

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

12th May 2008 at 7.50pm

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

Public: Two members of the public

Maggie Beach one of the members of public present gave information on the Travel Plan for schools

1.1 Apologies for absence

None

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 14th April 2008

Agreed and signed

1.4 1.4.1 Parking on the Green

Mark Cole has written a letter stating that the Green has been used for sports and pastimes over many years. Connie Burchett has written but has yet to pass the letter on. Andy Spurr has been asked to write. The letters will be forwarded to Chandler Ray so that they can proceed with the registration.

1.4.2 Sports Field Bridge

Martin Thomas is still to do the fencing at the bridge to the sports field.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.4.3 A walk through the village to identify issues needing attention was arranged between Ann-Marie Davies of Bucks Highways, Tim Nichols and Anthony Lawrinson. Among the subjects discussed were pot holes and kerb stone damage, speed limits, traffic calming and heavy traffic coming through the village. We will summarise the walk round and send clear directions to Ann-Marie. Some of the repairs to roads and kerbs and trimming and cutting back of vegetation can be done by the Parish Gang, it was agreed that they should be advised of jobs that need doing.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.5 Planning

08/00902/APP Spindles Bridge Street - Two storey side extension with dormer windows to front and rear - No comment

07/01266/APP Lower End Farm Lower End - Conversion of barn to dwelling - Amended plans - No comment

08/01097/APP 2 Palmers Moor - Single storey side extension, single storey front porch and hard paved parking area - 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 The Clerk's WWYC course has been discussed and payment agreed, we will also apply for the bursary associated with the course

1.6.4 The following cheques were approved and signed with the appropriate powers

considered

185	Martin Thomas	Tiles, Sports Pavilion	790.00	
186	Mrs E Gibb	Duck Food (Village Pond)	13.60	
187	Allianz Insurance PLC	Parish Council Insurance	1,327.44	LGA 1972 s111
188	Mrs S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	118.96	
189	SLCC	WWYC Course	195.00	LGA 1972 s111

01.05.08 DD Anglian Water 16.00

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1.7 Councillors Issues

1.7.1 We are waiting to hear from Bucks Highways as to whether we are allowed to put boulders at the edge of the Greens and some verges to protect them from further damage. We also need to write to the insurance company with regard to public liability on putting boulders at the edge of Greens and verges. (Action: Anthony Lawrinson). The following actions have already been agreed:

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).

Action: As Above

1.7.2 PC Nicole Bruce is to do a walk around the village with respect to parking.

Action: Alex Keeling

1.7.3 The cost of grasscreting the area opposite the Two Brewers would be high. We may be able to get funding from Bucks CC Highways delegated budget. It was decided to submit a formal application to Bucks CC for funding. If we go ahead Graham Smith has asked that he be considered for the work.

Action: Alex Keeling

1.7.4 Jean Fox of Bucks Community Action is to be invited to the Parish Council meeting on 9th June to discuss the next stage regarding the Affordable Housing.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.7.5 AVDC have replied to the parish council's letter regarding development at Sunnybrook, saying that it is unlikely that the Local Planning Authority would support the erection of any extra dwellings on the site. Any replacement of the existing dwelling would have to have due regard to the impact on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and the countryside.
- 1.7.6 Glebe Land, Chapel Lane: Recently, without planning permission, contractors started drainage works at Glebe Land. Beryl Kemplen of AVDC was notified and spoke to the contractors, work has now stopped.
- 1.7.7 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

- 1.7.8 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

- 1.7.9 Martin Thomas has completed the work at the away showers at the sports pavilion.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.7.10 The water supply at the allotments will remain, when we know how much the water is to cost, the amount will be divided equally between the allotment holders.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.7.11 Disused agricultural buildings: Not all agricultural buildings have a covenant of use, but if anyone wants to change the original use they will need to apply to AVDC who will investigate to find out whether a covenant exists and what the original use was.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.7.12 The Community Sustainable Energy Programme: Two types of grants are available; a grant of up to £5,000 is available to fund development studies which must be carried out by an approved consultant; capital grants are available for installing energy efficient measures. Solar panels could be put on the village hall and the sports pavilion. Energy efficient footpath lighting could be installed; locations and design to be agreed. It was agreed that we should go ahead. The next step is to agree a consultant.

Action: Neil Walton

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

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.7.14 Bob Wilkinson of Central Networks has been asked when the remainder of the village is to have the power cable put underground. We are awaiting his reply.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.7.15 Highways were informed regarding the containers that were dumped in Back Street, these have been removed. (Action: Sue Reeder). Central Networks are to be asked again to remove their old equipment which was left in the field near the sports ground. (Action: Anthony Lawrinson).

Action: As Above

1.7.16 Each Councillor has been given areas of responsibility for action points, these were agreed. Actions will be agreed by the Parish Council at meetings.

1.7.17 The Thornborough Village web site is to be kept up to date. We are still looking into producing a Thornborough News magazine run by the Parish Council. (Action: Mark Cole) There is a Community Chest fund which grants up to £1,000 for small projects, it was decided to apply for a grant to fund the cost of producing of a magazine. (Action: Anthony Lawrinson).

Action: As Above

1.7.18 Mr and Mrs James letter regarding the condition of the village was noted. A reply addressing their points has been agreed and will be sent.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.7.19 The Action Plan (Parish Plan Annex) was approved and will be adopted. It was agreed that copies of the Parish Paths leaflet (to be arranged Action: Sue Reeder)) should be distributed with the Parish Plan, it was also agreed that we should apply for a Micro Grant from the Community Chest (Action: Anthony Lawrinson) for the printing of the Parish Paths leaflet.

Action: As Above

1.8 Correspondence

Rights of way:
Improvement plan 2008-2018
Revised definitive map and statement
Local access forum annual report

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm