

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

14th April 2008 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Anthony Lawrinson, Andy Spurr, Charlotte Moore, Neil Walton, Mark Cole

1.1 Apologies for absence

Alex Keeling (holiday)

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 10th March 2008

Agreed and signed

1.4 1.4.1 Parking on the Green

The Green cannot be legitimately protected until it is registered with the Parish Council. Mark Cole and Andy Spurr have been asked to write and confirm that the Green has been used for sports and pastimes over a period of many years. Connie Burchett has written and will pass the letter on to the Parish Council. These will then be forwarded to Chandler Ray; they can then proceed with the registration.

1.4.2 Sports Field Bridge

Derek Thomas has now retired. Martin Thomas has been asked to do the fencing at the bridge to the sports field.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.4.3 We are in contact with Highways regarding issues that require fixing such as pot holes. It was agreed to discuss a speed limit of 30mph in Back Street when meeting with Highways and to look into traffic calming.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.5 Planning

07/02381/APP The Old Manor High Street - Re-shape existing pond, move watercourse and re-levelling of garden - No comment

08/00740/APP Home Farm Chapel Lane - Erection of agricultural building - No comment

1.6 Finances

1.6.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.6.2 Monthly bank reconciliation approved by all councillors

1.6.3 Cartwright's Ground Maintenance contract for 2008 was approved

1.6.4 The 07/08 Accounts were presented to the council

1.6.5 The 07/08 Accounts were approved

The 07/08 Annual return and Statement of Assurance was approved and signed

1.6.6 The following cheques were approved and signed with the appropriate powers considered

179	AVDC	Dog Waste Bins	798.98
180	Mrs E Gibb	Duck Food (Village Pond)	21.80

181	Bucks CC	Allotment Rental	75.00	
182	ABB Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	64.75	PCA 1957 s3(1)
183	Cartwright Landscapes	Grass cutting for 2007	2,100.43	
184	Mrs S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	164.87	LG (FP)A 1063 s5

01.04.08 DD Anglian Water 16.00

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1.7 Councillors Issues

- 1.7.1 Parking on the Greens and verges has reduced but to protect them from further damage, the following points were agreed by all councillors:
1. To look at the viability of adopting the area on the sports field, where the container was, for parking (Action: Neil Walton).
 2. To put boulders in some places i.e. The Green at the village hall, the verge at the junction of Lower End and High Street. (Action: Tim Nichols/and others to be arranged)
 3. To pursue the electricity company re. compensation for damage caused by utility vehicles (Action: Anthony Lawrinson).
 4. To offer some boulders to John Williams to protect the piece of green outside the Thornborough Manor wall (Action: Tim Nichols).
 5. To look into prices of Keep off the Grass signs which could then be put at some locations (Action: Tim Nichols).
 6. To review and discuss issues in Back Street such as parking, and traffic (Action: Andy Spurr/Neil Walton).

BALC is to be asked what the legal standpoint is regarding boulders (Action: Sue Reeder)

Action: As Above

- 1.7.2 The Nag meeting was at Little Horwood. PC Tipping was away and will be invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss parking enforcement when she returns.

Action: Alex Keeling

- 1.7.3 It was decided that re-cycled plastic, grasscrete, could be used to protect some of the verges. Areas of the village needing this surface are to be defined. It was agreed that it could be put on the Green opposite the Two Brewers; this would be subject to ownership and cost. Amongst the places to be considered are the field next to the sports field, which could then be used for parking and the verges alongside the sports field. It was decided to ask for quotes for the grasscrete and if possible a sample.

Action: Alex Keeling

- 1.7.4 Andy Spurr met with Jean Fox from Bucks Community Action as arranged previously on 8th April, when the suggested sites for Affordable Housing were discussed and viewed.

It was agreed that the following sites be put forward to AVDC and were worth considering further:

1. Land opposite the Sports Field
2. Land on the right at the top of Thornhill

3. Allotments and land to the right hand side off Nash Road

4. Land off Nash Road next to Nash End Farm

The following sites were not agreed: Land next to Malting House Bridge Street, land to left of junction at Lower End and High Street, land to right of junction at Lower End and High Street, land at the Lone Tree site.

1.7.5 Sunnybrook Cottage in High Street which is within the conservation area has been sold. The Parish Council has proactively written to AVDC expressing its concerns regarding development of the site.

1.7.6 Paul Winters as Riparian owner has cleared his part of the stream, but it is blocked on the other side of the bridge, at the land near Old Bridge House. Ownership of the land needs to be established. Andy and Anthony to walk the area. Sue Reeder to establish ownership.

Action: As Above

1.7.7 We now have Richard Ashford's estimate for the ornamental railings which everyone agreed was too much to pay. It was decided that we should look into the AVDC Local Community Fund which funds projects for local communities.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.7.8 As Derek Thomas has now retired, Martin Thomas has been asked to replace the broken tiles in the away showers.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.7.9 It was agreed at an earlier meeting that the hedging at the sports field should be replaced. The cricket club is unable to contribute towards the cost at the present time. The issue will be reviewed in twelve months.

1.7.10 Water supply at the allotments: It was decided that the allotment holders would all be asked to agree to pay for the water used. If the matter can not be resolved the water company will be asked to cap the supply on May 1st.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.7.11 There are an abundance of disused agricultural buildings in Thornborough. It was decided that AVDC should be contacted and asked whether there is any covenant governing their use.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.7.12 It was resolved that the Annual Parish meeting, the AGM and the ordinary Parish meeting would be on Monday 12th May. The Annual Parish meeting is to be between 7pm and 8pm, (when the review would include dog waste, flooding, The Greens, quality status and footpath lighting). The AGM between 8pm and 8.30pm and the ordinary Parish Council meeting at 8.30pm.

1.7.13 One of the criteria needed to become a Quality Council is that 80% of the Councillors must have been elected. A number of the Councillors are co-opted. BALC is to be asked if it would be possible to have an election to elect councillors.

1.7.14 The Parish Appraisal committee are meeting on the 18th April. There are no fundamental changes being made to the Parish Plan. The committee will

present a blue print to the Parish Council for formal adoption at a later date.

- 1.7.15 Bucks Sustainability Fund. It was decided that the Parish Council did not want to take out any more loans. It was agreed that we should look into the Community Sustainable Energy Programme with regards to footpath lighting and street lights.

Action: Neil Walton

- 1.7.16 The drains in High Street are blocked. Highways to be informed.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.7.17 The electricity cables have now been put underground in Lower End. It was decided to ask Shaun Robinson of Central Networks when the rest of the village will be done.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.7.18 There have been some containers dumped outside the sports field. Fly tipping team to be informed. (Action: Sue Reeder). When Central Networks carried out work next to the sports field the old equipment was left in the field; they are to be asked to remove it. (Action: Anthony Lawrinson).

Action: As Above

- 1.7.19 It was agreed that Councillors could volunteer to have responsibility for their own areas for action. Areas such as lighting and conservation could then be given to Councillors who would take on the action points connected to them; this would help to speed things up at meetings.

- 1.7.20 The Thornborough Village web site still needs updating on latest news items. Also the possibility of a Thornborough News magazine run by the Parish Council was discussed. We need to look into sponsorship, charge, distribution.

Action: Mark Cole

1.8 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm