

## **Thornborough Parish Council Chairman's Report 2016**

This year has been another busy year for Thornborough Parish Council. We continue to work hard to keep our parish a pleasant place to live in and I would like to thank all my fellow Councillors for their hard work in helping to achieve this over the last year.

The main highlights and issues of the year are:

- Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands Enterprise Trust came into being in earlier this year. Thornborough Parish Council were delighted to assign the management and lease of the Thornborough Community Woodland to the Trust for ongoing management and care
- The speed limit in Coombs. Sadly, despite the effort that Thornborough Parish Council has put into this, including commissioning a review via the Local Area Forum for Buckingham, and consequently writing to our MP, we have had no success in reducing the speed limit from the current frightening through speed of 50mph.
- There has been extensive work on the Sports Pavilion to make it habitable for Thornborough Pre-school who are now in residence on weekdays in term time.
- Thornborough Parish Council responded to Aylesbury Vale District Council's consultation on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan.
- We have archived old files and will keep them safe and dry. We continue to search and reclaim old parish papers that have gone missing in previous decades and would be very pleased if anyone has anything they may think would be useful from a time when they were on Thornborough Parish Council.

We are currently looking at:

- More street lighting on the High Street,
- A charitable donation policy
- Re-launching Thornborough News which we hope to do at the Annual Open Meeting of the Parish. We intend to change the format to an A5 size in black and white which Thornborough Parish Council will pay for and distribute to every residence in the parish free.

Ongoing day-to-day Parish Council work continues on:

- Reporting potholes
- Maintaining the street lighting
- Maintaining the Greens
- Looking at planning applications and responding
- Maintaining the allotments
- Paying for Dog waste collections and general litter control
- Keeping the parish solvent and parish finance transparent.

Recently we have had verges throughout the village repaired and have bought a new Salt Bin ready for next winter.

I would like to thank all the parishioners who have contributed to the life of the parish during the year but especially our Vice Chairman, Councillor Spurr, for chairing the meetings I am unable to attend due to work commitments, and also the Clerk, Maggie Beach in her support of Thornborough Parish Council.

Stuart Mitchell

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