

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 8 February 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, R Bevington, Mrs. C Fuller, E. Gee, P. Murphy,
Mrs. L Sheldrake, M. Amps-Woodward, W. VanDriessche
PCSO Webber for item on crime
8 members of the public including the Cubs.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests

Apologies for absence from R.M. Harlock, B A Ogden, Mrs. S Selby, Peterborough City
Councillors D Sanders

Declaration of interests – Councillor Gee on item 5.5 Site Specific allocation

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meeting held on 11 January (copies of which had
previously been circulated to all members) were signed. Copies of the planning committee
minutes will be signed at the next planning committee meeting.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 Sign giving vehicle speed Station Road – would cost approximately £5000. PCSO
Webber to look at alternatives

3.2 Footpath in Park, Tavistock Road end – confirmation Peterborough City Council
repairing

Untidy land Corner Farm Cottage 14 Wisbech Road – The Enforcement Officer has
confirmed that the premises were the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order by the
Secretary of State prior to the construction of the Thorney by-pass and advise that the Local
Planning Authority do not have any jurisdiction in terms of formal enforcement action.
Properties that have been acquired under a CPO by the Secretary of State are immune from
planning enforcement proceedings by LPA's and therefore any future correspondence in
relation to this matter should be sent to the Department for Transport at Great Minster
House, 76 Marsham Street, London, SW1 P 4DR. However Councillor Gee said that this
information was now out of date as the property had been sold onto a Mr. Bruce from
London

4. Reports

4.1 Crime report. 21 incidents, 9 crimes. PCSO Webber gave details of the crimes including
an abandoned fork lift truck. Councillor Harlock assisted Police in its recovery and return
to the owner. PCSO Webber thanked Councillor Harlock for the effort and cooperation he
had given.

PCSO Webber said that successful detection rates overall is 25% and the trend of crimes
committed is declining.

4.2 Park recreational facilities – Councillor Bevington and Mr. Shuster. Mr. Shuster was
unable to attend so this item was left to a future meeting

Councillor Bevington's findings of funding sources are included as an appendix to the
minutes.

4.3 Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fuller – Bedford Hall now licensed for weddings. Temporary ramp needed for Parish Room to give disabled access. It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council should fund this.

Heating upgrade going ahead.

Kitchen modifications being carried out. Councillor Bartlett read out an email concerning this.

4.4 Flooding – response from residents. The Chairman’s consolidated report of the known areas where flooding has occurred in Thorney was circulated. All the incidents have been marked on a plan. The list will be sent to Anglian Water, Peterborough City Council, NLIDB and the Environment Agency.

4.5 Other reports. Still awaiting the Water Cycle Study from Peterborough City Council. Rural Working Group – Chairman gave a resume’. In the Sites Specific report Peterborough City Council has recommended that 305 homes be built in Eye and 141 in Thorney.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications outcome

09/01488 Land corner Abbey Place and The Causeway – fell and reduce trees – approved, Peterborough City Council recommended replacement trees be planted.

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09/01472 Willow Hall, Willow Hall Lane – construction fireplace and chimney breast – approved

09/01487 8 Abbey Place – reduce bay tree by 25% - approved

Current Planning Applications

10/00058 Land to rear 8 and 9 Church Street – 3 bed dwelling – no objections

10/00070 14 Church Street – rear extensions - no objections

10/00088 1 Sandpit Road – rear extension to garage – no objections

10/00052 4 Wisbech Road - Retention of two externally mounted cooler units and the proposed siting of a satellite dish - no objections

5.2 Soke and Isle Neighbourhood Council Community Planning meeting 9 February - to be held at Helpston School.

5.3 Meeting with Ms. Ivatt, Neighbourhood Council – some questions to be asked were circulated. Ms. Ivatt is happy to meet members at a mutually convenient time. If the circulated questions were not answered at the meeting at Helpston School Ms. Ivatt would be invited to a Thorney Parish Council represented meeting.

5.4 Planning Referrals Update. Letter sent to Mrs. Beasley, Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council, concerning the proposal that Parish Councils will no longer be able to refer planning applications to Committee. Reply still awaited. Clerk has received copy letters from other Parish Councils with similar views.

5.5 Sites Specific/Preferred Options. Extracts from the Peterborough City Council document were circulated. Only one recommended site in Thorney at the present time which is off Whittlesey Road near the cemetery. One site in Station Road recommended for employment. Other sites not recommended because of flood risk or access problems.

Councillor VanDriessche supported the recommendations made by Peterborough City Council.

Councillor Bevington had asked Peterborough City Council for additional information concerning their recommendations. He said he believed Thorney Parish Council should still support some of the sites particularly around the allotments and reiterate comments concerning the Whittlesey Road site. Was a conflict in the Peterborough City Council documents concerning employment and housing in Station Road.

Chairman suggested that the designation of Service Centre should be challenged and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Environment Agency is now able to halt a planning consent if it believes that area would flood.

Councillor Murphy explained where a travellers site was to be situated in Eye.

5.6 Other matters

Parish Liaison meeting confirmed that Neighbourhood Councils would be funded at £25000.

Section 106 – Central Government suggests all money should go to social housing.

6. Allotments

2 outstanding rents – recorded letters to be sent.

7. Roads and Footpaths

7.1 Street lighting - units that need attention are pcc2 Bedford Court, pcc20 Smithfield

7.2 Peterborough City Council Winter Service 2009-10 presentation – Councillors Bartlett and Murphy. Map on website where gritting is carried out, however, Peterborough City Council will look at other roads to be included for the future.

3 teams employed filling holes in road surface.

7.3 Grass slope from the footpath to the roadside outside the Discount Store – letter to Mr. Phillipson circulated. Letter of support received from Malcolm Moss MP.

7.4 Cobbled area The Green. Quote from Mr Bothamley circulated and he has confirmed to Mr. Daley that any repaving works across the vehicular entrance to Cheriton House will involve the lifting and relaying of the existing cobbles with new asphalt laid where the cobbles project into the carriageway and these cobbles re-laid in place of the small section of cement infill to the side of the path. Some small stone dressing can then be 'thrown' over / rolled into the asphalt to match the same finish to the wider asphalt area. This will keep the present feature of the cobbles across the entrance to Cheriton House retained as this is locally distinctive and also provides a visual boundary and break to the limestone path to the front of Cheriton House / The Green and The Abbey. Mr. Bothamley has agreed to contribute to the work and Thorney Parish Council's spend would be £500 plus vat. The Clerk has completed budget reconciliation and Thorney Parish Council would not overspend by commissioning the repairs. It was

proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Gee and unanimously agreed to go ahead with the maintenance.

7.5 Other roads and footpaths.

- Illegal parking still occurring in Wisbech Road and Sandpit Road near the school.
- Illegal parking near discount store, Wisbech Road (excess waiting time and double yellow line parking)
- Illegal parking in Topham Crescent (on footpath)

8. Burial Board

9. Park Footpath

Progress so far –the estimate for the works is in the order of £8,000. This is not such a straightforward item as the MUGA to find funders. Councillor Bevington has asked Peterborough City Council if they have any funding for this type of project but they are still to respond

10. Correspondence/Any Other Business

- 10.1 Youth Provision in Thorney – Councillor Bartlett gave a resume’ of the meeting he attended of the Scrutiny Committee at Peterborough City Council. Only 2 hours per week had been allowed for Youth Provision.
- 10.2 Dog fouling seems to be on the increase in Station Road and Wisbech Road
- 10.3 New refuse lorries are being made available to collect rubbish from both green and brown bins at the same time.
- 10.4 Heat loss survey of village to be requested from Peterborough City Council.
- 10.5 Report to be produced for next village newsletter detailing Thorney Parish Council activities over the past few months.
- 10.6 Request made for better lighting between The Causeway and Laurel Drive.
- 10.7 Suggested that the Spinney in the Park could become a recreational area.

