

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 6 April 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: R Bevington, Mrs. C Fuller, E. Gee, B A Ogden, R.M. Harlock, C Evans,
P. Murphy,

PCSO Webber for the item on crime.

1 member of the public

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests

Apologies for absence from J E G. Bartlett, M. Amps-Woodward, W VanDriessche,
Peterborough City Councillors R Dobbs, D Sanders.

Declaration of Interest from Councillor Harlock concerning planning application 09/00180

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 9 March (copies of which had
previously been circulated to all members) were signed. Draft minutes of the
Community planning minutes 16 March sent to each Councillor.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

4. Filling of Vacancy on Thorney Parish Council - co-option

4.1 Application from Mrs Shirley Selby. It was proposed by Councillor Murphy,
seconded by Councillor Harlock and unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs. Selby to
Thorney Parish Council in the knowledge that her first meeting will be in July.

4.2 Councillor Evans explained that his house was now sold and he was moving away.
This would, therefore, be his last meeting. The Chairman thanked him for his
contribution over the years.

Being in mind the difficulty that was experienced in filling the existing vacancy
Councillor Harlock suggested, and it was agreed, that future vacancies will be
advertised in the Village Post.

5. Reports

5.1 Crime report by PCSO Webber. 26 incidents with 6 crimes – thefts, criminal
damage and animals damaged at Flag Fen.

Youth club trial on Thursday evenings progressing well – report of meeting 26th
March given by PCSO Webber and the Chairman. Good meeting. New funding
available. Good presentation by the young people – their wish list included a
surface for 5-a-side, cookery club, trips to facilities, etc. Chairman suggested some
funding sources. He also expressed concerns about usage of Bedford Hall and the
storage of equipment.

Possible use of tennis courts in Park but this needs lighting is used at night for 5-a-
side.

Councillor Harlock said there should be a short and medium term plan – these
should include fund raising and grant application.

Small working group to be formed to formulate way forward and source funding.

PCSO Webber will hold a road show at the Abbey coffee morning on 25 April concerning security and personal safety.

5.2 Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fuller – full survey by Peterborough City Council of complete building by end April. Heating should be funded by Peterborough City Council.

New kitchen being priced up. Councillor Harlock suggested that Peterborough City Council should provide an interest free loan as they have a vested interest.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications outcome

08/01570 Causeway Lodge, The Causeway – demolition and construction detached homes - withdrawn

6.2 Current Planning Applications

09/00030 Heritage Motors, Gas Lane – part demolition of dangerous workshop – no objections

09/00096 15 Chestnut Drive – rear conservatory - no objections

09/00090 Lordship End French Drove – extension to workshop and classroom - no objections

09/00180 Sherwood House, 39 Station Road – retrospective – access to rear of building cannot be by private road – no objections

6.3 Memorial The Green – notification from Peterborough City Council that this will go to the Planning meeting 14 April. History was summarized by the Chairman – he invited people to attend the forthcoming meeting as individuals to express their opinion. Councillor Murphy explained the happenings of the meeting held at Peterborough City Council offices, the questionnaire response and the feedback to Peterborough City Council. One objector to the memorial complained she had not been informed of the date. Peterborough City Council to be asked if it is policy to inform objectors individually of the date that the application comes before committee.

6.3 Consultation on further additional Mineral and Waste development proposals – no new sites in or near Thorney.

6.4 Nuts Grove Wind Farm – appeal postponed until October.

7. Allotments

New lock purchased and fitted to gate.

Complaint from tenant at 28 that his allotment was unusable after recent clearance.

Suggested he takes number 30 that has been power harrowed.

Number 35 has not been cleared as there is no access.

8. Roads and Footpaths

8.1 Street lighting – units already reported that needed attention.

8.2 Wisbech Road parking update – yellow lines now complete. Speed cameras in centre of village covered up. PCSO Webber to contact Peterborough City Council.

Councillor Harlock said he now had some volunteers to operate the mobile speed recording system – to contact PCSO Webber or the Clerk.

Chairman explained funding for parking in Wisbech Road had been withdrawn by Peterborough City Council.

8.3 Causeway Bridge barriers – finance now secured from various funds by City Councillors Dobbs and Sanders. Councillor Sanders coordinating work.

8.4 Other roads and footpaths.

8.4.1 Bukehorn Road, east of its junction with The Reaches is to have the edge of the road reconstructed and work will last for about 6 weeks. Starting on 5th May the road will be closed although there will be access to local farms.

8.4.2 A47 east of village towards Thorney Toll – road surface damaged and is dangerous. Highway Agency aware.

8.4.3 Station Road roundabout – damaged signs and footbridge

8.4.4 The Causeway east bound, Northside – possible water leak. To be reported to AWA.

9. Burial Board

10. Household recycling centre – future

Mr. Paul Pace at Peterborough City Council is negotiating with the Environment Agency concerning the surrender of the licence at a cost to Peterborough City Council of £5054. They would like to lease the land to the Concrete Company rather than turn it into a “bring site”. This is because there has been a considerable drop off of people using the existing bring sites since more material is now collected in the home recycling bins (glass and clothes for example). It was proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Fuller and agreed that Peterborough City Council should lease the land to the Concrete Company and that there should not be a “bring” site at this location.

11. Approve accounts for 2008/2009

The internal auditor, Mr. R Wright, had carried out an audit and had agreed the accounts that were to be presented on 1 June to the external auditors Moore Stephens.

A Risk Assessment Audit had been carried out and Members of Thorney Parish Council acknowledged their responsibility and confirmed to the best of their knowledge and belief that the accounts had been prepared in accordance with Section 2 Statement of Annual Governance for the Annual Return year ended 31 March 2009. It was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed that the accounts should be signed as a true record.

The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Thorney Parish Council.

12. Correspondence/Any Other Business

12.1 Letter of thanks from Thorney Running Club for the use of the Parish Room

12.2 Parish Council liaison meeting 16 April clashed with the Thorney Society evening at the Abbey.

12.3 Bedford Hall AGM 18 May 2009

13. Finance

13.1 The Clerk had forwarded to members a competitive quote from Came and Company for Parish Council insurance. There was also an incentive to have a 3 year insurance that qualified for a 5% premium discount. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor Ogden and unanimously agreed to change the insurance from Allianz to Norwich Union via the broker Came and Company.

13.2 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. R Berry	Inter Mr. Berry	£100.00
Anglia Regional Coop	Inter Mrs. Cox	£30.00

13.4 The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Columbaria Company	Inscription Mrs. Clarke	001642	£77.05
Colemans of Peterborough	Printer cartridges	001643	£370.92
Peterborough Grass Mach	Kass Mower service and repair	001644	£472.17
NFU Mutual	Lawnmower Insurance	001645	£146.99

The next full meeting will be held on 11 May (AGM) 2009.

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The meeting closed at 8.55pm