

## THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of MEETING

**Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr Melanie Staff (Chair), Cllr Mary Taylor, Cllr Deborah Hosein, Cllr Steve Tribe, Maggie Beach (Clerk),

**Public attending - 5**

Item	Minute	Actions
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Andy Spurr, Cllr Charlotte Moore, Cllr Ray Goodger, BCC Cllr Warren Whyte, AVDC Cllr Sir Billy Stanier,	
2	<p><b>Public Participation Session</b> Residents attended to express their concerns about the parking on Nash Road. There are cars and vans constantly parked reducing the road to one lane. Traffic manages to accommodate this but the parked vans especially can be hazardous as it's difficult to see round them. The proximity of the Playground means that there are often children walking along or across Nash Road which creates further safety issues.</p> <p>There was a suggestion that the 12 garages at the back of the houses on Nash Road could be demolished and a car-park created there. This was considered to be a good solution although there was always the possibility that people wouldn't use it, preferring to park nearer to their houses. Several of the garages are condemned and no longer used. The Clerk will find out who owns the garages, (Buckinghamshire County Council or Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust) and see what plans they might have for their future.</p>	<b>Clerk to action</b>
3	<b>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda</b> – Cllr MT declared an interest in item 11	
4	<b>Minutes of the meetings of 20th August and 3rd September 2018</b> – agreed	
5	<p><b>Review of Action Points</b> <b>Item 6 Planning:</b> i Response sent ii TPC response to Buckingham TC and Planning Officer with regards to TPC involvement in the Buckingham Local Plan on agenda for TPC Planning Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.</p> <p><b>Item 8 Amendment to Standing Orders</b> – The Clerk has made the amendment and circulated the amended document to Councillors.</p> <p><b>Item 9 House of Item 9 Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy: Call for evidence</b> - The clerk has collated and forwarded the responses she received on this issue from Councillors.</p> <p><b>Item 11 Playground Inspection Reports</b> – on agenda <b>Item 12 Playground Notice Wording</b> – on agenda <b>Item 13 BALC Course - GDPR</b> – the Clerk is booked onto this course <b>Item 14 BCC Local Parish Infrastructure Priorities and Future Workshops</b> – the Clerk has submitted the agreed priorities. <b>Item 15 Thornborough Parish Council website</b> – in hand <b>Item 16 Road and Drainage issues</b> i. <b>Current Issues – The Pond</b> – on agenda - <b>Gates at Coombs</b> – on agenda ii. <b>Update on Picnic Area at Thornborough Bridge</b> - the Clerk has responded that although TPC are concerned about the state of the picnic</p>	

