

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 8 June 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, P. Murphy,
J E G. Bartlett, M. Amps-Woodward, W VanDriessche
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

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Shirley Selby to her first meeting as a Thorney Parish Councillor.

Apologies for absence from Councillor Murphy. Mr. C Evans sent in a letter of resignation
Declaration of interests from Councillor Harlock and Gee concerning item 5.5, and Bevington and Bartlett concerning item 5.6

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meeting held on 11 May (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

4. Reports

4.1 Crime report by PCSO Webber. 23 incidents with 3 crimes – distraction burglary and two related to vehicles.

Mini motor bikes – some parents spoken to by PCSO Webber.

Traffic police asked to check on speeding quarry lorries.

Speed watch equipment recently used in Whittlesey Road and offenders exceeding speed limit to be sent letters from Section Inspector.

The Youth Worker is carrying out some work with the youths on a Thursday night after cancellation of youth club – Councillors disappointed by the cancellation.

The Police Panel targets for the next session are: HGV's in Eyebury Road,

Children alighting from school buses and eliminating mini-motor bike use on the public highway.

4.2 Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fuller – full survey carried out by Peterborough City Council of complete building – report expected soon. AGM held on 18 May. Union Flag flown for D-Day. New boiler purchased.

WREN to be contacted, concerning funding application, in September.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications outcome

Causeway Lodge, The Causeway – trees now have a Tree Preservation Order on them
09/00030 Heritage Motors, Gas Lane – part demolition of dangerous workshop – passed

09/00195 Laurel House, Thorney Dyke – use of building as cattery – refused

09/00132 Toneham House, Toneham Lane – relocation oil tank, new window, internal alterations – passed

0900287 4 Topham Crescent – demolish garage and build 1.5 storey extension – passed
09/00180 Sherwood House, 39 Station Road – retrospective – passed

5.2 Current Planning Applications

09/00367 English Drove Farm Buildings, English Drove – change of use of agricultural building to storage use – no objections

0900435 land rear 14 Topham Crescent – development of 4 two bedroom bungalows – object (proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Amps-Woodward and agreed) because access from Topham Crescent was complicated due to narrowness of that part of the road, development to dense, access for emergency services very restricted, sewage system in area already overloaded – if planning officer recommends approval condition should be attached such that extensions are not allowed (removal permitted development rights)

09/00473 4 Wisbech Road – satellite dish – no objections

5.3 Memorial The Green – notification from Peterborough City Council that the application was deferred. The Peterborough City Council Planning Committee request that Thorney Parish Council:

1. Revise design of memorial and liaise with English Heritage. National Trust and City Conservation Officer in that process
2. Re-consult the local community on the desirability of the memorial and its design post completion of 1.

Bring back to first available committee on completion of 1 and 2.

Those that expressed an opinion in village questionnaire were in favour of the memorial. The proposed letter of reply to Mr. Barker was read to the meeting.

Councillor Bartlett did not agree with the Thorney Parish Council views but also thought the whole process had been badly handled by Peterborough City Council.

The question was asked is the application still valid and is the time still running for this application?

5.4 Action point priorities from Planning Committee - It was decided that the priorities from the action plan should be Park sports facilities (being designed for the youth of the village), Bedford Hall interior, footpath extension in Park to children's play area. It was proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Harlock and unanimously agreed to adopt these priorities.

5.5 Discussion on letter sent to Mr. Fagg concerning Station Road redevelopment.

The Chairman outlined the letter to Mr. Fagg.

Councillor Bevington explained the reply -- no decision will be reached until the site specific plan is approved some time in 2010.

The chairman outlined options available to the Station Road proposed development.

Councillor Harlock explained his meeting with Mr. Fagg, and could possibly re-submit the application.

At this point Councillor Harlock left the room.

The chairman said that the school has a falling intake, village population is falling and businesses closing. The village needed development to a halt this trend.

