

MINUTES OF THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

12th July 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Mark Cole, Andy Spurr, Melanie Staff, Charlotte Moore, Maggie Beach

Public: Twenty two members of the public

- 1.1 Apologies for absence:** Jean Fox (Bucks Community Action)
- 1.2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda:** none
- 1.3 Public Participation: Affordable Housing Issues :** opinions were noted that many interested parties wished that the affordable housing plans needed to be discussed with them in the future. They expressed a desire to meet with Bucks Community Action in order to establish the planning process and to receive information, and to be consulted, about, and how the site was determined. Concern about the FOI requests source were confirm that TPC will reply to these if they are regarding the actions of TPC –however questions relating to affordable housing and Guinness Trust may and will be passed on to Bucks Community Action for their reply, should the Parish Council be unable to reply.
- 1.4 To agree the Minutes of the meeting dated 17th May:** –agreed & signed by Chairman. The minutes for 5th July 2010 to be put on the agenda for the next meeting 11th August 2010, to correct 1:8 correspondence to Bucks Community Action.
- 1.5 Review of action points from previous minutes for information only:**
None to report
- 1.6 Planning**
10/00828/APP – Forge Cottage: many neighbours that live near to Forge Cottage were present at the meeting and they expressed serious concerns about the proposed plans, including the number of new rear facing windows which would mean many adjacent properties would be overlooked. Many considered that the building would be disproportionate in size to other Village Green properties and would also be too big in comparison to the size of its plot and position. The issue concerning vehicular access to Forge cottage via the village Green were raised, and this will be dealt with at the next meeting

Purchase of Village Green : the Parish Council are in the process of trying to establish who may have access and right of way to the Village Green, ie onto what is common land, and they are attempting to pass a bye-law to restrict vehicles from driving over and parking on the green. This is also for safety reasons and there are concerns about vehicles driving along the footpath and parking on the Green. The footpaths are owned by Bucks County Council and have strict controls in place regarding this, which support the Parish Councils concerns.
- 1.7 Finances :**
a)Cheques: the following payments were authorised-
Sue Reeder salary payment £26.25
NBPPC Annual Membership £20.00
Jean James salary payment £175.00
Cricket Pavilion Maintenance £58.99
b)Reconciliation: agreed as correct

1.8 Councilors Issues

1.7.1 Two Councilor vacancies exist, and the Parish Council are and will continue to advertising these positions in the Thornborough News – also to be added to next month’s agenda to review progress.

1.7.2 Temporary Traffic Regulation Order: were noted without objection.

1.7.3 The Winter Maintenance: no comment

1.7.4 Parish Consultation Portal – the Parish Councilors recommended this initiative as it encourages villagers with particular expertise to assist their village community in small satellite sub-committees to deal with specific burning issue in order to resolve and improve e.g. – for Thornborough the Churchyard grass cutting, footpath clearance, potholes, also there is an opportunity for the Parish Council to communicate this via the Thornborough News

1.7.5 Buy with Confidence – consideration was given to this and it was agreed and recommended that although these type of scheme benefitts the community questions were raised as to what was the format of communication available to ensure that the details were communicated to all villagers. However there was a possibility that this may be able to be added to the Parish website given the ability to do this.

1.7.6 Thornborough News – financial support decision - deferred

1.7.7 St.Mary’s Church Grass Cutting – no extra cuts were approved as to increase cuts from 5 to 7 per year would cost an extra £200.

1.7.8 TPC Clerk Coaching : It was agreed that Sue Reeder will assist in the coaching of the new Clerk for up to 6 hours per month, and to be revised in three months, depending upon progress made,also it was noted that there is a requirement for the Clerk to have a photocopier and it was recommended that we should seek to purchased a Photocopier up to the value of £100- **Jean James**

1.9 Correspondence –none