

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

### Thornborough Annual Parish Assembly Report 29 May 2024

#### 1 **Arrival and Welcome**

There was an opportunity before the meeting started for residents to enjoy a cup of tea whilst looking at the display boards. It was also an opportunity for residents to talk to the Councillors who were keen to hear their views about the village priorities as well as answering questions about the current work of Thornborough Parish Council (TPC).

Cllr Mary Talor, Chair of TPC, warmly welcome residents. She explained the purpose and structure of the Annual Parish Assembly.

#### 2 **Annual Parish Meeting Report 2023**

There were no matters arising from the 2023 report requiring further discussion.

#### 3 **Community Group/Organisation Reports**

The following groups were thanked for their reports:

- Thornborough Cricket Club
- Thornborough and Thornton Fundraisers
- Thornborough and Thornton WI
- Thornborough Methodist Chapel
- Thornborough Village Hall Trust

The Chair asked the representatives present if they wished to say anything - the Secretary of the Village Hall thanked the community for all their support for the renovation project.

#### 4 **Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) Report 2024**

Cllr Mary Taylor, Chair of TPC, gave the report – which is published with the other reports prepared for the Assembly.

#### 5 **Parish Questionnaire Feedback**

Cllr Lynn Morgan talked about the questionnaire delivered to all households in the parish to seek residents' views about the following:

- Thornborough Pond Project
- Biodiversity
- Community Resilience Emergency Planning.

The questionnaire, plus the documents summarising (a) the responses and (b) suggesting possible initial ways forward will be published with the other reports.

#### 6 **2021 Census - Parish Information**

Cllr Richard Dove explained how under most of the census criteria Thornborough scored favorably compared with the national average. He undertook to prepare a summary for publication with the other reports.

## 7 Questions and Discussion

This section provides a brief summary of the questions and discussion both during the presentations and at the end of the Assembly.

- (a) The following points were made about biodiversity:
- Consideration should be given to how best to support the residents whose questionnaire responses wanted advice about how to increase the biodiversity in their gardens.
  - It might be possible to include a talk about biodiversity in next year's WI programme. The WI President emphasized that non-members, and this included men, were encouraged to attend any of the talks.
  - In response to concern expressed by a resident about the 'untidiness' of some of the village, the Clerk explained budget cuts meant Buckinghamshire Council now only cut the verges twice a year unless road safety was compromised. She encouraged residents to use Fix My Street to report unsafe overgrown road junctions: <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>.
  - Ash dieback was raised and discussed.
- (b) The following points were made during the discussion about community resilience and emergency planning:
- There was a need for the various community groups and other organisations in the parish to work together.
  - The WI had recently put an emergency telephone tree in place.
  - In the event of serious flooding the Village Hall and St Mary's were likely to only be accessible by boat.
- (c) The following points were made in relation to the presentation about the parish information from the 2021 census:
- In a discussion about the age profile of Thornborough, the Chapel representative outlined the provision provide by the Chapel for older residents.
  - Thornborough was not currently covered by the Winslow Community Bus service.
  - Buckingham and Winslow both had community car schemes and might provide a useful starting point to explore the insurance implications of possibly setting up some form of scheme in Thornborough.
  - It would be interesting to know how the 2021 data about the number and ages of children in the parish compared with the 2011 census.
- (d) A resident suggested a meeting was needed to discuss future planning and affordable housing in the parish.

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