

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

10th August 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Anthony Lawrinson, Charlotte Moore, Andy Spurr, Mark Cole

Public: None

1.1 Apologies for absence

Tim Nichols, Alex Keeling, Neil Walton

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 Public Participation: No members of the public present

1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 13th July 2009

Agreed and signed

1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens

We are still waiting to hear from Chandler Ray and will contact them again.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.5.2. An audit of repairs is still to be put together to give to Highways. An email on speed limits wanted for Thornborough has been sent to Transportation. (Action: Anthony Lawrinson).

Simon Dudley, Team Leader, Area Maintenance will be invited to a council meeting to discuss the subject and we will also encourage villagers to come along by way of an article in the Thornborough News (Action: Tim Nichols)

We resolved to write to Sir Beville Stanier about the matter of pot holes etc. (Action: Neil Walton)

Action: As Above

1.6 Planning

None

1.7 Finances

1.7.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.7.2 Monthly bank reconciliation approved by all councillors

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

249	E.on	Street Lights	24.34	PCA 1957 s3
250	S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	135.04	LGA 1972 s112
03.08.09 DD Anglian Water 44.00				
03.08.09 DD E.on 21.00				

1.8 Councillors Issues

1.8.1 Grasscreting: The quotations for the repair of verges and greens were

fully discussed. We still need to clarify whether one quotation includes the cost of kerbing.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.2 **Affordable Housing:** Bucks Community Action has told us that as the plans for Affordable Housing are very much at the draft stage they would rather we did not publish them.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.3 **Culvert at bridge in Bridge Street:** Beryl Kemplen of AVDC has been in touch with us and we will contact her again.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.4 **Aylesbury ducks and duck house:** It was resolved that the purchase of a duck house is to be put on hold as there is enough shelter/protection on the banks and in the reeds of the pond for the ducks and ducklings.

- 1.8.5 **Footpath Sign:** Bucks CC has been informed again of the footpath sign lying on the verge in High Street and have not yet replied, we will contact them once more.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.6 **Village Post Office:** We have had a meeting with Bernard Garbe and a post office representative; it was resolved that details of the outcome of the meeting and a decision on a post office in the village will be deferred until next month's meeting.

- 1.8.7 **Footpath from post box to pond:** An appeal for storage for community payback workers' tools was put into the Thornborough News; as yet we have had no response and we will put another appeal in the next Thornborough News.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.8 **Tourist sign for The Two Brewers:** This is still in the process of application. The parish council has agreed to part fund the cost of the sign.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.9 **Light at Lower End:** It was resolved that we would ask E.on if the light at Lower End could be of lower wattage as the present bulb is too bright.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.10 **Cleaning of Playground Equipment and Removal of Weeds/Brambles at Nash Road Playground:** The playground area has been strimmed and the brambles cut back.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.11 **Micro Grant Application for Cricket Nets:** We have the appropriate forms regarding our application to the Community Chest Micro Grant for funding for cricket nets; they will be shown to the cricket club.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.12 **Rospa Playground Inspection Report:** The playground equipment needing adjustment has been inspected and the adjustments made.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.13 **Skate Ramps at Playing Field:** It was resolved that as the skate ramps

are rarely used that we would put an article in the Thornborough News asking whether anyone would object to them being removed. Some of the equipment could then be adapted to be used as cricket nets.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.8.14 **Parking on pavement at Lower End:** The police have been informed and will come to check on any vehicles parking on the pavement.

1.8.15 **Core Strategy - Local Development Framework:** It was resolved that Tim would respond to this telling the parish council details of his response.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.8.16 **Recommendations for provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople:** Alex Keeling has responded and has a copy of the response which will be shown to the council.

Action: Alex Keeling

1.8.17 **Trees on the Green by Thornborough Manor:** We have had correspondence from the owner of Thornborough Manor requesting approval for the removal of two thorny trees; to be replaced by Acer platanoides (Crimson Sentry) and to be re-sited to 2m inside the footpath and the re-siting of an existing Snowy Mespilus to 2m inside the footpath. After examining the plans of the re-siting areas and photographs of the new trees it was resolved that Mr Williams could go ahead with the plan.

1.8.18 **Memorial Bench and Tree:** The council has met with Mr and Mrs Allen to decide a suitable spot for a bench in memory of their daughter; the area suggested was on the green outside the village hall looking towards the village. It was resolved that this spot was suitable.

The former resident who offered to pay for a tree to be planted on the green has agreed that the position and type of tree is to be decided by the council. It was resolved that we would write to them and ask them if they would like to suggest the type of tree.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.8.19 **Allotment 11 Rental and Rules for Allotments:** It was resolved that as the allotment has never been cultivated that the first year's rental would be free for the tenant. It was also resolved that a reminder of the rules for allotments; no bonfires near neighbouring properties, no wood sawing or storing etc. would be sent to all tenants.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.8.20 **Diversion when High Street Closed for Repair:** High Street is due for patch and plane works sometime in September. It was resolved that we would ask for the diversion route to be changed from Lower End and Back Street to Dancer's Grave to the A421 to Padbury Road and vice-versa.

Action Sue Reeder

1.8.21 **Friendship Club:** A letter from the Friendship Club to the parish council thanking it for its donation was shown to the council.

1.8.22 **Aylesbury Vale Sport, Recreation and Cultural Facilities**

Assessment: Confirmation required that the information provided in 2004 is correct and up to date and also to inform of any parish plans and needs for the future. It was resolved that we would provide feedback to the commissioned Consultants.

Action: Sue Reeder

Rural Policing: This subject is to go on to the September agenda for discussion at that meeting

Street Lights and Reserves: This subject is to go on to the September agenda for discussion at that meeting.

1.9 Correspondence

Buying in Bucks for Parish and Town Councils

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm