked at by another developer. MK Draft Plan – see planning Item 6f.	
10	Buckingham Community Transport Notes from the Buckingham Community Transport Sub-Group Meeting held on 7th February 2017 and the Buckingham Community Transport Survey were noted.	
11	Road and Drainage issues i. Current Issues -Bridge Street (Spring Lane) Cllr SM, Cllr MT and the Clerk are meeting with Andrew Waugh (the Strategic Flood Management Officer at BCC) at the site later this week to discuss the ditch maintenance of the ditch on the east side in the lower part of Bridge Street and take this issue forward. ii. Relevant Closures. There are no relevant local closures notified this month.	Clerk to continue to monitor
12	Street lighting – High Street. The two new lights on the High Street are now in place and working. The light on Church Lane (outside the Village Hall near the footbridge) will be upgraded soon.	
13	Solicitor The Clerk has received Terms and Conditions of Business and a contract from H B Public Law. She will check whether they consider there is any outstanding work they are doing for us.	Clerk to check out
14	Annual Open Meeting of the Parish – 22nd May 2017 Agreed that the meeting should include an update on the way forward for the Nash Road Playground, hopefully in the light of the award of a grant from WREN. The decision is due on 17 th May. Cllr AS agreed that he and Cllr MT together with the Working Group will report on this issue. The meeting can also publicise the new Thames Valley Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021 and the Victims First web site and can also give notice and explanation of TPC's intention to cut down of the diseased sweet chestnut tree. Thornborough News is due to be delivered to residents the week before and the Clerk will use Thornborough News to promote the meeting.	Cllrs AS and MT to prepare report Clerk to organise agenda and publicise meeting
15	Finances: a) Bank Reconciliations – April 2017. Current Account £11,518.07 Reserve Account £14,174.84 Current liabilities: £611.10 Unbanked cash: £10,221.66 Total £35,303.47 b) Audit update The Clerk will be sending the Audit documents to the Internal Auditor, Auditing Solutions in the next week. c) Payments: E-on (unmetered supplies) £17.78 Cheque No 800 E-on Sports Pavilion £286.38 Cheque No 801 Keys for Sports Pavilion and Field £39.00 Cheque No 801 Printing Ink £47.89 Cheque No 803 Printer Scanner £103.94 Cheque No 804 Rent for use of Clerk's house as an office £500.00 Cheque No 805 Reid and Co. Payroll Services £180.00 Cheque No. 806 BMKALC Subscription £115.99 Cheque No 807 AVALC donation £20.00 Cheque No 808 Des O'Brien –work at Sports Pavilion £362.00 Cheque No 809 Clerk's Salary – May £368.52 Cheque No. 810 HMRC - Clerk's Income Tax £92.20 Cheque No. 811 (PAYE Ref. 475/SA75351 Accounts office Ref. 475PE00369213) Total £2,130.70 d) Receipts Aylesbury Vale District Council Precept £9,105.00	Clerk to action Clerk to raise cheques

