

THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

14th March 2011 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Cllr Mark Cole (Chair); Cllr Melanie Staff; Cllr Charlotte Moore; Cllr Ray Goodger, Cllr Maggie Beach (Minute taker)

Public: One member of the public present

| Item | | ACTION |
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| 1.1 | Apologies: Cllr Andy Spurr | |
| 1.2 | Declaration of interest in items on the agenda - none | |
| 1.3 | Public Participation session: Money for grass cutting in the church-yard – Cllr CM reported that St Mary’s PCC has not received the promised cheque for £500 for 2010. | Cllr. MC to look into this |
| 1.4 | Minutes of the meeting of 7th February 2011 <u>Item 1.6</u> to include the verbatim response TPC made to AVDC, ‘AVDC’s consultation on how local people would like to take development forward went out at the end of 2010. TPC’s response was the option.- ‘Would like to explore this issue further before coming to a conclusion, through working with AVDC and the community’ <u>Item 1.7 a)</u> – ‘after approval by the auditors’ to be deleted as unnecessary. | Cllr.MC to include in the minutes Cllr.MC to amend minutes |
| 1.5 | Review of Action Points – all are covered in the agenda | |
| 1.6 | Planning a) <u>Ref 10/02013/APP</u> Willowford House, High Street: Erection of two storey extension - No comment b) <u>Ref 11/00122/ATC</u> Huntingate Farm Lower End: Reduce and reshape of poplar tree - No comment c) <u>Ref 11/00157/App</u> Little Brevitts Back Street Rear floor extension - No comment 2 more planning applications were received too late to include in the current agenda. It was decided to ask AVDC for a 2 week extension of the date by which comments should be submitted so that they can be included in the next meeting’s agenda for public debate. | Cllr.MC to contact AVDC planning to ask for an extension. |
| 1.7 | Finances a) Cheques as detailed in last minutes b) Bank reconciliation for year ending March 2011 £21,468.00p total in both accounts as at 4th February 2011 – £2,648.00p in current account £18,819.20p in reserve account £33.45p un-presented cheques £21,434.72p new total | |

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| <p>1.8</p> | <p>Councillor's issues</p> <p><u>a) Update on repairs to village pond subsidence</u> Still nothing from BCC. Some question about which authority has responsibility for this particular piece of land. As the subsidence is considered quite dangerous TPC needs to progress as soon as possible. BCC asked to inspect and advise as a matter of urgency.</p> <p><u>b) Update on commons registration rights of way.</u> Cllr. MB reported that it seems unlikely that BCC, The Ramblers or the Open Space Society will take the issue of Footpath T16 any further. She suggested that TPC needs to agree conditions for access across the Green for the planned Forge Cottage building work. Cllr. MC pointed out that TPC still needs to adopt bye-laws for managing the Greens.</p> <p><u>c) Articulated lorries turning into Bridge Street.</u> Cllr. AS had reported that several parked cars in Bridge Street had recently been hit and damaged by lorries navigating the narrow street. TPC discussed the issue and decided that Bridge Street becoming one way was not the way forward but that weight restriction or a notice saying that the road was unsuitable for heavy traffic would be more appropriate. The issue of access for the Fire Service was also discussed. The service could advise TPC.</p> <p><u>d) Water damage to sports pavilion</u> The workmen are starting plastering this week. We are saving £900 by keeping a copper tank (cost £100) rather than converting to mega-flow, as it has proved not appropriate to install mega flow on this site. Insurers will meet £22,229.28p of the total cost. TPC liability is £849.60p This includes updating the wiring, as the work provides an opportunity to incorporate the work making it cheaper than it would have been otherwise. <i>TPC would like to acknowledge the great help given in this matter by parishioner Paul Warren.</i></p> | <p>Cllr.MC to contact relevant person at BCC</p> <p>All Councillors to consider this issue ready for developing a sub-committee to look at Bye-laws for the Greens.</p> <p>Cllr.MC to progress with relevant persons.</p> |
| <p>1.9</p> | <p>Correspondence:</p> <p><u>a) Request for subscription from Buckinghamshire Playing Fields</u> £20 subscription agreed</p> <p><u>b) Sue Ryder Urgent chair appeal: Donation request</u> Considered inappropriate to donate to individual charities, no donation.</p> <p><u>c) Letter from Henry Lewis: Allotments</u> - asking TPC to consider giving the corner in the north-east of the site back to BCC for inclusion in the tenant farmer's land next door as it is currently not being kept tidy. Also to ask BCC to include the hedge in their schedule for hedging work, continuing on from the farm's hedge TPC to arrange a site visit. It is the wrong time of year now to clip the hedge as birds are now starting to nest. TPC to look into this matter further.</p> <p><u>d) letter from Jean Fox</u> Affordable housing work to be started this week.</p> | <p>Cheque to be sent.</p> <p>Cllr.CM with Cllr. MB and Cllr. RG to visit site and report back, time to be arranged.</p> |

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| | <p>Discussion TPC's clerk, Jean James, has resigned. TPC would like to thank Jean for her hard work in taking over at short notice at a time when there were difficult issues to be dealt with. There followed a brief discussion on appointing a new clerk, also on councillor elections. Cllr. MB will consider not standing for the next term, and taking on the clerkship.</p> | <p>Cllr. MC to look into this</p> |
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The meeting finished at 8.55p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday 11th April 2011