

THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

Monday 8th August 2011 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Cllr. Mark Cole (Chair); Cllr. Melanie Staff; Cllr. Charlotte Moore, Cllr. Andy Spurr;
Cllr Ray Goodger, Cllr Mary Taylor, Maggie Beach (Clerk)

Public: None

Item	Minute	ACTION
1	<p>Fixed Business: Buckingham Planning – consultation for Local plan, Samuel Dix, Buckingham Town Council planning Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An overview of Buckingham’s intentions and progress b) Discussion regarding specific issues to the east of Buckingham’s parish border with ours <p>Various topics were covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and cycle-ways to Buckingham – TPC expressed an interest in a cycle-path to Buckingham, 2. Service users paying for parking, parking in Buckingham (concerns over loading bays rather than parking), 3. Infra-structure of new development – schools, doctor’s surgery, concerns re. traffic on A413 and A421, impact on Padbury road of possible increased traffic, isolation of people on this new estate from Buckingham because of the ring road, impact of a set of pedestrian crossing lights on increased traffic on Buckingham ring road, 4. Intentions for Buckingham – University to expand by same amount again (questionnaire to town residents) 5. Land bordering our parish to the west up to Buckingham was discussed, TPC expressed a desire to leave this area as it is as it as perfect as it is and needs no improvement. 	
2	<p>David Broadley’ request to talk to TPC concerning AVDC’s Local Plan on agenda at this stage because it carries on from the previous discussion. Agreed to invite David Broadley to talk at a future TPC meeting.</p>	Clerk to action
3	Apologies: none	
4	Declaration of interest in items on the agenda – AS declared an interest in the Lone Tree Planning application under item 16c	
5	<p>Public Participation session: No issues raised. There was a request to change the order of the agenda to put this item before declarations of interest in future. All agreed.</p>	Clerk to action
6	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 11th July 2011 Agreed as a correct record of the meeting, but Appendix 1 needs to be added.</p>	
7	<p>Review of Action Points .May meeting’s actions: Allotments –Cllr. AS to report back at next meeting Cllr AS reported in hand. Affordable Housing street lighting. Clerk has this in hand</p> <p>July meeting’s actions: Small cards with details for reporting pot holes printed and distributed to Cllrs. Standard letter to be given to relevant parishioners asking for them to keep their hedges trimmed written, clerk or chairman to send this out</p>	

	<p>when deemed necessary by Cllrs.</p> <p>Playground hedge: events have moved on and now the proposal is to move the entrance to the side onto the affordable housing site for safety and replace the front hedge altogether with a fence. Cllrs. agreed to this.</p> <p>HS2 - clerk has written and circulated a response.</p> <p>Planning: <u>Ref. 11/00733/APP</u> Response sent</p> <p>Finances: items d and e) Cheques paid.</p>	AS to report this decision back.
8	<p>Electoral boundaries review</p> <p>The chairman gave a brief view of current situation: Proposed changes by the Local Commission to County Council electoral boundaries would see several changes including reducing the number of councillors for Bucks CC from 57 to 49, with 17 representing the Aylesbury Vale area. The main change that would affect us would be to move Thornborough again. It was recently moved from Luffield Ward to Great Horwood Ward. Current proposals to move us to Buckingham North Ward have now been challenged by the Local Commission to County Council electoral boundaries who would prefer Thornborough to move to the Winslow Ward. The consultation lasts till 10th October.</p> <p>General discussion followed. Cllrs. All agreed they would prefer us to be part of Buckingham North Ward for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are 3 miles from Buckingham but 6 miles from Winslow • Thornborough residents tend to use Buckingham rather than Winslow • We have the same telephone code as Buckingham but not the same as Winslow. • We have strong links to Buckingham and a boundary with the Buckingham Town Council area • Our children go to Buckingham schools • Residents attend Buckingham Doctor's surgeries • We are on the same river • We have strong historical links with Buckingham <p>Agreed for clerk to respond to consultation along these lines</p>	Clerk to action
9	<p>Affordable Housing – street name update</p> <p>i. Clerk reported she has talked to Mrs. Hodges and the family don't want their name used, but say the field used to be called the Orchard field. Cllr. AS proposed we submit Orchard Close to AVDC and Guinness Trust, Cllr CM seconded, proposal passed unanimously.</p> <p>ii. E-mail from Jean Fox, Rural Housing Enabler at Community Impact Bucks suggesting representatives from TPC attend a short meeting at AVDC to discuss Bucks Home Choice (the housing register) and the registration procedures for parishioners. Attendees to be Cllrs AS and MC; proposed by Cllr CM, seconded by Cllr RG, passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Clerk to inform AVDC and Guinness Trust</p> <p>Clerk to initiate contact for Cllrs. to arrange date for meeting</p>
10	<p>TPC Councillor vacancies</p> <p>There has been no response to the advertisement for the elected position on council. Clerk has confirmed with AVDC that we can now co-opt someone into the final Councillor position on TPC.</p>	Clerk to action
11	<p>Sports Field</p> <p>Rents were discussed. Because of not being able to use the Sports Pavilion because of the work that needed to be done after the flood</p>	

	<p>damage agreed to let both the cricket and the football club have a year rent free.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. MS, seconded by Cllr MT. Cllr As declared an interest so didn't vote, otherwise passed unanimously.</p> <p>Currently Football Club is paid up till March 2011, Cricket Club is paid till December 2010</p>	<p>Clerk to send letters to both clubs to this effect.</p>
12	<p>Street Lighting update</p> <p>Clerk explained the current situation.</p> <p>Of 11 lights TPC elected to be on, only 6 were, 3 were not working and a further two had been removed.</p> <p>Clerk alerted the E-on maintenance people to this. They promptly repaired and turned on all 7 lights on Thornhill. There were immediate complaints from some residents about too much lighting on. Clerk was informed that light numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 were meant to be on but when she investigated she discovered there were two No.1 lights, two No. 2 lights, and two No. 3 lights.</p> <p>TPC decided that we needed to ask for an up-to-date re-numbered schedule of all lighting with specific locations indicated. Then we needed to check which lights residents of Thornhill wanted on and which lights off before making a decision.</p>	<p>Clerk to compose and distribute a survey to Thornhill residents.</p>
13	<p>Thornborough Park update</p> <p>This is the development on the Benthill farm site on the A421 and Buckingham ring road opposite Tesco.</p> <p>Cllrs. MC and CM attended Buckingham Town Council planning committee meeting on Monday 8th August to put our case for not using the name Thornborough Park for this new development.</p> <p>The developers were also in attendance and agreed. Fortunately, they have not proceeded to far with this name and they agreed to change the name.</p>	
14	<p>Village Hall update and Notice-boards</p> <p>The village hall has now been painted. It was noted that the Village Hall Trustees are asking for more members. In view of our interest here it was decided that MB would put herself forward to be a trustee.</p> <p>Clerk will continue to look for prices for a larger notice-board. We will then donate the old one to the PCC and arrange to have it moved and put up on the side of the hall, and a new TPC notice-board put where the old one currently is.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to look for appropriate notice boards and bring to next meeting.</p>
15	<p>Ducks</p> <p>Clerk reported that she has been asked to bring up the issue of the ducks; we now have two drakes but only one duck. The duck is sitting on eggs in the front garden opposite where they are safe until they try to cross the road. Once they are in the pond the gender balance will probably be sorted out.</p> <p>However there is a pike in pond which need to be removed or it will eat the ducklings.</p> <p>Agree to send a note to Stuart Clarke giving him and his friend permission to remove the pike from the pond.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>
16	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) <u>Ref11/01417/APP</u> Fell existing leylandii trees to erect 0.7m high stone wall along from boundary - Little Acorns/Church View, Back Street, Thornborough. MK18 2DH. AGREED TO SUPPORT AS THIS WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT.</p> <p>b) <u>Ref. 11/00593/APP</u> Demolition of side barn and outbuilding, erection of single storey side extension and two storey rear extension and enclosure of open car-port to create garage - Blackgrove Farmhouse Nash Road Thornborough</p>	

	<p>Buckinghamshire MK18 2DR. NO COMMENT</p> <p>c) <u>Ref.11/01450/APP</u> Change of use of Public House to residential dwelling and erection of one detached dwelling house, closer of existing access and creation of new access - The Lone Tree Ph Bletchley Road Thornborough Buckinghamshire MK18 2DZ. AGREED THAT TPC WILL SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION AS THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING TPC HAVE WANTED FOR SOME TIME. (Cllr. Stanier from AVDC has asked to be informed of our thoughts on this, Cllr. MC to write to Cllr. Stanier to inform him of our decision).</p> <p>d) <u>Ref.11/01631/ATC</u> Fell purple plum tree, The Old Manor, High Street, Thornborough, MK18 2DF. NO COMMENT</p> <p>e) <u>Ref.11/01367/APP</u> Two story front extension, conversion of outbuilding into residential use and erection of a shed, Pear Tree Cottage, Hatchet Leys Lane, Thornborough, MK18 2BU NO COMMENT.</p> <p>f) Bulletins noted</p> <p>g) Visit of Ombudsman re Forge Cottage complaint – noted.</p>	<p>Clerk to send responses to AVDC planning</p>
17	<p>Finances:</p> <p>a) Budget for financial year 2011-12 – planning still in hand</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliation still not completed due to Bank Statements not currently being sent to clerk.</p> <p>c) Bank Accounts – signatories have taken forms to Bank. Clerk to now complete the process</p> <p>d) Annual Audit – no update yet</p> <p>e) E-on – cheque for £23.23 agreed</p> <p>f) Insurance discussed. Clerk asked whether it was worth increasing cover for street furniture or just replacing when necessary, Cllrs. agreed not to increase insurance.</p> <p>g) Community Chest Grants information noted</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to raise cheque.</p>
18	<p>Councillors' Issues: Agreed to re-instate AOB at the end of future agendas.</p>	
19	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a) Invitation to Thornborough and Thornton WI Garden Party- no councillors are now available to attend.</p> <p>b) Information about AVDC meetings noted and to be displayed.</p> <p>c) Invitation to AVDC workshop, 'Focus on Older People' 8th September noted.</p> <p>d) Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic Order 2011 Nash Rd., 13th September for two days noted.</p> <p>e) Matters Arising magazine, BALC distributed</p> <p>f) The Playing Field newsletter given to Cllr. AS</p> <p>g) Love to compost notices noted and to be displayed.</p>	<p>Clerk to display notices as decided</p>
20	<p>Date of next meeting; Monday 12th September 2011 7.30p.m. The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.</p>	