

THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

Wednesday 24th October 2012 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Cllr. Mark Cole (Chair), Cllr. Andy Spurr, Cllr. Melanie Staff, Cllr Mary Taylor, Cllr. Charlotte Moore, Cllr Rupert Bursell, Maggie Beach (Clerk)

Public: 5 allotment holders plus two other members of the parish.

Item	Minute	ACTION
1	Apologies: Cllr Ray Goodger,	
2	Declaration of interest in items on the agenda – None	
3	Public Participation session: - The issue of the Thornborough Broadband connection was brought up by Henry Lewis. There were different understandings of BT's intention to upgrade and when or if this will happen. Agreed that the Clerk will write to BT to ask for information about the situation and to John Bercow about the issue and to invite interested public to discuss and put on the agenda for November.	Clerk to action re letters and next agenda
4	Minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2012- Two amendments were made to make the meaning clear in item 5/19 re hall gate decision – added 'not to fund this.' and item 16/2 'without Royal consent'.	
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Item 6 Proposed Expansion at Luton Airport</p> <p>Item 7 Thornborough Community Woodland</p> <p>Item 8 Allotment management</p> <p>Item 9 Street Lighting</p> <p>Item 12 Overhanging vegetation on pedestrian ways – all on agenda</p> <p>Item 10 Thornborough Footpath 11 – temporary closure order – Clerk has informed the Environment Agency but they are not able to implement any diversion or put up extra notices. Still waiting for any response from BCC</p> <p>Item 13 LAF Priorities for new funding allocations for the financial year 2013/14 - Clerk has informed Mark Grindall.</p> <p>Item 16 Buckingham Canal Society request to the LAF membership- Clerk has sent a letter of support the Canal Society</p> <p>Item 16 Buckingham Ring Road– temporary speed limit – in TNews</p> <p>Item 17 Planning: responses sent</p> <p>Item 18 Finances: Clerk has met with Chris Edwards from Came and Company and will report at a later meeting about or Fixed Assets and their insurance value. All payments made</p>	Clerk to chase up
6	<p>Allotment management – with allotment holders</p> <p>The meeting was attended by parishioners representing 5 allotments plots. Mr Bunce has sent his apologies as he is unable to attend but was concerned about the field gate.</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The road side hedge – still needs trimming. Clerk has contacted Mr Madkins, will chase up. 2. The hedge between the allotments and The Willows. Owned by the Willows. Only trimmed to halfway along, this means that the allotments on the bottom half of the field are difficult to access for deliveries of manure etc as the path is inaccessible. Clerk to contact The Willows to ask that they trim the complete length. 3. The gate is now disintegrating. Cllr AS will talk to Dennis King about a new gate. 4. Abandoned allotments – Clerk to check this out with the specific allotment tenants. Tenants have to maintain their allotment in good 	<p>Clerk to contact Mr Madkins again</p> <p>Cllr AS to contact Denis King about allotment field gate</p> <p>Clerk to check situation re. abandoned</p>

	<p>order as part of the contract.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The contract allows for sheds if permission is granted by the council. 6. Request to move allotment from the current one (Plot 4) to an empty one (Plot 8). Agreed, plot holders will need to sign a new contract. 7. Should people be offered a half plot if that's all they can/would like to manage? Thought to be a good idea. 8. Could there be an allotment holders committee to cover day to day running of the allotments? Clerk pointed out that under our contract with Buckinghamshire County Council this is the responsibility of TPC. However, TPC felt that it might be useful to ask the Garden Society whether they could offer any support or advice. Clerk to talk to Garden Society about this. 	<p>plots with tenants.</p> <p>Clerk to organise new contract</p> <p>Clerk to contact Gardening Society</p>
7	<p>Proposed Expansion at Luton Airport</p> <p>Clerk updated TPC with the response received (already circulated to the recent e-mail sent to the consultation asking for the necessary information on any extension to flight paths.</p> <p>Neil Trollope from the Luton Airport consultation confirmed that that changes to actual flight paths are not required or currently planned to deliver the proposed development. LLAOL is currently testing a new GPS based technology (P-RNAV), which will narrow the width of flight corridors and will enable aircraft to fly much more accurately within the published flight paths, minimising the potential for overlying of residential areas.</p> <p>LLAOL will launch a separate consultation on this proposal in the near future.- It was noted that our AVDC representative Sir Beville Stanier is a member of the local consultative committee, and is already protecting our interests - No Further Action</p>	
8	<p>Thornborough Community Woodland</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Heads of Terms agreement has been circulated to all Councillors. A discussion followed. The following questions were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prohibited activities. para 2:</u> What is fire beating? • <u>Miscellaneous para 2:</u> With whom at BCC would the meetings be? • <u>Miscellaneous para 4:</u> What is 'adequate fire safety equipment'? Would what is currently there be considered adequate? If so, can BCC supply a list of current equipment. • <u>Miscellaneous para 7</u> 'relating to the said site' needs to be added on. • <u>Miscellaneous para 9:</u> With whom at BCC? • <u>Miscellaneous para 2</u> Spelling error, excepted should read expected. The site has been inspected and is currently considered clean but TPC would like to know what the situation would be with any other future contaminants as there could be a possibility of considerable expenditure to clean up any future contamination such as dumping, or contamination from the river. . • <u>Designations</u> What are the obligations or where can we find them? ii. Car park problems. Clerk has received an e-mail from the Clerk for Adstock concerning current illicit use of the car-park -noted although currently still the responsibility of BCC. Thornborough Parish Council agreed with Clerk's response referring to BCC. Clerk to find out the current arrangement with the tenant re, closing the gate at night. iii. Footpath diversion notice no objections. iv. Clerk has received notice of a new grant fund from Buckinghamshire Community Spaces called Greenspaces, which could help fund maintenance of the Woodlands, we can apply once we are tenants. 	<p>Clerk to put questions to Mike Walker, BCC.</p> <p>Clerk to find out arrangement</p> <p>Clerk to inform BCC</p> <p>Clerk to get more information</p>
9	<p>Speed Limit Review</p> <p>The Clerk reported on the on-going correspondence concerning repeater signs put up in the village recently as part of actioning the last speed limit review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chapel Lane repeater sign is considered to be on a road that includes the ongoing lengths of the Green and onto Back Street so its length is not a criterion for removing the sign there. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issue of the repeater sign on the Green still remains and we are waiting a response from both BCC and our solicitors as to the authority that BCC may or may not have to erect a sign on land owned by Thornborough Parish Council without our consent. 	Clerk to follow up as necessary												
10	<p>Salt bins TPC considered that there are now enough Salt bins throughout the village. It would be useful to have another one half way up the hill to the Lone Tree.</p>	Clerk will see what is available												
11	<p>Street Lighting Clerk has now sent a letter to E-on complaining at the lack of response or action concerning the lighting work we have commissioned. No response received yet.</p>	Clerk to continue to chase up												
12	<p>Parking on The Green.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Marchant attended. He has sent a further letter to TPC with Bye laws suggestions which the Clerk has forwarded to Cllr RB. Cllr RB updated briefly and explained that the open session will be on the next agenda near the top of the agenda. As this may take some time, agreed that the meeting will start at 7.00p.m. . Clerk to send councillors copies of all letters received from residents. Clerk to send out invitations to all residents bordering the Green to attend the meeting. 	Clerk to put on Nov agenda, copy all letters to Cllrs. and to send letters as agreed												
13	<p>Overhanging vegetation on pedestrian ways Cllr MS has sent Clerk an extended list of issues around the village. Clerk reported that some have been attended to, some are the responsibility of farmers and she doesn't know who actually owns which field, and some issues concerning tees growing over cables are the responsibility of BT. She will continue to monitor and sort out.</p>													
14	<p>LAF report. Cllr MC reported on the recent meeting. Report attached as Appendix 1. Clerk to write to Mark Grindall to inform him of TPC 's support for the Saturday village bus services initiative.</p>	Clerk to write to Mark Grindall												
15	<p>Music In Quiet Places. Clerk has received an invitation from AVDC to apply for an evening in 2013. Agreed to pass to Cllr CM for the PCC to apply for church.</p>													
16	<p>Sustainable Communities Act TPC were previously contacted concerning this issue. The Clerk has now received another e-mail asking us to write to the new minister dealing with this act to ask him to allow town and parish councils to use the act.</p>	Clerk to circulate e-mail to Cllrs.												
17	<p>Dog Waste arrangements Dog waste collections are due to change. TPC has been sent information about a private contractor who can take over the collections.</p>	Clerk to investigate												
18	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) Vale of Aylesbury Plan- update - The plan to eventually be submitted to Government will be taken to Councillors for approval in the near future. It comprises: Part 1 Strategy and Part 2 Delivery. AVDC will keep parish councils informed.</p> <p>b) Bulletins and other updates – noted. Cloverick Moor Farm amendment – noted but No Objections. .</p>													
18	<p>Finances:</p> <p>a. Bank Reconciliation for September: Current Account - £17,417.01, Reserve Account - £18,835.66, Total - £36,252.67</p> <p>b. Payments and Receipts - noted</p> <p>Cheques</p> <table> <tr> <td>Chairman's Expenses as detailed</td> <td>£63.03</td> <td>Cheque No 415</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk's Salary cheques - September</td> <td>£350.07</td> <td>Cheque No 416</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk's Expenses as detailed</td> <td>£219.23</td> <td>Cheque No 417</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC - Clerk's Income Tax</td> <td>£87.60</td> <td>Cheque No 418</td> </tr> </table> <p>(PAYE Ref. 475/SA75351)</p>	Chairman's Expenses as detailed	£63.03	Cheque No 415	Clerk's Salary cheques - September	£350.07	Cheque No 416	Clerk's Expenses as detailed	£219.23	Cheque No 417	HMRC - Clerk's Income Tax	£87.60	Cheque No 418	Clerk to
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Appendix 1