11. Finance

11.1 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Anglia Reg Coop Soc	Memorial Mr. Nicholls	£15.00
Mr. A Brown	Allotment rent 25	£30.00
National Savings	Interest	£61.54
John Lucas (Peterboro) Ltd	Inter Mr. Searle	£55.00
Mr. Constable	Reserve burial space	£100.00

11.1 The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A E Hovell	Expenses and PC repair	001693	£96.54
Clara .net	Website Hosting	001694	£243.82
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Strimmer service	001695	£68.29
Mr. J Bartlett	Travel and Parking costs	001696	£14.65

11.2 Maintenance of Stiga Mower – accept quote for repair £700. As a new machine was to cost in excess of £4000 it was agreed that the Stiga mower should be repaired.

11.3 Quality Parish Council status – this comes up for renewal in April and will cost £117.50 registration fee, possibly £600 to rejoin PCALC (this is not mandatory but we said we would look at membership again at renewal in May) and about 50 hours to put the portfolio together for submission. What is amazing is that if we renew before June the elected members are taken from the schedule of 4 years ago (despite new elections in May this year). It was agreed to wait for submission until after the new Council has been elected.

The next full meeting will be held on 8 March 2010 with a Community Planning meeting 15 March

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

Councillor Bevington's funding source information

1. Awards for All - do not fund projects over £25,000 but they suggest the Community Spaces Programme (CSP). I've looked at CSP and their areas of funding include MUGA's. We seem to meet their criteria but applications must come from Community Groups as they are not accepted from Parish Councils.
2. Greater Peterborough Partnership - do not actually fund projects but would assist in finding funders and possibly helping with applications. They issue a list of funders which I think extends to about 35 pages! They have confirmed that if we achieved a MUGA its maintenance and upkeep would be the responsibility of the City Council which is good news as no running costs would fall to the parish.
3. Peterborough City Voluntary Services suggest Sport England or that we use their 'funder finder' site to search who might be funders to approach. I haven't yet gone through this search process but have asked them to e-mail their questionnaire.
4. S106 - I have attempted through the Neighbourhood Council and the GPP Play Strategy to get the MUGA (and park footpaths) recognised as projects deserving of S106 funding. Whether this has been successful I'm waiting to hear but we know that their existing list of S106 projects takes them through to 2012 and beyond so even if we are listed it's unlikely that anything will happen in the immediate future.
5. Peterborough City Council - they state they are not in a position to fund anything but they have helped with the quotes for the MUGA (and footpath) and have confirmed that they would deal with the planning application for the MUGA. I'm trying to find out exactly what they mean by this (see e-mail to Jayne Jarvis 29 01 10). It's all a bit chicken and egg because funders will usually want evidence of planning approval, evidence of land ownership etc. as part of an application.
6. I haven't really found anyone who might fund the footpath but I've asked for suggestions from PCC (and whether they could find the money in next year's budget! - e-mail 29 01 10 to Jayne Jarvis). Neighbourhood Council may be our best bet. Maybe we need to write a pleading letter to them although they are already aware of our request from previous correspondence. Another way may be through the Community Fund but we would have to wait until we're in funds again.
7. The other possible funding avenue in my mind is by determining with a developer that a MUGA is needed as a result of growth and then convincing PCC that this is a direct planning need arising from the development on which the S106 money should be spent.
8. As the allotments are not a PCC Preferred Site (flood issue) there is no immediate way forward with their development. I'm sure Richard will apprise us of his progress with the flood problem on his site and we can possible progress on the back of that.

I'm not sure how we are going to deal with all of this. As I've said in the past it is not something I want to be involved in partly because I think it's very tedious but mostly because it's so time consuming. What's needed I think is a sub-committee that is dedicated to doing the necessary research, making phone calls, probably going to meetings and finding help with the making of applications etc. A certain amount of seductive skill and perseverance is going to be needed as it seems that everyone is chasing funding at the moment and I've noticed that quite a few funds are at present closed to applications. That's all of course if it's the Parish Council that intends to (or can) make the application rather than a relevant community group. Either way I think the support of the Parish Council will be needed and they perhaps need to do the front running.

I thought it would be useful to set down my thoughts and where I've got with this and hope I don't sound too negative about what's involved but with the other bits I'm doing this would be one thing too many. I'm happy to deal with the planning aspects of a MUGA with the City Council, to deal with the confirmation of estimates for the works and to separately pursue the S106 route to funding but otherwise I would want to leave it to others.

