

Report on the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Monday 16th May 2016 in Thornborough Village Hall

The meeting was attended by 33 parishioners, and Cllrs. Stuart Mitchell (Chairman), Andy Spurr, and Ray Goodger. Notes taken by Thornborough Parish Council Clerk, Maggie Beach.

1. Apologies received from Cllrs. Melanie Staff, Mary Taylor and Charlotte Moore; BCC Cllr Warren Whyte, AVDC Cllr Sir Billy Stanier, Rev Gussie Walsh and Mark Walsh, Beth Trembeth, and Bernard Garbe.
2. The report of the meeting dated 18th May 2015 were accepted as accurate. There were no comments or questions.
3. Thornborough Parish Council Chairman presented a short video of photographs of Thornborough explaining the role of the parish council with a summary of the website. The video is available to view on <http://www.thornboroughparish.co.uk/>
4. Maggie Beach, the Clerk, gave a statement of the annual accounts of Thornborough Parish Council for the end of the financial year as follows:
 - i. Current account - £11,685.31
 - ii. Reserve Account - £14,170.00
 - iii. Total Liabilities - £874.99 making a
 - iv. Total - **£24,980.32**
 - v. Total Fixed Assets - £384,340.37

The Fixed Assets reflects the original prices paid for assets as required for the annual audit, not the current values for insurance purposes. This year equipment has been decommissioned and removed from the Playground which have been removed from the list of Fixed Assets and TPC has bought a new Salt Bin for the junction of Lower End with the High Street which has been added to the list of Fixed Assets.

Full copies of the annual accounts are available from the Clerk on request.

5. Reports to the Annual Meeting from the following organisations were presented:

- Thornborough Parish Council Chairman on the previous year's work in the Council.
- Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands Enterprise Trust
- Thornborough Infant School.
- St Mary's Church
- Thornborough Chapel
- Village Hall Trust
- Thornborough Pre-School
- Thornborough and Thornton W.I.
- Gardening Society
- Poor's Piece Trust

Copies of reports submitted are available on request and on the web site.

6. Any other issues Parishioners would like to be discussed to be tabled and discussed:

- **Planning.** Future development in the parish was discussed. The Clerk explained the history of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) and its impact on local communities. TPC has been corresponding with Peter Williams at AVDC about the categorising of Thornborough as a larger settlement in the settlement in the hierarchy document. TPC has been informed by AVDC Cllr Sir Billy Stanier that Thornborough has now been re-categorised as a smaller community. TPC await this decision in writing.

- **Roads.** Currently although the roads generally throughout the parish are deteriorating, Buckinghamshire County Council have reduced funds at present to improve them. As a result Transport for Bucks (TfB) have explained that they have put the regular 6 monthly walk rounds with TfB representatives to look at and report road issues on hold.
- **Speed Limit Review at Coombs**
The Chairman updated the meeting on the Speed Limit review for Coombs. This was funded by the Local Area Forum. However the outcome was that the speed limit would remain at 50mph. TPC have been looking at the possibility of buying a MVAS to monitor the speed and collect data.
- **Street Lighting.** There have been a total of 5 new street lights erected in the village in the last three years (most of these were replacements for old lights removed by BT from their poles) and TPC have been slowly reviewing lighting round the village. The next phase is to put two new lights along the High Street outside The New Inn and Sunnybrook, and to upgrade and re-position the light at the pond on Church Lane. The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to the Thornborough street lighting policy on the web site.
- **Nash Road Playground**
A resident raised concerns about the Playground. TPC have had the Thornborough Playground on the agenda for the last 6 months and know that it really needs improvement. We have made sure that damaged equipment has been removed and we are planning to upgrade the playground with new surfaces and some new equipment. Playground equipment and safety surfaces are very expensive, we know that a complete upgrade of the Playground could cost between £30,000.00 and £40,000.00 so we have started with a survey of the children at Thornborough School to find out what children would like. The Clerk is currently looking for a consultant to advise us and to take the results of the survey into consideration. We have put aside some money from our reserve fund to update the Playground this financial year, but any help with fund-raising money for a Playground upgrade would be very much appreciated. The Playground is due its annual inspection in May (which is extensive and we pay for). We have recently inspected the playground ourselves prior to the Annual Inspection and removed the broken equipment.

7. Re-launch of Thornborough News

TPC Chairman explained that TPC believed it was important that the community had a newsletter to keep everyone informed about what was happening in the community so have agreed to re-launch Thornborough News. It will be in A5 format and initially be published every other month. It will be totally funded by Thornborough Parish Council, be free and delivered to every residence in the parish. TPC hope it will attract advertising which will help balance costs.

8. Village Hall Projection System

Covered in previous reports.

9. Celebration of the 80th year of Thornborough and Thornton WI - a presentation by the WI

This was shown while the WI served tea and flapjack which was greatly appreciated by all.

10. Comments on meeting

A resident expressed thanks on behalf of the community to the parish council and all the organisations who work for the good of the community. He also expressed thanks to Claire Morgan for all she does in the parish. There were no further comments on the meeting, which closed at 9.00.