BUCKINGHAM AREA LOCAL FORUM Sept 27th 2012, Best Western Hotel, Buckingham

The main item at the quarterly meeting of the Buckingham Local Area Forum, at which our local authorities (County Council, AVDC, Town and Parish Councils), and pole, fire and other services have representation, was the 2012/13 priorities for North Bucks.

You will recall that TPC listed its top local priorities at our last meeting, which reflected those which virtually all 36 parish councils in the Forum area (the largest in the county) put at the top of their lists:

1 Insufficient public transport in rural areas

2 Improved winter gritting and road maintenance

3 Restricting HGVs from inappropriate roads

The Forum was told that the first is already being addressed by a proposal to operate Saturday return bus services to Buckingham from the 26 North Bucks villages (Thornborough included) which do not currently have them. The scheme would allow passengers three hours in town to use the market and shops. The LAF will gauge usage and benefit for up to 6 months, and then make a final decision; parishes will not be asked to assist with funding in the current financial year, but if it proves successful, LAF would fund this partly by a subsidy of £6.73 per week from each parish, or £4.50 if Buckingham Town Council and Buckingham Traders Association make a £3000 contribution.

I indicated that Thornborough might be willing to consider this, and we will need to discuss this at our next meeting. Thornton and Whaddon both said they would not be interested, Thornton because of the cost and Whaddon as it feels it gravitates more towards Milton Keynes. If it happens, the expectation is that services would be running by December 2012; fares would be at a commercial rate, but many will qualify for free transport.

Gritting and HGV restrictions are outside the LAF's remit, but both concerns are being brought to the County Council's attention. The meeting identified the top three priorities on which it can act upon, and which will guide its work in the coming year in activity, commissioning and influencing:

Youth groups which can have a say in the running of their local affairs, ie an area youth council

Speeding and road safety

Support for Village Activity Centres

The other priorities will stay on the LAF list, but will not be focused upon during the coming year. Other topics included the successful launch of the new AVDC Waste and Recycling scheme; in the first week 700 tonnes of recycling and 200 tonnes of food waste were collected. More than 8000 householders have signed up for garden waste collection.

Police & Crime Commissioner elections will take place on Thursday 15th November; polling stations will be open from 7.00am to 10.00pm, and the result announced by 4.30pm the following. If you are not already on the electoral role, you must register by 31st October to vote.

AVDC reported that it has voted a further £50,000 for its fighting fund in opposition to the planned HS2 railway; Bucks County Council last year committed £1 million, and council leader Martin Tett heads 51M, the consortium of 15 authorities, whose legal challenges will be heard over a seven day period in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, starting on 3 December 2012.

Mark Cole