	<p>area it is not TPC's responsibility and we are unable to take action to keep the site clear.</p> <p><b>Item 16 Thornborough Woodlands Land Registration</b> – on agenda</p> <p><b>Item 19 Finances:</b></p> <p><b>b) Laptop for Clerk</b> – on agenda</p> <p><b>c) Payments:</b> cheques all sent</p> <p><b>Item 20 A.O.B., other correspondence and any other Councillors' Issues.</b></p> <p>i. The Clerk has responded to Thornborough CC re. the repair of the ground at the sports field that Councillors did not feel that the council was financially responsible for the work.</p> <p>ii. Cllr MT has reported back that the issue of a new village hall has not been discussed at TPC meetings as it has not been raised for discussion,</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>i. <u>Ref 18/03107/APP</u> - 3 Thornhill Thornborough, MK18 2DS - Single storey rear extension – NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>ii. <u>Ref.18/03079/APP</u> – Fieldview Farm, Bletchley Road, Thornborough, MK18 2DZ - Proposed provision of alternative safe access to farm to include change of use of land on which new road is to be constructed from agricultural to residential (garden of Field View Farm). Supported for safety reasons, although Councillors had reservations about the change of use from Agricultural to Residential use, and were concerned that the Right of Way was kept in place although with the change of use it would be across the garden.</p> <p>iii. Updates: The East West Expressway option B, the middle corridor option going past Winslow is the Government's preferred option. It was noted that Winslow TC are concerned at the potentially greatly increased development this will cause. Currently there are two options, Option B1 and Option B3, for this middle corridor being considered.</p>	<b>Clerk to make responses</b>
7	<p><b>Playground inspection Reports</b></p> <p>Cllr MT has passed copies of the Inspection Report to Kompan who will do the work needed to bring the relevant items up to safety standards. The Clerk will ask contractors for quotes for the fence which is needing replacement</p>	<b>Clerk to get quotes for replacing the fence</b>
8	<p><b>Playground Notice Wording</b></p> <p>Agreed that Cllr MT and the Clerk work on the wording for the noticeboard</p>	<b>Cllr MT and Clerk to action</b>
9	<p><b>Road and Drainage issues</b></p> <p>i. <b>Current Issues</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The Pond.</b> The pond should be cleared within the coming week. The edges have been cleared to allow access. The Clerk has alerted the school to the work.</li> <li>- <b>LAF bid for Gates at Coombs</b> – The bid has been sent in and acknowledged.</li> <li>- <b>Back Street Footbridge Railings</b> – Councillors discussed the options. It was agreed that the wooden railings suggested as an option by the works team would be the best option.</li> </ul> <p>ii. <b>Relevant Closures and roadworks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are several closures currently in the village of Thornborough; School Lane and Church Lane, Chapel Lane for drainage work, Back Street for work on the ford footbridge, and Hatchet Leys Lane.</li> <li>- The Picnic Area at Thornborough Bridge will be opened next week. A clearance of rubbish and litter has been undertaken.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk to let TfB know this decision</b>
10	<p><b>1. Rights of Way in Parish</b></p> <p>i. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53 Buckinghamshire County Council Definitive Map Application for Modification Order – Thornborough. Buckinghamshire County Council will be looking at the request for the creation of a right of way round the field opposite the Sports Field in Back Street and have consulted with Thornborough Parish Council. Councillors</p>	





A questions was raised as to why over-weight-limit vehicles that get stuck in Buckingham (Well Street) are not being ticketed. To be followed up.

**East-West Rail update:**

The public enquiry is likely to start March 2019. They have received 233 objections, most of which are about the level crossing in Woburn Sands.

There will be a re-submission to planning for the Winslow station in November.

The team reported on various works they have undertaken with schools in the local area, and asked for ideas to be sent in of any projects required by educational establishments or community groups; see their website.

Comments were made that work on this rail line needs to be carefully co-ordinated with that for the Expressway.

**TfB update:**

Thornborough Bridge is due to re-open next week.

The pothole (etc) reporting system is now run by BCC not TfB.

I reported the water/ice problem at the junction of the Lone Tree road/Lower End for urgent attention.

**North Bucks Health update:**

A written report – no rep at meeting.

It appears that a response is not forthcoming about what will happen re Buckingham Hospital. The LAF will ask a rep to come to the next meeting. We need to present good arguments as to why overnight beds should be retained.

**HS2 update:**

Discussions /meetings have been held with 23 of the affected councils. Workers on the project can be recognised as they have 'Eiffarge' or 'Fusion' labels on clothing, and HGVs have 'HS2' signs in windscreens.

They are talking to parishes re any traffic or footpath problems.

They have money available to fund parish projects (even if the parish is not directly on the HS2 route).

**Community Transport update:**

Driver volunteers are still needed, also volunteers for the Board/Committee.

**AVDC update:**

Any issues with the bin round changes need to be reported.

Comments were made that there was no phone number on the webpage for this reporting, just an on-line link. However, this on-line link does not always work!

**BCC update:**

Written report on website. They admitted it needs to be more 'North' focussed for these meetings in future.

**Other reports** available on-line.

Next meeting will be on **7 February 2019**.

Melanie Staff