

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

14th September 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Andy Spurr, Alex Keeling, Neil Walton, Mark Cole

Public: Mr Moore of Thornborough Cricket Club

1.1 Apologies for absence

Anthony Lawrinson, Charlotte Moore

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 Public Participation: A meeting was arranged between Mr and Mrs Staff and the Cricket Club with two members of the parish council present. At the meeting both parties agreed to abide by an accord. Mr Moore attended this meeting to have the accord ratified. Mr Moore then left the meeting.

1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 10th August 2009

Agreed and signed

1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens

The documentation for our statutory declaration should be with us by the end of the week. The Registration application can then be submitted to Land Registry.

Registration is expected to take about five weeks once Land Registry has the papers; costs are currently £1,100.00 + VAT with another £200.00 approximately to be added.

It was resolved that we will ask Chandler Ray whether we need to insure the Greens, once registered, against Public Liability.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.5.2. An audit of repairs is still to be put together to give to Highways. (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).

Action: As Above

1.6 Planning

09/01349/APP Western Green Farm - Erection of agricultural buildings and change of use for creation of ménage - No comment

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

251	E.on	Street Light Maintenance	71.59	PCA 1957 s3
252	Mazars	External Audit	155.25	Audit Commission

253	NBPPC	Annual Membership	20.00	
254	E.on	Street Lights	24.34	PCA 1957 s3
255	S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	144.40	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:** We still need to obtain the final quotation of one of the tenders.

It was resolved that we will spend a maximum of £4,000 on repair of the verges and grasscreting the Dole Tree and outside the village hall.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.2 **Affordable Housing:** Draft layouts have been submitted to AVDC planning, once they are happy the plans will be sent to the parish council. If we or the landowner have any comments they will be taken into consideration where possible. Once everyone is happy a village consultation day will be arranged when everyone will be invited to come along. Members of the Housing Association, parish council and the architect will be on hand to answer questions.

- 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:** Putting a floating duck house on a running stream would be more difficult than siting one on a pond. There is also shelter/protection on the banks and in the reeds for the ducks and ducklings; the matter is to be kept on hold.

- 1.8.5 **Village Post Office:** At the meeting we attended with Bernard Garbe and a post office representative we were asked to pay the rental on the village hall while it was being used by the Post Office. It was resolved that the opening of a hosted post office in the village hall will go ahead and will be reviewed in a year's time.

- 1.8.6 **Footpath from post box to pond:** No-one has come forward with an offer of storage space for community payback workers' tools. The purchase of a tool shed as storage with a key controlled entrance that the workers could open themselves was suggested. It was resolved that the sports clubs would be asked whether the sports pavilion which has toilets and coffee/tea making facilities could be used for storage.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.7 **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

- 1.8.8 **Light at Lower End:** We have asked E.on if the light at Lower End could have a lower wattage bulb and have been told that it is not normally

possible to just change the bulb and that a complete change of fitting would be needed. There is a version of the lantern which is half as bright and they will let us know how much this will be when they have the costing.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.9 **Micro Grant Application for Cricket Nets:** The Community Chest Micro Grant application forms have been completed by the Cricket Club and will be sent to the Community Chest Grants Officer at AVDC for approval.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.10 **Skate Ramps at Playing Field:** As there has been no opposition to the removal of the skate ramps at the playing field, it was resolved that they will be removed and adapted to be used as part of the new cricket nets.

- 1.8.11 **Trees on the Green by Thornborough Manor:** A letter has been received from Thornborough Manor thanking us for our approval of the removal of two thorny trees and the siting of two new trees.

- 1.8.12 **Memorial Bench and Tree:** The placing of a memorial bench on the Green, by Mr and Mrs Allen, is under way.

The former resident who has kindly offered to purchase a new tree for the green has suggested a Rowan/Mountain Ash. It was resolved that this would be fine but to also tell them of our suggestion of a Mulberry Tree.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.13 **The Lone Tree:** The area around The Lone Tree has been tidied up; it was resolved that we will ask the owner whether it is for sale or whether there are any plans to renovate it.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.8.14 **Rural Policing:** The precept for police services has been increased but some parishes have had their full-time officer cover removed and replaced by a part-time officer. We resolved to write to Thames Valley Police about the matter.

Action: Alex Keeling

- 1.8.15 **Grant Request from Village Hall Committee:** The parish council want to understand how the Village Hall Trust works before a grant can be given. It was resolved to ask members of the Village Hall Trust to attend the next parish council meeting to discuss the subject.

Action: Tim Nichols

- 1.8.16 **Street Lights:** It was resolved at a past meeting that when funds allow and electricity undergrounding works are completed that footpath lighting would be purchased. In the meantime we will look at various street lighting brochures.

- 1.8.17 **Reserves:** It was resolved that the discussion on what to spend the council's reserves on is deferred to a future meeting.

1.9 Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm