

THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

Monday 1st August 2016 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr Stuart Mitchell (Chair), Cllr Andy Spurr, Cllr Melanie Staff. Cllr Deborah Hosein, Cllr Charlotte Moore, Cllr Mary Taylor, Maggie Beach (Clerk), BCC Cllr Warren Whyte.

Public: one person attended

Item	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies: AVDC Cllr Sir Billy Stanier, Cllr Ray Goodger.	
2	Public Participation Session –A resident had come to discuss Item 15	
3	Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: Cllr DH declared an interest in Item 6a	
4	Minutes of the meeting of 4th July 2016 –Agreed	
5	<p>Review of Action Points</p> <p>Item 11 Street lighting –on agenda</p> <p>Extra item – Bench – on agenda under WI bench</p> <p>Item 6 Planning: responses sent</p> <p>Item 7 Sports field and Pavilion– on agenda</p> <p>Item 8 Consultation for the Buckinghamshire County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – on agenda</p> <p>Item 9 Thornborough News – on agenda</p> <p>Item 12 Playground update –on agenda</p> <p>Item 13 NBPPC – report – on agenda under VALP item under planning.</p> <p>Item 15 – LAF – on agenda under Playground</p> <p>Item 16 Finances</p> <p>a) Bank Reconciliation –Clerk has circulated the Bank Reconciliation for June.</p> <p>b) Clerk’s Salary – actioned</p> <p>c) Payments: Cheques all sent</p> <p>Item 17 A.O.B., other correspondence and any other Councillors’ Issues.</p> <p>i. Invitation for Free NHS health check - forwarded to Village Hall Committee to action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr MT reported a tree in danger of falling on telegraph lines. The Clerk has contacted the owner of the tree to ask for it to be dealt with. - Request from Thornborough Infant School with regards to a parent who is creating a wooden sculpture for the school and would like to do part of the creation as a demonstration on the Green. This is covered by both the school’s and our insurance. The Clerk has contacted the school and said they can go ahead with this. 	
15	<p>Thornborough Grounds Solar Farm and Lark Energy Community Benefits</p> <p>Lark Energy, who have built the solar farm site at Thornborough Grounds would like to offer a donation to Thornborough Parish Council. Lark Energy are able to offer a contribution of £1,000 per MW which will mean for this project there will be a £5,000 one-off payment to Thornborough Parish Council.</p> <p>Ideally they would like this contribution to be spent on something in line with renewables, green or educational purposes and they would like to have an idea as to what the community intend to spend it on or put towards before they make the donation.</p> <p>After discussion with the resident it was agreed that the money would be spent on supporting children and young people in the parish by enhancing the environment, play and open spaces used for enjoyment and exercise. TPC would like to know if use of the money is time dependent.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to Lark Energy with this information and to ask them about possible time frames.</p>

<p>6</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) <u>Ref. 16/02600/APP</u> -The Folly, Bletchley Road, Thornborough MK18 2DZ - Extension of existing kennel block (retrospective) and storage shed (proposed). Relocation of isolation kennel (retrospective). Erection of block of new kennels with covered walkway linking two block (part retrospective). This is a previous application re-submitted at AVDC's request- SUPPORTED</p> <p>b) MK2050 Futures report - MK expansion plans along east-west road and rail transport corridors - Noted</p> <p>c) Draft VALP –response from Thornborough Parish Council. The Clerk has previously circulated responses from other parishes for information. After discussion the following points were agreed:</p> <p><u>1. Comments with regards to proposals for housing/development in the north of Aylesbury Vale.</u></p> <p>Connectivity/infrastructure The East-West Rail Line - due to open in 2019, will not be delivered until 2022. It is misleading to describe the Cambridge to Oxford Expressway as the “A421 Expressway”. The route and delivery date are unknown which means it is impossible to use the expressway as a definite connecting link for settlements in the north of the county.</p> <p>Coalescence There is no-where in the VALP an understanding of the impact of developments with regards to coalescence of smaller settlements. The need for green ‘buffer’ zones is not strong enough.</p> <p>Airfield Site between Great Horwood and Winslow The airfield site between Great Horwood and Winslow is too small in area to accommodate a new settlement of 6,000 plus homes.</p> <p>Winslow Growth If Winslow is chosen as an area of substantial growth this will mean two larger settlements within 7 miles of each other (Buckingham being the other) with greatly increased strain on local infrastructure and economic sustainability.</p> <p>Milton Keynes Increased growth in the north of the Vale next to Milton Keynes alongside the growth in the town of Milton Keynes itself will change the nature of the area completely and destroy the rural nature of the local area. This compounds the apparent intention of the Milton Keynes Local Plan in which western expansion appears to be the accepted line and there is little focus on the more obvious eastern expansion.</p> <p><u>2. General Comments on the VALP</u></p> <p>Unmet need It appears that Aylesbury Vale is taking on the unmet need of all the bordering local planning authorities but TPC can see no evidence of any reciprocal agreements. It seems that it is already accepted that the Vale is an area for greatly and disproportionately increased housing growth with enormous potential negative impacts of the rural settlements and communities especially in the north. TPC feels that this is totally unacceptable and agree wholeheartedly with the comments from Padbury CC concerning AVDC appearing to promote the district as a dormitory area, supplying all the houses while the neighbouring authorities get all the jobs - and therefore the wealth. The apparent preparedness to meet unmet housing need from Wycombe, Chilterns and potentially Dacorum, Luton, Milton Keynes and London whilst reducing employment land is unbalanced.</p> <p>Gypsy and traveller sites The approach taken to establishing gypsy and traveller sites appears to be that of legitimising various ‘pop-up’ sites in the north of the county without any assessment of impact, sustainability or infrastructure to accommodate the sites.</p> <p><u>3. Comments with regards to Thornborough</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thornborough Parish Council is pleased that Thornborough has been re-categorised from a larger settlement to a smaller settlement after 	<p>Clerk to make response</p> <p>The Clerk will write a response making all these points and circulate for confirmation before submitting to NBPPC</p>
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	<p>representation with accurate facts made to the development team during the first consultation on the VALP in spring 2014. However TPC remain concerned about the standards being applied to drafting the VALP and the collection of accurate information to support any plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With reference to Thornborough being a village that is prone to flooding TPC are pleased to note the section of flooding and risk assessment on pages 200 – 202. 	
7	<p>Sports field and Pavilion –</p> <p>i. Update of working groups The Working Group on the Hiring agreement presented a draft Hire Agreement including terms and conditions. After discussion it was agreed to adopt the agreement for future use. It was agreed to review hire rates annually in March. The Hire Agreement will now be put on the Thornborough web site.</p> <p>ii. 6 a side Goal at Sports Field – this is in hand</p> <p>iii. Recent damage to Sports Field – The Clerk will contact the owner of the cows who strayed onto the Sports Field last Sunday and ask them to make good the damage or pay £300 in compensation.</p> <p>iv. Shade for Pre-school – In answer to questions raised at the last meeting, the Pre-school will remove the shades every evening. They agreed to shades in neutral colours such as dark green, brown or cream. Thornborough Cricket Club does not have a problem with putting shades in place.</p>	<p>Clerk and Cllr SM to action</p> <p>Cllr AS to continue to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>
8	<p>Consultation for the Buckinghamshire County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy</p> <p>The Clerk has collated Councillors responses and made a response to the Consultation – Noted.</p>	
9	<p>Thornborough News– update</p> <p>The Clerk has been unable to find anyone to take on the editorship of Thornborough News. Agreed that the Clerk will produce the first issue for printing and distribution in September.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>
10	<p>Road and Transport issues</p> <p>i. Closures – noted.</p> <p>ii. Pilch Lane – This has finally been repaired and information on Pilch Lane was included in the recent TfB factsheet on drainage –noted</p> <p>iii Coombs Speed Limit Review – The Clerk has now sent the list of points raised by the residents of Coombs concerning the speed limit review to Transport for Bucks and copied in County Cllr WW and District Cllr BS.</p>	
11	<p>Street lighting – High Street.</p> <p>The Clerk has had a quote for laying a cable under the road to enable a light on the south side of the High Street at the boundary of Cherrytree and the Old School House previously agreed at the last meeting. It will cost at least £2,500 to lay a cable under the road. This was considered too expensive and further positions were discussed. A Street light placed at the end of the drive to Willowford house would be half way between the light to be upgraded by the foot bridge situated on Church Lane and the proposed light for the end of the Right of Way next to Sunnybrook. It was agreed that the Clerk would check with the residents of Willowford House and to place the light at this site if agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>
12	<p>Playground update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr AS has had a quote from Wicksteeds for £37,000 to upgrade the Playground. This was above the budget TPC gave to Wicksteeds. - Cllr AS continues to work with the local resident who is donating play equipment that would be suitable for re-furbishing the playground together with appropriate surfaces. - The Clerk has looked into funding from the LAF and the Playground can meet both BCC and Local Area Priorities. Agreed an application cannot be made until decisions have been made about what is needed in the Playground. - The Clerk has now had two parent volunteers come forward for the Working Party. Councillor members agreed as Cllrs MT and AS. The Clerk will write to 	<p>Clerk and Cllr AS to continue to action</p>

	the two volunteers to tell them that their offers have been gratefully accepted and Cllr MT will be getting in touch with them shortly with a date for the first working group meeting.																																				
13	<p>WI Bench The Clerk has now received a reply to the letter sent to the WI on this matter after last meeting's discussion. The WI have replied that they will consider the issue at the next WI Committee meeting in September. Agreed that the Clerk will write to Thornborough and Thornton WI thanking them for their attention in this matter but asking that the bench be removed before the start of the autumn term for safety reasons. Agreed that the Clerk will explain that all other benches on the Greens have been submitted to TPC and approved before being placed and TPC believe that this process should be equally applied to all the benches on the Greens.</p>	Clerk to write to WI as detailed																																			
14	<p>Police and Crime Commissioner survey - seeking views on policing and crime The Clerk will circulate the e-mail with the link to the consultation again for Councillors to access and respond to.</p>	All Cllrs to action																																			
16	Thornborough Village Hall AGM and Meeting report - noted																																				
17	<p>Finances: a) Bank Reconciliations – June 2016 and July 2016. June 2016 Current Account £12,208.99 Reserve Account £14,171.76 Current liabilities: £12.90 Unbanked cash: £0.00 Total £26,367.85 The June Bank Reconciliation was previously circulated when the figures became available July 2016 Current Account £11,598.77 Reserve Account £14,171.76 Current liabilities: £1,434.97 Unbanked cash: £100.45 Total £24,436.01 The Clerk has now asked for statements to be sent earlier to enable Bank Reconciliations to be presented to meetings on the new schedule of meeting dates.</p> <p>b) Payments:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>E-on for Sports Pavilion</td> <td>£185.50</td> <td>Cheque No. 727</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Duck food</td> <td>£33.50</td> <td>Cheque No. 728</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playsafety for Playground inspection</td> <td>£159.60</td> <td>Cheque No. 729</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk's Salary – August</td> <td>£383.13</td> <td>Cheque No. 730</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC - Clerk's Income Tax</td> <td>£95.80</td> <td>Cheque No. 731</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(PAYE Ref. 475/SA75351 Accounts office Ref. 475PE00369213)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>£857.53</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>c) Receipts Allotment rents:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Allotment 6</td> <td>£15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment 5</td> <td>£15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment 9</td> <td>£15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotments 7 and 8 (including back rent)</td> <td>£37.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment 10</td> <td>£15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Western Power (for cable at Sportsfield)</td> <td>£3.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>£100.45</td> </tr> </table>	E-on for Sports Pavilion	£185.50	Cheque No. 727	Duck food	£33.50	Cheque No. 728	Playsafety for Playground inspection	£159.60	Cheque No. 729	Clerk's Salary – August	£383.13	Cheque No. 730	HMRC - Clerk's Income Tax	£95.80	Cheque No. 731	(PAYE Ref. 475/SA75351 Accounts office Ref. 475PE00369213)			Total	£857.53		Allotment 6	£15.00	Allotment 5	£15.00	Allotment 9	£15.00	Allotments 7 and 8 (including back rent)	£37.00	Allotment 10	£15.00	Western Power (for cable at Sportsfield)	£3.45	Total	£100.45	Clerk to raise cheques
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<p>18</p>	<p>A.O.B., other correspondence and any other Councillors' Issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. AVDC News for the Parishes Noted ii. Meeting invitation sent on behalf of Neil Gibson Interim Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire County Council – agreed to invite a BCC representatives to one of our autumn meetings. iii. Anglian Water have inspected the Sports Pavilion and the Allotments and sent in a report of work that needs to be done by 9th September. The Clerk will contact a plumber. Cllr AS said that the toilets need to be improved with a fast flush. <p>Councillors' Issues</p> <p>Cllr SM expressed concern at the Clerk taking on more hours with editing Thornborough News. The Clerk explained that hopefully it would not be too onerous as it was a few hours every other month, but felt it would be a mistake to set a precedent of it being a paid job. Cllr SM asked the Clerk to keep a record of the hours worked.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Date of next meeting; 5th September 2016</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.</p>	