Councillor Bevington said that one development rather than piecemeal development should be submitted. Councillor Ogden agreed with this view.

Councillor VanDriessche said this was an industrial area and should remain so to provide employment.

Councillor Selby questioned access on to Station Road.

Councillor Bartlett questioned designation of site for industrial use and suggested that one complete application would be better than two.

The Chairman said full details of this site specific plan had been responded to by Thorney Parish Council.

After further discussion it was agreed that no action should be taken by Thorney Parish Council as this would be unfair to other proposed development areas in the site specific plan.

5.6 It was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor Buddle and agreed that a letter of support to be sent from Thorney Parish Council requesting that disabled toilet facilities be provided at the Church Street Community Centre.

6. Allotments

6.1 The annual allotment inspection took place on 2 June and the following action points determined:

1. Allotment number 15 had seen no attention this year. It was cleaned by Councillor Harlock in early spring but was now overgrown.
2. There had been some work on numbers 16, 17 and 18 although these were also becoming overgrown.
3. Tenant at number 34 has terminated the tenancy.
4. First tap in area needs extra support.

Clerk to write to tenant holders highlighted above.

6.2 The value of the allotment land will be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

6.3 Review of rent – agreed that the forthcoming year should be £30.00 per unit.

6.4 Councillor Bevington suggested that a best kept allotment competition should be run with the prize as a year's free rental. This was agreed and judges to be appointed later.

6.5 There was a discussion concerning way to police the locking of the access barrier.

7. Roads and Footpaths

7.1 Street lighting – units already reported that needed attention.

7.2 Other roads and footpaths.

It is expected that Bukehorn Road will open before Whittlesey Road is closed.

Ageing sections of the A1073 road between Peterborough and Spalding are due to benefit from resurfacing from the end of June. The resurfacing works are being coordinated to minimise disruption but will require closures of the A1073.

For a three-week period, starting on 29 June, Peterborough City Council will carry out carriageway patching from the B1443 Masons Bridge to Wrights Drove on the county border. Lincolnshire County Council will conduct structural patching and surfacing in two sections at the north end of the A1073; from the A1073/A16 roundabout to the junction with Drain Bank and from the junction with Stonegate, Cowbit (B1357) to Backgate, Cowbit.

Morgan Est will also use the opportunity to complete the construction of the new roundabout, at Crowland, as part of the Spalding to Eye Improvement Scheme.

7.3 Marker posts Crowland Road damaged by recent grass cutting.

8. Burial Board

The annual allotment inspection took place on 2 June and the following action points determined:

8.1 Removal of a self sown conifer tree from the east end of the cemetery will be carried out in the winter.

8.2 Lower branches of an oak tree at the east end of the cemetery will be removed

8.3 Headwall on drain from cemetery still to be completed. To be taken up with NLIDB

8.4 A notice will be displayed informing visitors to the cemetery that headstones that are leaning will be straightened.

8.5 Review of fees – agreed to leave as at present rates

8.6 Councillor Harlock has provided lock and chair for the Cemetery gates.

9. Correspondence/Any Other Business

9.1 List of dates received for Fix-it-van up to 13 July

9.2 Lease for ex-household recycling centre to be agreed soon

10. Finance

10.1 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Set in Stone Memorials	Mem Mr. Horne	£17.00
Anglia Reg. Coop Soc.	Inter Mr. Page S25	£800.00
EDF	Wayleaves	£43.96
Cambs Fire Service	Grass cutting Fire Station	£100.00

10.2 The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	001654	£38.53
NFU Mutual	Tradesman Insurance	001655	£296.73
Grounds Maintenance Service	Strimming graveyard	001656	£322.00
NLIDB	Drainage rates	001657	£19.54

10.3 Request from the Clerk to attend a training day on Cemetery Management at a cost of £95.00 - agreed

10.4 It was agreed to replace the paper shredder at a cost of approximately £200.00

The next full meeting will be held on 13 July 2009. The meeting closed at 8.35pm