

Thornborough Parish Council (TPC)

Minutes of the Parish Council Remote Meeting on Monday 21 September 2020

Present: Cllrs Steve Tribe (Chair); Ray Goodger; Carol Laurence; Charlotte Moore; Mary Taylor; Allen Williamson.

In Attendance: Alison Robinson (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1 Apologies

1.1 Cllr Emily Cooke; Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Sir Beville Stanier.

2 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

2.1 No declarations of interest were made.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3.1 The minutes of the meeting on 6 July 2020 were **approved** as an accurate record.

4 Public Participation Session

4.1 No matters were raised in addition to those covered by the agenda.

5 Planning

20/02922/APP Martinsmead Chapel Lane, MK18 2DJ.

Single storey side extension with pitched roof including roof lights and additional alterations to existing flat roofs to create pitched roofs.

5.1 TPC discussed the planning application and **resolved** not to object.

20/02810/APP Faccenda Chicken Thornhill Poultry Farm, Pilch Lane, Great Horwood, MK17 0NX. Demolition of 11 no. existing poultry houses and erection of 2 no. replacement poultry houses and associated infrastructure.

5.2 TPC discussed the planning application and **resolved** to oppose it for the following reasons:

- (a) Insufficient information provided about increased traffic, the potential adverse effect of increased pollution, road safety and road maintenance.
- (b) Insufficient information provided about the environmental impact of the replacement poultry houses. The neighbouring properties, including at least one small organic farm, were likely to be adversely impacted by noise, odour, and manure run-off / washout. Reuse of inadequate slurry sump that historically overflowed and ran into Padbury Brook. The nearby site of special scientific interest amplified these concerns.
- (c) The proposed buildings were visually not appropriate to the open-country-side location which they would dominate if permitted.

20/02771/APP Faccenda Chicken Thornhill Poultry Farm, Pilch Lane, Great Horwood MK17 0NX. Change of use of land to permit the creation of a container storage facility.

5.3 TPC discussed the planning application and **resolved** to oppose it for the following reasons:

- (a) The scale of the proposed business was not appropriate for a rural location.
- (b) The surrounding roads were unable to accommodate an increase in HGV and private traffic. Increased traffic would mean an increase in pollution, road safety issues and road maintenance. Poor visibility at the Pilch Lane A421 junction. Inadequate turn right lane on A421 turn into Pilch Lane.
- (c) The impact of a commercial operation from 6am – 9apm, 365 days the year on the local community and the environment was unacceptable.

20/02961/APP Orchard House, Back Street. Demolition of existing single storey extension and garage, and erection of single storey side/rear extension, garage, thermal upgrade to main house and widen driveway entrance.

5.4 TPC discussed the planning application and **resolved** not to object.

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20/02642/APP and 20/02643/ALB Brook House Bridge Street, MK18 2DN.

Replacement of 8 existing windows, one pair of French doors and one main door to rear of property. Replacement fittings to be wooden-framed, bespoke slimline double-glazed units, as per front of property. They will match style and colour of current fittings. Existing doors and windows are single-glazed and in poor repair. Repairs have been made over years but have become impractical and ineffective. In the colder months, all windows run with condensation and attract black mould.

5.5 TPC discussed the planning application and **resolved** not to object.

Action: Clerk to respond on behalf of TPC to the above planning consultants.

5.6 TPC **noted** the report about ongoing planning matters.

5.7 The Chair expressed concern about the White Paper Planning for the Future which he said would move responsibility for planning to central government to facilitate its house-building programme. NBPPC was coordinating input from its members and he would provide a response from TPC. Cllr Laurence raised concerns about the conversion of commercial buildings to residential accommodation. The Chair said the CPRE video provided a good summary of the issues and asked all Councillors to respond to the consultation survey.

Action: Chair to respond to NBPPC. Councillors to respond to the consultation survey.

6 Finance

6.1 TPC **noted** the updated information about the audit and the public rights exercise.

6.2 TPC **resolved** to approve the 2020/21 insurance policy renewal at a cost of £1,424.71.

Action: Clerk to renew the insurance policy.

6.3 TPC **resolved** to approve the introduction of an inclusive rent for the Pre School on a quarterly basis with an annual review to take account of any utility cost increases.

Action: Clerk to implement the new Pre School rent arrangements.

6.4 TPC **resolved** to approve the following payments:

Date of Payment	Recipient	Description	Amount
1.7.20	Liz Julier	Storage	£15.00
1.7.20	Bulb for Business	Pavilion electricity	£101.00
15.7.20	Reid & Co	Payroll services 2019-20	£180.00
23.7.20	WAVE Anglia Water Business	Pavilion water	£27.74
23.7.20	WAVE Anglia Water Business	Allotment water	£87.24
27.7.20	Auditing Solutions Ltd	Internal audit for 2019-20	£420.00
1.8.20	Liz Julier	Storage	£15.00
1.8.20	Bulb for Business	Pavilion electricity	£101.00
3.8.20	HMRC	PAYE - July	£121.40
3.8.20	Alison Robinson	Salary - July	£485.96
3.8.20	Alison Robinson	Laminating pouches reimbursment	£4.00
11.8.20	NBPPC	Subscription 2020/21	£20.00
11.8.20	eon	Streetlighting July	£28.22
17.8.20	Mary Gavigan	Allotment hedge	£25.00
		Total	£1,631.56

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6.5 TPC **noted** the financial position as at 31 August 2020:

Bank Statement Balance as at 31.8.20	
Current Account	£5,806.29
Reserve Account	£9,207.26
Total Bank Accounts	£15,013.55
Less Unpresented Payments	£0.00
Total Liabilities	£0.00
Plus Unbanked Cash/Cheques	£0.00
Net Bank Balances	£15,013.55
Cash Book	
Opening Balance as 1.8.20	£15,814.13
Add Receipts	£0.00
Less Payments	£800.58
Closing Balance as at 31.8.20	£15,013.55

7 TPC Replacement Website

7.1 Cllr Laurence explained the current website was unable to comply with the accessibility legislation and was therefore no longer fit for purpose. She outlined the work undertaken to develop the proposal for its replacement and summarised the three quotes obtained from Parish Council Websites, TEEC Ltd and Vision ICT.

7.2 TPC **resolved** to accept the Vision ICT quote, to proceed with the development work which would be paid in the first instance from the reserve account - the 2020/21 financial year precept would be increased to recoup the cost.

Action: Clerk to take forward with Cllr Laurence and Tribe.

8 Environment and Facilities

Allotments

8.1 The hedge adjacent to the road would be cut on both sides at the end of the month.

Sports Field and Pavilion

8.2 TPC considered the architect plans for the S106 funded project to install a disable toilet, disabled parking, and adequate changing room facilities in the pavillion. The urinals were discussed at some length. The Project Manager undertook to explore whether more space could be created by either installing corner urinals or relocating the urinals on the longer wall.

8.3 TPC **resolved** unanimously to approve the plans for submission to the local authority.

Action: Cllr Taylor and the Project Manager to take forward.

8.4 TPC discussed the request from Thornborough Cricket Team (TCC) for weekly cutting of the sports field to resume next season and **resolved** to invite representatives of TCC to attend the next TPC meeting to discuss the matter.

Action: Clerk to take forward.

Playground

8.5 Cllr Laurence sought agreement for the volunteers to stop the play equipment cleaning and instead undertake the monthly safety checks.

8.6 TPC **resolved** to approve the proposal and to formally record its gratitude to the volunteers for their past and future work.

Action: Cllr Laurence to take forward.

Damage to Roadsides/Verges in Bridge Street, Back Street and High Street

8.7 The Clerk reported on the site meeting with the local technician which she had attended with Cllr Goodger on 8 September.

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- 8.8 TPC **resolved** to apply to B&VCB for permission and funding to provide safe parking for parents when dropping off children at Pre School.

Action: Clerk, Cllrs Tribe and Goodger to take forward.

Village Streams and Rivers

- 8.9 Cllr Goodger said he had arranged discussions between the contractor and the private riparian owners and talked about the need to secure access via another property.

Action: Cllr Goodger to provide information to the Clerk to enable her to write to the property owner(s) seeking access.

Streetlighting

- 8.10 In view of other priorities, TPC **resolved** not to pursue the matter at the current time and withdraw the match funding application transferred from the Local Area Forum to B&VCB.

Action: Clerk to take forward.

Public Footpath No. 6 Parish of Thornborough Public Path Diversion Order 2020

- 8.11 TPC **noted** the information circulated in advance of the meeting.

9 Buckinghamshire Council (BC)

- 9.1 There was nothing of importance to report in the absence of the Buckinghamshire Councillors and in view of the shortage of time.

10 Buckingham and Villages Community Board (B&VCB)

- 10.1 The Chair reported on the meeting held on 7 July. He encouraged a greater involvement in B&VCB from TPC. B&VCB was currently appointing working groups to discuss issues linked to the priorities and consider project ideas and requests for funding linked to the agreed priorities for 2020/21, namely:

- Covid support and economic recovery
- Green space and communities
- Road safety and cycleways.

Action: Clerk to circulate B&VCD information.

11 Current and Ongoing Activities

- 11.1 The document would be updated to reflect the decisions taken at the meeting.

Action: Clerk to update the current and ongoing activities document.

12 Urgent Matters for Reporting and /or the Next Agenda

Footpath stiles

- 12.1 Cllr Goodger said he had already talked to the resident who had raised the matter of the poor condition of many of the local footpath stiles and some of the landowners.

Action: Cllr Goodger to continue working with the resident and the landowners.

Harvest Festival on the Green

- 12.2 TPC **resolved** to approve the request from the new vicar provided it did not contravene Government advice on the day of the event (4.10.20).

Action: Clerk to respond to the vicar.

Dead birds

- 12.3 Cllr Goodger talked about the dead and sick birds found in village. He said he had been in touch with RSPB and DEFRA. A vet was undertaking a post-mortem on one of the dead birds to establish whether avian flu was the cause.

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13 Date of Next Meeting

13.1 **Thursday 15 October 2020 at 7 pm.**

Meeting closed at: 9.07 pm

Chair's signature

Date: