

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

09th March 2009 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Anthony Lawrinson, Andy Spurr, Alex Keeling, Neil Walton, Mark Cole

Hannah Melisi, Paula Ayers (Thames Valley Community Payback)

Public: None

1.1 Apologies for absence

Charlotte Moore

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.3 Paula Ayers of Thames Valley Community Payback spoke to the council about the payback scheme.

Workers are offenders that are of low risk to the community, are supervised and wear high visibility jackets with the words 'Community Payback' on the back. They work a minimum of seven and a half hours a week. Tools are provided but not materials.

Work in Thornborough would include tidying and cutting the grass in the churchyard, clearing footpaths, and tidying and removing vegetation from Thornborough Bridge. Tools such as scythes, shears and petrol mowers are used. The council proposed and resolved that we should proceed, starting with the churchyard.

Bucks CC will be contacted and the school will be informed.

Public Participation:

None

1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 09th March 2009

Agreed and signed

1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens

Chandler Ray has been contacted regarding registration of the greens; a declaration is being processed, when completed everything required will be sent to Land Registry for registration of the greens.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.5.2 Highways has been chased regarding pot holes. Some have been filled, others left. There is a pothole hotline, on contacting the holes have been filled within days; details of contact number will be given to Anthony.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.6 Planning

None

1.7 Finances

1.7.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.7.2 February's bank reconciliation approved, March's bank statement not yet received; bank reconciliation for March will be presented for approval in April.

1.7.3 The following cheques were approved and signed with the appropriate powers considered

220	Mrs S Reeder	Salary	135.04	
221	E.on	Street Lights	24.34	PCA 1957 s3
222	E.on	Street Light Maintenance	67.28	PCA 1957 s3(1)
223	BALC	Subscription	82.80	LGA 1972 s143
224	Martin Thomas	Repair of Village Pump	265.00	
225	Mrs E Gibb	Duck Food	13.20	
226	PC World	Village Magazine start-up	600.62	LGA 1972 s142 (2)

02.03.09 DD Anglian Water 7.00

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1.8 Councillors Issues

1.8.1 Quotation to be obtained for grasscreting the area outside the village hall which is of primary concern, the areas outside The Two Brewers and at Back Street being secondary.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.8.2 **Affordable Housing:** We are awaiting news of further progress.

1.8.3 **Culvert at bridge in Bridge Street:** We have not yet heard from Highways.

It was resolved that we should contact engineer Beryl Kemplen of AVDC

Action: Andy Spurr

1.8.4 **Village Magazine:** As resolved at the last meeting, a payment was made for the start up of the village magazine.

The council would like to thank Rod James for all of his hard work on the Thornborough News over the past months.

1.8.5 **Aylesbury ducks and duck house:** The purchase of Aylesbury ducks is in hand. (Action: Andy Spurr/Charlotte Moore) We are looking into the purchase of a duck house. (Action: Tim Nichols)

Action: As Above

1.8.6 **Sports Field Agreement:** A copy of the sport's field agreement is to be given to the football club who will then speak with the cricket club.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.8.7 **Overhanging vegetation:** Resolved that this will be trimmed by the parish council.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson/Alex Keeling

1.8.9 **Village Post Office:** We have been contacted by the Post Office who has said it may be possible to host a post office in the village hall, which they

will come to assess at a later date. They will contact us again at the end of March.

- 1.8.10 **Ruined Verges:** After verges have been ruined by construction vehicles associated with building works, or villagers and visitors parking on them or using them for passing we previously resolved that boulders would be put in from the edge to protect them. This would be a temporary measure and they would be put where needed after the verges have been repaired. A quotation for the repair of some of the verges has been obtained we will obtain the remaining costs for repair.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.11 **Footpath from post box to pond:** It was resolved that we would ask that offenders from the Community Payback scheme do the work needed.

- 1.8.13 **Water running down road from Lone Tree into Lower End:** This may be caused by overflowing drains or a spring or because the road was not gritted. Highways to be informed.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.8.14 **Tourist sign for The Two Brewers:** Highways has replied to our request for a tourist sign; an application form has to be completed and sent back to them along with an assessment fee. It was resolved that we would go ahead with the application.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.8.15 **Working party for Thornborough Bridge:** Discussed and resolved in minute 1.3

- 1.8.17 **Repair to Parish Pump outside Forge Cottage:** The pump has now been repaired by Martin Thomas.

- 1.8.20 **Diversions when A421 is closed:** When part of the A421 was closed recently traffic was diverted along Lower End and along Leckampstead Road instead of through Great Horwood. It is thought that the police do not always know of the correct diversion route. Alex Keeling will mention the subject at the next NAG meeting.

Action: Alex Keeling

- 1.8.21 **Repair to Village Hall Roof:** It was resolved that we will ask Martin Thomas for an estimate.

- 1.8.22 **Group against Greenway:** A planning application has been submitted by Greenway Land to build a new town on the site of the former wartime airfield near Winslow. There would be at least 3,000 new houses. The new town would be twice the size of Winslow. After discussion the council resolved to write a letter to AVDC objecting to the planned town.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.9 Correspondence

Bucks Local Area Forum
Buckinghamshire Community Action

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm