

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

11th January 2010 at 7.30pm

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

Public: None

1.1 Apologies for absence

None

1.2 Co-option of New Councillor:

No one at this time has come forward for co-option onto the council; the subject will be deferred until the next meeting

1.3 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

1.4 Public Participation:

No members of the public present

1.5 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 14th December 2009

Agreed and signed.

1.6 1.6.1 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. We are still waiting to hear from them, it was resolved that Andy will speak with Chris Chandler.

Action: Tim Nichols

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

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.7 Planning

09/01593/APP 5 Coomb Cottage Padbury Road - Demolition of existing single storey side extension and erection of new two storey side extension - No comment

09/02261/ACD and 09/02262/APP Sunnybrook Cottage High Street - Demolition of existing building and erection of replacement dwelling and cart shed - We ask that vehicles associated with the build draw off/park/load and unload and turn clear of the highway using land instead at the site. We also ask that any damage caused by construction/delivery vehicles to highway, verge, footpath, etc be made good.

09/02429/ALB The Old Manor High Street - Single storey rear extension and first floor extension over existing garage - No comment

1.8 Finances

1.8.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.8.2 January's bank reconciliation approved by all councillors

1.8.3 A review of the effectiveness of internal audit was undertaken by the council

1.8.4 The clerk showed the council that her council earnings have been declared on her tax return

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

272	S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	149.36	LGA 1972 s112
273	E.on	Street Light Maintenance	71.59	PCA 1957 s3 (1)
274	E.on	Street Lights	24.34	PCA 1957 s3 (7)
275	Thornborough Cricket Club	Grant towards Cricket Nets	787.00	LG(Misc. Provisions)Act 1976 s19

04.01.10 DD Anglian Water 44.00

04.01.10 DD E.on 28.00

1.9 Councillors Issues

- 1.9.1 **Grasscreting:** We resolved to meet with Graham Smith to clarify costs for the repair of the green areas outside the village hall asking him to include a separate pricing for kerbing.
Action: Anthony Lawrinson
- 1.9.2 **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.
- 1.9.3 **Culvert at bridge in Bridge Street:** We have so far been unable to contact Beryl Kemplen of AVDC and will try again.
Action: Tim Nichols
- 1.9.4 **Footpath from post box to pond:** The placement case officer has been contacted and will arrange to meet with the parish council to look at the work needed to clear the overgrown footpath.
Action: Sue Reeder
- 1.9.5 **Tourist Sign for The Two Brewers:** Highways have been contacted again quoting The Road Traffic Act 1984 s72 which states that we have the power to provide traffic signs and other notices. We are awaiting their reply.
Action: Sue Reeder
- 1.9.6 **Tree on Village Green:** The Mulberry Tree kindly donated by a former resident will be planted on the green. We will look at types of plaques available which will be erected by the Mulberry Tree.
Action: Tim Nichols
- 1.9.7 **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
- 1.9.8 **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; we have now responded. We have met with Warren Whyte and exchanged views on the

future of the A421; AVDC's Local Development Framework was also discussed.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.9.9 **Planting Bulbs, Hanging Baskets:** The Gardening Society has been contacted regarding hanging baskets and planting bulbs in the village and will get back to us with costing.

Action: Mark Cole

1.9.10 **Repair of Bollard on the Green Footpath and Re-instatement of Removed Bollard:** Martin Thomas will get back to us with the costing for the work required.

Action: Andy Spurr

1.9.11 **Quality Status:** The application form is ready to be completed and submitted.

Action: Neil Walton

1.9.12 **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 when the weather has improved)
- Railings
- Cricket nets (the AVDC grant has been approved, the parish council will pay the outstanding amount)
- Pavilion Maintenance
- Tennis Courts
- Church Maintenance
- Cycle Path
- Bridleway
- Traffic Calming
- Village Maintenance

A detailed plan will be presented for further discussion.

Action: Neil Walton

1.9.13 **Changes to Bus Services, Public Transport Users Group:** The Town Council was contacted and informed that we would support the idea of forming a users group.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.9.14 **Public rights of Way, 'Walk Your Local Paths' Initiative:** The county council was contacted and informed that we would be interested in organising a 'Walk your Local Paths Day'. The rights of way group has sent us maps and survey forms for each path within the parish of Thornborough. It was resolved that we would arrange the day sometime in the spring.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.9.15 **Byelaws for use of Greens:** The council wants to protect the greens once they are registered and will create byelaws for this. We have been told that the only costs involved will be that of advertising. When the bye-laws are decided they must be sent to the Secretary of State for approval. The clerk has guidance notes and legal topic notes on the creating of bye-laws and will send these to all councillors.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.9.16 **A421 Lone tree Junction:** Highways have been contacted regarding safety issues at the A421 junction at the Lone Tree. A reply has been

received from Ken Horne Local Area Technician with comments including the fact that the scheme would have been safety audited when first installed to ensure that all safety measures were met. Our message has been passed on to the Traffic Management team who will be contacting us. Safety issues discussed at this meeting included the fact that it was difficult to see the traffic island kerbs and the turning itself at night, that the traffic island bollard is missing and that there is a need for a roundabout at the junction.

Simon Dudley, Local Area Technician will be invited to a future meeting.

Action: Sue Reeder

1.10 Correspondence

Coombe Hill Monument Appeal
BCA survey form - Post Offices

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm