

## **MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**08th March 2010 at 7.30pm**

Before the meeting commenced Melanie Staff agreed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the councillors' code of conduct before the clerk and handed her completed and signed Register of Members' Personal Interests to the clerk

**Present:** Tim Nichols, Anthony Lawrinson, Charlotte Moore, Mark Cole, Melanie Staff

**Public:** None

**1.1 Apologies for absence**

Andy Spurr, 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 08th February 2010**

Agreed and signed.

**1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens**

Land Registry has said that the registration of the greens cannot go ahead until we are able to show that the green areas have been maintained by the parish council over the last twelve years. The relevant paperwork has been given to Chandler Ray to forward to Land Registry.

**Action: Tim Nichols**

**1.5.2.** An audit of repairs is still to be put together to give to Highways. There are numerous pot holes in the village; the council has replied to an online questionnaire reporting the pot holes to Bucks CC but has had no response yet. It was resolved that we will contact Highways, and also try to find out whether Bucks CC has a list of those already reported.

**Action: Anthony Lawrinson**

Matters previously discussed included the hidden dip sign on the A421 which has been displaced and is lying on the verge. The Thornborough sign at Cat Lane is no longer pointing to Thornborough correctly and needs turning to its correct position. Highways have been informed.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

**1.6 Planning**

10/00251/APP 2 Lower End - rear first floor extension and single storey extension  
- No comment

10/00386/ATC Home Farm Chapel Lane - fell no 1 Maple, Horse Chestnut,  
Sycamore, Hawthorn and Poplar - No comment

10/00301/APP Radford House Nash Road - erection of chimney to annexe - No  
comment

**1.7 Finances**

**1.7.1** Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

**1.7.2** February's bank reconciliation was presented to the council for approval;  
the bank statement for March not having yet been received the bank

reconciliation for March will be presented to the council for approval next month.

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

281	E.on	Street Lights	23.23	PCA 1957 s3 (7)
282	Bucks CC	License Application to Conduct Street Works	200.00	
283	S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	143.36	LGA 1972 s112

01.03.10 DD Anglian Water 44.00

01.03.10 DD E.on 28.00

**1.8 Councillors Issues**

1.8.1 **Grasscreting:** The area of the green area to be repaired outside the village hall is 40 square metres = 2 metres wide x 20 metres long. The netpaved area will be one cars width. The work is to include kerbing at the roadside edge abutting High Street. The repairs will be carried out in the Easter holidays causing as little disturbance to the school as possible. It was resolved that Graham Smith will be asked to add a few more square metres to his quotation; the area will be measured out. An application for a license to conduct road works has been sent to Bucks CC.

**Action: Anthony Lawrinson**

1.8.2 **Affordable Housing:** Because some of the wording of the covenant at land off Nash Road had to be checked, the Consultation Day for 16th March has unfortunately had to be cancelled. Originally six affordable housing units were to be built but the covenant on the land restricts the amount of housing to five units. AVDC has agreed to a new mix of housing and the architects are to draw up some more sketch plans, once these have been seen by the planning department at AVDC the consultation day can be rearranged.

1.8.3 **Culvert at bridge in Bridge Street:** We have been in touch with Beryl Kemplen regarding the installation of a culvert in Bridge Street; we will need to discuss the matter initially with Bucks CC (and Beryl Kemplen as representative of AVDC's Land Drainage Authority role) and if an agreement is reached there may have to be a formal application to the Environment Agency for consent to work on the watercourse. Beryl has suggested that we first contact the Senior Bridge Engineer at Bucks CC.

**Action: Tim Nichols**

1.8.4 **Footpath from post box to pond:** The placement case officer met with the clerk to look at the area of overgrown footpath requiring work. Other areas of overgrown footpath in High Street and shrubbery around the sports field requiring trimming was also noted and added to the areas needing work. A date for the work to be carried out by community payback workers is to be arranged. It was resolved that trimming of the overgrown shrubbery between New Inn and Sunnybrook Cottage will be added to the itinerary.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.5 **Tourist Sign for The Two Brewers:** Highways have replied to our query regarding permission for the parish council to erect a tourist sign; they have informed us that we have to go through them for the purchase and erection of the sign. It was resolved that we will go ahead with the application.

**Action: Andy Spurr**

- 1.8.6 **Tree on Village Green:** It was resolved that we will put the matter of a plaque by the Mulberry Tree kindly donated by a former resident on hold until the tree has been planted.

**No action Required Until Tree Planted**

- 1.8.7 **Sports Pavilion:** The sports pavilion was broken into leaving the entry door insecure; we are awaiting an estimate for making the door secure by installing a metal bar and padlocks with the same being done to the sports field shed door.

**Action: Andy Spurr**

- 1.8.8 **Planting Bulbs, Hanging Baskets:** The Gardening Society has had some advice from Health and Safety regarding putting up hanging baskets; because of this it was resolved that we would only purchase and plant bulbs. The council will ask the Gardening Society for recommendations on types and quantities.

**Action: Mark Cole**

- 1.8.9 **Repair of Bollard on the Green Footpath and Re-instatement of Removed Bollard:** Martin Thomas is still to get back to us with the costing for the work required; the replacement posts will be made of oak.

**Action: Andy Spurr**

It was resolved that the clerk will contact Martin and ask for an estimate for the work required.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.10 **Quality Status:** The application form is ready to be completed and submitted.

**Action: Neil Walton**

- 1.8.11 **Capital Spend on Reserves:** After discussion proposed items for capital spend are:

- Footpath Lighting (we have heard that we are unable to have two solar powered lights free of charge; it was resolved that we will purchase one solar light to try out)
- Railings
- Cricket nets (the AVDC grant has been approved, the parish council has paid the outstanding amount)
- Pavilion Maintenance
- Tennis Courts
- Church Maintenance
- Cycle Path
- Bridleway
- Traffic Calming
- Village Maintenance: to include grasscreting the area of green opposite The Two Brewers and outside the village hall. Repairing and kerbing the area of green at High Street side opposite the village hall and repair of the Dole Tree area of green

A detailed plan will be presented for further discussion.

**Action: Neil Walton**

- 1.8.12 **Byelaws for use of Greens:** The council wants to protect the greens once they are registered and will create byelaws for this. Several bye laws were discussed at this meeting and the most appropriate will be collated together for resolution at the next meeting.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.13 **A421 Lone tree Junction:** Highways have been contacted regarding safety issues at the A421 junction at the Lone Tree. A reply has been received from Ken Horne Local Area Technician with comments including the fact that the scheme would have been safety audited when first installed to ensure that all safety measures were met. Our message was passed on to the Traffic Management team who has not yet contacted us.

Simon Dudley, Local Area Technician will be invited to a future meeting.

Further safety issues discussed included the fact that it was difficult to see the traffic island kerbs and the turning itself at night, that the traffic island bollard is missing and that there is a need for a roundabout at the junction.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.14 **Area 12 Speed Limit Review:** A speed limit of 50mph is proposed for Coombs. The parish council wrote to Bucks CC saying that the speed limit should be 40mph, the reasons given being that there is residential housing, a footpath along the road, a history of accidents in the area and pedestrians have to cross the Padbury Road to get to Coombs Quarry or to the Community Woodland. A reply has been received; all feedback response will be considered by the Area Working Group. A report containing its recommendations will then be sent to the County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport for a final decision.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.15 **Thornborough News:** Because of some problems with the present printers with the cutting process of the magazine quotations from others have been obtained. After meeting with the printers a full report on any progress will be presented to the council. 180 subscriptions have now been paid. One suggestion put forward was that extra Thornborough News could be printed and sold in the Post Office or The Two Brewers.

**Action: Mark Cole**

- 1.8.16 **E.on Customer Lighting Bulletin:** The bulletin was read through to the council. Excerpts will be published in the Thornborough News.

**Action: Tim Nichols**

- 1.8.17 **Area 14 Speed Limit Review:** There is to be a speed limit review area briefing meeting on 13th April. Local Councillors will be presented with up to date information on various subjects including attitudes to speed limits, dealing with speeding and effectiveness of speed limits. It was resolved that two councillors will attend the meeting which is to be held in Mayors Chamber, Buckingham.

## 1.9 Correspondence

Setting up of a Youth Council  
Inaugural BCA Awards

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm