

## MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

14th December 2009 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Tim Nichols, Anthony Lawrinson, Andy Spurr, Charlotte Moore, Neil Walton, Mark Cole

**Public:** One

**1.1 Apologies for absence**

None

**1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda**

None

**1.3 Public Participation:**

The new owner of The Lone Tree came to the meeting to talk about his plans for the site. He wishes to build two houses, both kept within the curtilage area. The Lone Tree would be rebuilt and converted from a pub into a dwelling, in keeping with the original style; the additional detached house would be built in a barn type style. Both houses would have their own garden areas. When the plans have been submitted to AVDC they will send us a copy for our comment.

**1.4 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 09th November 2009**

Agreed and signed.

**1.5 1.5.1 Ownership of the Greens**

The application is ready to be sent to Land Registry. Once the registration is complete Chandler Ray's services will be discussed by the council.

**Action: Tim Nichols**

**1.5.2.** An audit of repairs is still to be put together to give to Highways.

**Action: Anthony Lawrinson**

**1.6 Planning**

09/01949/APP Green Acres Hatchett Leys Lane - Erection of single storey side extension - No Comment

**1.7 Finances**

**1.7.1** Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

**1.7.2** November and December's bank reconciliation approved by all councillors

**1.7.3** The Internal Audit Plan for 2008/9 was approved by all councillors

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

264	e.on	Street Lights	24.34	PCA 1957 s3
265	SLCC	Annual Subscription	61.00	LGA 1972 s143
266	K Warner	Duck Food	12.60	
267	St Mary's Thornborough	Donation towards maintenance of churchyard	300.00	LGA 1972 s214(6)

268	Thornborough Village Hall	Grant towards Costs	500.00	LG (Misc. Provisions)Act 1976 s19(3)
269	Sports and Social Club	Grant towards Christmas Tree and Lights	50.00	
270	The Land Registry	Registration of Greens	90.00	
271	S Reeder	Salary	140.00	LGA 1972 s112

01.12.09 DD Anglian Water 44.00  
01.12.09 DD E.on 28.00

## 1.8 Councillors Issues

- 1.8.1 **Grasscreting:** It was resolved that we would use Graham Smith for the repair of the green areas and that we would ask him to clarify costs and details for the village hall area and to give separate pricing for kerbing the area abutting the highway adjacent to High Street. We will also ask if he would liaise with Highways; the parish council bearing any costs.  
**Action: Sue Reeder**
- 1.8.2 **Affordable Housing:** Members of the parish council met with the Guinness Trust to discuss the draft plans. The site preferred by the Guinness Trust and AVDC is land off of Nash Road. Once the plans are officially approved an Open Day will be arranged when villagers will be invited to come along. Members of the Housing Association, parish council and the architect will be on hand to answer questions.
- 1.8.3 **Culvert at bridge in Bridge Street:** We have so far been unable to contact Beryl Kemplen of AVDC and will try again.  
**Action: Andy Spurr**
- 1.8.4 **Village Post Office:** The post office has now formally opened with the first two Wednesdays having been a success.
- 1.8.5 **Footpath from post box to pond:** The cricket club will allow Community payback workers to use the sports pavilion for toilet and coffee/tea break facilities. It was resolved that we will ask them to come and clear the overgrown footpath.  
**Action: Sue Reeder**
- 1.8.6 **Tourist Sign for The Two Brewers:** This is still in the process of application. The parish council has agreed to part fund the cost of the sign. Although the County Council has informed us that we have to go through them and cannot purchase and install our own sign; the Road Traffic Act 1984 s72 states that we have the power to provide traffic signs and other notices, it was resolved to contact Highways again.  
**Action: Sue Reeder**
- 1.8.7 **Micro Grant Application for Cricket Nets:** The Community Chest Micro Grant has been approved and will pay towards the purchase of cricket nets. It was resolved that the parish council will pay the shortfall as a grant to the cricket club; subject to the availability of use by the community.
- 1.8.8 **Tree on Village Green:** The Mulberry Tree kindly donated by a former

resident will be planted on the green. No mention of erecting a plaque was found in former emails but it was resolved to purchase and erect one.

- 1.8.9 **Sports Pavilion:** The sports pavilion was broken into leaving the entry door insecure; we are awaiting an estimate for making the door secure by installing a metal bar and padlocks with the same being done to the sports field shed door.

**Action: Andy Spurr**

- 1.8.10 **LTP3 Have your Say Feedback:** The Third Local Transport Plan is a transport planning document covering the years up to 2026. Stakeholders have been asked to post their comments on local issues and problems on the Have Your Say pages of the website and we resolved that Tim was to respond. We are arranging a meeting with Warren Whyte of Bucks CC for a consensus on the A421.

**Action: Tim Nichols**

- 1.8.11 **Planting Bulbs, Hanging Baskets:** It was resolved that we will ask the Gardening Society for advice on hanging baskets for the summer months, bulbs for the spring, and what budget would be required.

**Action: Mark Cole**

- 1.8.12 **Repair of Bollard on the Green Footpath and Re-instatement of Removed Bollard:** It was resolved that we will ask Martin Thomas to give us a quotation for repairing one bollard, re-instating the missing bollard, and to see if the remaining bollard needs any work done to it.

**Action: Andy Spurr**

- 1.8.13 **Delegated Budget 2010/11:** The criteria required for scheme bids were noted. We do not meet all of the criteria needed and so will not apply this time.

- 1.8.14 **Quality Status:** The criteria required were discussed. It was resolved that we will submit the application form.

**Action: Neil Walton**

- 1.8.15 **Co-option of New Councillor:** Alex Keeling has formally resigned. AVDC have been informed and the vacancy has been advertised.

- 1.8.16 **Capital Spend on Reserves:** After discussion proposed items for capital spend are: footpath lighting, (we hope to have two solar powered footpath lights, free of charge, on the grass near the pond and in High Street) railings, cricket nets (part of the cost will be funded by the Community Chest Micro Grant and the remainder by the parish council), pavilion maintenance, tennis court, church maintenance, cycle path, bridleway, traffic calming and village maintenance. The subject will go onto the January agenda for more discussion.

- 1.8.17 **Report of Meeting with Thames Valley Chief Constable:** Mark Cole attended a meeting with the Chief Constable, Sara Thornton, and raised the issue of local policing reductions. The reason given for reducing policing presence in the villages was that there are drinking problems in the centres of Milton Keynes, Aylesbury and High Wycombe on weekend nights, and police presence is being concentrated in those areas; if the crime rate in North Bucks rises Police will monitor the situation and reallocate police officers there if need be.

- 1.8.18 **Changes to Bus Services, Public Transport Users Group:** We have received a letter from Buckingham Town Council asking if we would

support the idea of forming a users group that would meet and discuss aspects of public transport. It was resolved that we will contact the town council to inform them that we will support this idea.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.19 **Public rights of Way, 'Walk Your Local Paths' Initiative:** We have had a letter from Bucks CC asking whether we would be interested in organising a 'Walk Your Local Paths Day' where we would invite local residents to walk all public paths within the parish. After the walk we would report back to the county council with details on any maintenance required or any improvements that could be made. It was resolved that we will contact the county council to inform them that we are interested.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.20 **Byelaws for use of Greens:** It was resolved that we will enquire whether there are any costs involved in the making of byelaws. The subject will go onto the January agenda for discussion at that meeting.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

- 1.8.21 **A421 Lone tree Junction:** it was resolved that we will contact Highways to tell them of the difficulty in coming out on to the A421 from the Lone Tree turn and vice-versa because of the volume of traffic; also that when dark the road markings are not visible.

**Action: Sue Reeder**

## **1.9 Correspondence**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm