

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

09th June 2008 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Anthony Lawrinson, Neil Walton, Alex Keeling

1.1 Apologies for absence

Andy Spurr, Charlotte Moore, Mark Cole

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 12th May 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 has now installed the fencing at the bridge to the sports field.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.4.3 Among the subjects discussed on the walk round the village with Ann-Marie Davies of Highways, Tim Nichols and Anthony Lawrinson 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. Other issues are the subsidence in Back Street and the overgrown hedge in Back Street, Highways will be informed. Kerb stones have been displaced in Back Street by contractors working at Vine Cottage, the contractors are to be asked to make good, and if they don't do the work Highways will do it. The Parish gang have been advised of work such as replacing kerbstones and trimming and cutting back of vegetation. We will advise them of any other work that needs doing.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.5 Planning

08/01295/APP Magdalene House Nash End Farm Nash Road - Construction of swimming pool house with family room link to main house - As a condition of approval; to maintain a hedge screening on the boundary to the road

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 Sue Reeder has reported that her 2007/08 council earnings have been declared on her tax return

1.6.4 The WWYC course bursary has been approved and a cheque for £146.25 has been received

1.6.5 The internal audit report for 2007/8 has been seen by all councillors and the response to the action points has been approved

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

190	Auditing Solutions Ltd	Internal Audit	282.00	ACA 1998 s2
191	ABB	Street Light Maintenance	68.74	PCA 1957 s3(1)
192	ABB	Street Light Maintenance	10.58	PCA 1957 s3(1)
193	Mrs S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	114.03	

01.06.08 DD Anglian Water 16.00

01.06.08 DD E.on 30.00

1.7 Councillors Issues

1.7.1 We are still waiting to hear from Bucks Highways for permission to put boulders at the edge of the Greens and some verges to protect them from further damage. We have written to the insurance company with regard to public liability on putting boulders at the edge of Greens and verges. (Action: Anthony Lawrinson). It was agreed that we should make a concentrated effort to renew the grass outside the village hall and contact Cartwright's to see if they would do this. (Action: Alex Keeling) In the meantime as a temporary measure boulders could be put in place and removed when the grass has recovered. The school may be able to get a grant to grasscrete the area outside the village hall which could then be used for parking. The points below were agreed:

1. The area on the sports field, where the container was, is not viable for parking as there would only be room for 3 or 4 cars. (Action: Neil Walton).
2. We are still waiting to see if we can 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. The electricity company has made good the verges ruined by their utility vehicles but they have been ruined again by other vehicles. (Action: Anthony Lawrinson)
4. John Williams will accept boulders to protect the piece of green outside the Thornborough Manor wall (Action: Tim Nichols).
5. 'Keep off the Grass signs' was discussed again and it was decided that we do not want them
6. The issues in Back Street such as parking and traffic are still to be reviewed and discussed (Action: Andy Spurr/Neil Walton).

Action: As Above

1.7.2 Charles Hall is to be reminded regarding the re-instatement of the verges when building work has been completed at the Old Manor

Action: Tim Nichols

1.7.3 PC Nicole Bruce has been contacted regarding the walk through the village with respect to parking; a date has still to be arranged.

Action: Alex Keeling

1.7.4 Bucks Local Area Forum 15th May: It was confirmed that the correct diversion route when there are accidents on the A421 is via the A413 Padbury and not through Thornborough, but that the local police officers

may not know this. Also there is a risk based review to maintain waterways. There is £3.25m available for projects across the county and claims for projects should be submitted as soon as possible.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.7.5 Speed Limit in Thornborough: The Parish Plan has all the recommendations for speed limits in Thornborough; the speed restriction sign should be moved to a position towards Thornton at the Thornborough sign to the village. It was agreed that we should ask Highways to move the sign to the village boundary.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.7.6 Walkers travelling along the footpath at Brightmoor Farm have had trouble with dogs at the farm. Rights of Way officers have spoken to the owner.

- 1.7.7 There has been a request to the Parish Council that the churchyard be tidied. Charlotte is to be contacted regarding the setting up of a working party and a note asking for volunteers to be put in the next newsletter.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.7.8 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

- 1.7.9 Jean Fox of Bucks Community Action is not able to attend the meeting to discuss the next stage regarding the Affordable Housing. She will keep us informed and as we get more details we will keep the village up to date. There was an invitation to visit an affordable housing development in Cheddington, where one of the houses was open for viewing. We could not attend but photos will be taken of the houses so that we can see what has been done there.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.7.10 The stream is still blocked in Lower End at the land near Bridge House, it has been established that Highways own the land.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.7.11 Ornamental Railings: It was decided that we should look into the AVDC Local Community Fund which funds projects for local communities.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 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 Highways have been informed about the blocked drains in High Street. We also need to inform them about the blocked drains in Lower End and Chapel Lane.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.7.14 Bob Wilkinson of Central Networks has replied regarding putting the remainder of the power cables underground; Central Networks are in negotiation to obtain permission wayleaves where they require equipment on private land, this will enable them to complete the work.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.7.15 Central Networks have removed some of their old equipment which was left in the field near the sports ground, they are waiting for a trailer to enable them to remove the remainder.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.7.16 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

1.7.17 It was agreed that copies of the Parish Paths leaflet (to be arranged Action: Sue Reeder) should be distributed with the Parish Plan and a proof has been requested. 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

1.7.18 The message from Tristan Allen regarding the council's decision on parking on grassed areas in the village and putting boulders or creating parking areas was noted.

1.7.19 The Lone Tree: The building was partly destroyed by fire in 2007, it is a listed building and there is an obligation to rebuild. It was agreed that we should get more information on the rules for listed buildings.

Action: Neil Walton

1.7.20 There is a partly built house in High Street. Work was stopped because planning permission had not been obtained. It was agreed that we should find out any more information available.

Action: Neil Walton

1.8 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm