

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

08th February 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Tim Nichols, Anthony Lawrinson, Andy Spurr, Mark Cole

Public: None

Sue Reeder has resigned as clerk; she has offered to stay on until a new clerk has been found. The position will be advertised.

1.1 Apologies for absence

Charlotte Moore, Neil Walton

1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Andy Spurr declared an interest in item **1.3 Co-option of New Councillor**

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Melanie Staff has applied for the position of parish councillor; after reading her application letter and full discussion by the council it was proposed by Mark Cole, seconded by Tim Nichols and resolved by show of hands that Melanie be co-opted onto the parish council.

1.4 Public Participation:

No members of the public present

1.5 To agree minutes of the meeting dated 11th January 2010

Agreed and signed.

1.6 1.6.1 Ownership of the Greens

Chandler Ray has contacted us to inform us that Land Registry will be sending a surveyor out to look at the green areas requiring registration. Chandler Ray will contact us again when they have more information.

Action: Tim Nichols

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

Matters discussed at this meeting included the hidden dip sign on the A421 which has been displaced and is lying on the verge. The Thornborough sign at Cat Lane is no longer pointing to Thornborough correctly and needs turning to its correct position. Highways to be contacted.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

1.7 Planning

None

1.8 Finances

1.8.1 Monthly income/outgoing report approved by councillors

1.8.2 February's bank statement has not yet been received therefore February's bank reconciliation will be presented to the council for approval at the next meeting

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

276	E.on	Street Lights	24.34	PCA 1957 s3 (7)
277	E.on	Repair Faulty Street Light PL3 High Street	11.10	PCA 1957 s3 (1)
278	Bucks Playing Fields Association	Subscription	20.00	
279	K Warner	Duck Food - Village pond	18.90	
280	S Reeder	Salary and Expenses	147.67	LGA1972 s112

01.02.10 DD Anglian Water 44.00

01.02.10 DD E.on 28.00

1.9 Councillors Issues

- 1.9.1 **Grasscreting:** Graham Smith is to give us costs for repair of the green area outside the village hall and at the High Street edge and kerbing the road edge.

Action: Anthony Lawrinson

- 1.9.2 **Affordable Housing:** An open day has been arranged for 16th March between 2.30pm and 7.30pm in the village hall. Villagers will be invited along to look at the plans for the affordable housing and speak with members of the parish council, the Housing Association and the architect. The site preferred by the Guinness Trust and AVDC is land off of Nash Road.

- 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 arranged to meet with the clerk on Tuesday 9th February to look at the work required to clear the overgrown footpath.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.9.5 **Tourist Sign for The Two Brewers:** Highways have replied to our query regarding permission for the parish council to erect a tourist sign; they have informed us that we have to go through them for the purchase and erection of the sign. It was resolved that we will go ahead with the application.

Action: Andy Spurr

- 1.9.6 **Tree on Village Green:** It was resolved that we will put the matter of a plaque by the Mulberry Tree kindly donated by a former resident on hold until the tree has been planted.

No action Required Until Tree Planted

- 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 **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

- 1.9.9 **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; this has been put back because of the bad weather. It was resolved that the replacement posts will be made of oak.

Action: Andy Spurr

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

Action: Neil Walton

- 1.9.11 **Capital Spend on Reserves:** After discussion proposed items for capital spend are:

- Footpath Lighting (we have heard that we are unable to have two solar powered lights free of charge; it was resolved that we will purchase one solar light to try out)
- Railings
- Cricket nets (the AVDC grant has been approved, the parish council has paid 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

- 1.9.12 **Byelaws for use of Greens:** The council wants to protect the greens once they are registered and will create byelaws for this. It was resolved that we will decide what byelaws are needed at the next meeting. Areas suitable for parking would be outside the village hall and opposite The Two Brewers. We have been told that the only costs involved in the creation of byelaws would be that of advertising.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.9.13 **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.

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

Further safety issues discussed 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.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.9.14 **Area 12 Speed Limit Review:** A speed limit of 50mph is proposed for Coombs. Bucks CC is asking for feedback. The parish council discussed the review and resolved to write to Bucks CC saying that the speed limit

should be 40mph, the reasons given being that there is residential housing, a footpath along the road, a history of accidents in the area and pedestrians have to cross the Padbury Road to get to Coombs Quarry or to the Community Woodland.

Action: Sue Reeder

- 1.9.15 **Thornborough News:** There are issues with the printers of the magazine. A meeting has been arranged to discuss the problem. A report on the meeting will be given at the next council meeting. Also, not everyone has paid their subscription and there is monies owing. 250 copies have been printed with only 175 subscriptions paid.

Action: Mark Cole

- 1.9.16 **Re-valuation of Sports Pavilion and Village Hall:** It was resolved that the sports pavilion and the village hall will not be re-valued for the time being.

No Action Required

- 1.9.17 **E.on Customer Lighting Bulletin:** The bulletin was read through to the council. Excerpts will be published in the Thornborough News.

Action: Tim Nichols

1.10 Correspondence

Thank you letter from St Mary's Church
Thank you letter from Thornborough Cricket Club
Draft Parking and Enforcement Policy

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm