

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 9 March 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, M. Amps-Woodward, R Bevington, Mrs. C Fuller,
E. Gee, B A Ogden, R.M. Harlock, C Evans. Peterborough City Councillors R Dobbs,
D Sanders. PCSO Webber for the item on crime.

3 members of the public present.

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests

Apologies for absence from W VanDriessche, P. Murphy,

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 9 February (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed. Draft minutes of the Community planning minutes 23 February sent to each Councillor.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 Advertising on land opposite Pode Hole Quarry –Enforcement Officer investigating

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

4.1 No nominations at present

5. Reports

5.1 Crime report by PCSO Webber. 43 incidents (26 relating to the North Bank Flooding) with 10 crimes - mostly thefts, with 5 from farms and 3 criminal damage. More patrols taking place in the countryside. Anti-social behaviour decreasing.

Youth club trial on Thursday evenings progressing well -- meeting 26th March to discuss further developments.

Councillor Sanders said many motorists ignored flood warning signs and road closure notices at the North bank - possible future action by the police will be patrols to prosecute offending motorists.

Speed checks are being carried out regularly on the bypass.

Mobile speed cameras - Councillor Harlock has had no volunteers.

5.2 Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fuller – confirmed community fund donation. Still awaiting Peterborough City Council survey.

Kitchen modifications are being priced up.

5.3 Freedom of Information Act update –

5.3.1 Approve Procedures documents “Retention Records,” “Data Protection” and “Financial Risk Management.” These procedures, written by the Clerk, were discussed and noted that two new procedures 1. for signing cheques will also involve, in most cases, initialling the invoice, 2. Chairman initialling the bank statement at the same time as

signing the bank reconciliation. It was proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed to approved these as Thorney Parish Council working procedures.

5.3.2 Thorney Parish Council is now registered under the Data Protection Act with the Information Commissioner

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications outcome

08/00982 Four Acres Bungalow, Northside – use of land for car sales and caravan storage – appeal to Secretary of State.

08/01568 Pharmacy Church Street – change of hours – passed

08/00124 land to rear 81 Wisbech Road and 14 Topham Crescent – 4 bungalows – appeal dismissed by Planning Inspector

07/01411 Wind Turbines at Wrydecroft – appealing against refusal

08/00048 dwelling with integral garages 102 Wisbech Road - appeal dismissed by Planning Inspector

6.2 Current Planning Applications

09/00033 Erection 3 bedroom bungalow Northey Park, Northey Road – no objections

6.3 Public Consultation on the Draft Planning Obligations Implementation Scheme

Supplementary Planning Document

The Peterborough City Council has published a draft Planning Obligations Implementation Scheme Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and welcomes all comments on the draft document during the six week consultation period running from Friday 6th March. The Draft Planning Obligations Implementation Scheme SPD will ultimately form part of the Council's statutory Local Development Framework (LDF).

The draft SPD has been produced to outline the policies and procedures of Peterborough City Council in respect of planning obligations. It is intended that the content of the document will assist in pre-application discussions and in the determination of planning applications.

The Scheme provides land owners, developers and inward investors with clarity on the level of neighbourhood and strategic infrastructure contribution required from developments while recognising that such combined funds need substantial other funds to deliver the required infrastructure.

Councillor Bevington explained the above policy further.

6.4 Rural Housing Strategy consultation – outlined by Councillor Bevington. This strategy implied local low cost housing for local people. However, the land on which to build has to be almost gifted and the need proved that this type of housing is required - would become an exception site.

6.5 Recent rejection of planning application and reimbursement of costs highlighted.

6.6 War Memorial -- should go to 14 April planning committee. Question asked who would maintain the Memorial after construction.

Clerk to liaise with Dale Barker the planning officer.

7. Allotments

Complaint that a tenant (new tenant) has had paving slabs removed from the edge of his allotment.

Also complaint that gate padlock has been removed and taken from site. Gate now open. New lock to be purchased.

8. Roads and Footpaths

8.1 Street lighting – units already reported that needed attention.

8.2 Speed cameras in village/Wisbech Road parking restrictions. Yellow lines now marked out. Councillor Bartlett reported on the meeting 25th February with Richard Ewing – defects noted and some reinstatement were already carried out. Agreed it was a very useful and productive meeting. Will become an annual event.

8.3 Parking enforcement officers need to visit Thorney regularly to ensure that where the new yellow lines have been placed, parking is being carried out correctly.

8.4 Footpath outside Cheriton House and the Shambles –NSP Landscaping (Nigel Pask) and Gown to Earth Gardening have quoted for the relaying of the footpaths. However, Councillor Sanders has agreed to put £3000 of the Community Fund allocation to the restoration of the footpaths around The Green. The Clerk has discussed with Mike Heath at Peterborough City Council the work involved and Peterborough City Council Services will relay the paths and organise the replacement stones from the City Centre redevelopment. Mr. Heath proposed starting the work in May when the replacement stones will become available. As the work involved will come to £4000 Thorney Parish Council are asked to contribute £1000 towards the work. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Harlock and unanimously agreed that as the paths were Thorney Parish Council responsibility it would be pleased to contribute £1000 towards the costs.

Mr. Heath informed the Clerk that the drains at the sides of the footpaths were listed monuments – this will have to be checked.

8.5 Causeway Bridge – a meeting was organised for 6 March at which City Councillors David Sanders, Ray Dobbs and Wayne Fitzgerald along with Councillors Buddle, Bartlett and Bevington, bridge engineer Paul Green and the Clerk attended. Thorney Parish Council wish to see the metal barriers removed from the conservation area and replaced by a barrier more in keeping with the village. Trief kerbing was suggested and accepted as a suitable alternative.

After discussion it was proposed that Councillor Dobbs donated £1000 from this year's community fund, Councillors Dobbs and Sanders donate £10000 from next year's community fund, Thorney Parish Council contribute £10000 from its funds and Peterborough City Council find the rest of the money to make a total of £26000. This proposal would mean that no Community Fund money would be available to Thorney for any other purpose in 2009/2010 nor any available in 2010/2011. It would also be dependant on Eye Parish Council agreeing not to have any Community Fund money for 2009/2010. Councillor Sanders to confirm arrangements later in March.

The Clerk gave out the latest budget estimate for the year end that showed a surplus of income over expenditure.

After a long debate was proposed by Councillor Harlock to cut out loans and donations for the next financial year and look at other areas for savings, for example recycling centre, Bedford Hall, and e-planning. This was agreed. It was proposed by Councillor Bartlett seconded by Councillor Bevington and agreed that Thorney Parish Council go ahead with discussions with Peterborough City Council's intention to remove the metal barriers across the Causeway Bridge and replace them with trief kerbs and some concrete bollards for which Thorney Parish Council would contribute £10000.

8.6 Other roads and footpaths

9. Burial Board

10. Date of next meeting

In April the 2nd Monday falls on Easter Monday. It was agreed to move the meeting forward one week to 6th April

11. Correspondence/Any Other Business

11.1 CPALC AGM minutes. Councillor Evans gave a report from the last PCALC meeting.

Also discussed was the service and value for money that we get from CPALC. It was proposed by Councillor Harlock seconded by Councillor Bevington and agreed not to renew the membership for the next financial year.

11.2 Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Conference 28th March at Kingsgate Conference Centre, Parnwell.

11.3 Rural Working Group update – notes and presentations can be viewed at www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk

11.4 Town and Parish Standard update – circulated.

11.5 Tree and hedge cuttings from an adjacent fence have been left at the edge of the park.

11.6 Vehicles on the road access to the park from Wisbech road are cutting up the grass verges.

12. Finance

12.1 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
J G Cross	Memorials to Mr. Scotney and Mrs. Lott	£32.00
Anglia Regional Coop Ser	Inter Mrs Vollum	£340.00
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£1.10

11.2 The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A Hovell	Telephone, postage, travel, stationery	001635	£88.05
ESPO	Workstation	001636	£143.75
Clara.net	Website hosting	001637	£228.85
Anglian Water	Water charges cemetery and	001638	£133.21

allotments

12.3 The walk behind mower needs a new clutch as well as maintenance. The new clutch alone will cost in excess of £300 and a decision had to be made as to whether the machine was economic to repair or purchase a new machine at just over £700. It was agreed that Councillors Gee and Ogden would investigate the costs or an alternative repairer and make a decision as to who carried out the work but a new machine would not be purchased at this stage.

11.4 At the last planning meeting it was suggested that Thorney Parish Council should have a consistent approach to software on the Clerks and Councillor's PC's with Microsoft Office being the obvious choice. After discussion it was agreed that not all Councillors PC's would run the program successfully and therefore the suggestion will not be carried forward.

11.5 Yorkshire Bank has asked for an update to signatures for their records.

11.6 The Clerk has met the Internal Auditor who suggested that the Precept should be matched to a similar sum in reserve. At present out Precept is £55000 and the reserve is approximately £25000. This was also confirmed by Councillor Harlock and in the coming years allowance must be made for this from the precept.

The next full meeting will be held on 6th April 2009.

Community Planning meeting 16 March.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm