

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber,
Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 14 May 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: R.M. Harlock, R Bevington, P. Murphy, G.A. Kilham, E. Gee, M.
Amps-Woodward, P.A. Rowe, C. Evans, W VanDriessche

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1 member of the public present

1. Apologies

Ms. M Herdman, J.E.G. Bartlett, PCSO Brader

At this point the Clerk took the Chair

2&3. To elect the Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2007 and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

It was moved by Councillor Gee, seconded by Councillor Kilham that Councillor VanDriessche be elected Chairman for the municipal year 2007/2008.

It was moved by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Murphy that Councillor Buddle be elected Chairman for the municipal year 2007/2008.

A vote was taken with 2 Councillors supporting Councillor VanDriessche and 5 supporting Councillor Buddle.

Councillor Buddle then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

At this point Councillor W VanDriessche left the meeting.

4. Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed that Councillor Bartlett be elected as Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2007/2008.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 16 April and 1 May (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were agreed and signed.

6. Matters arising

6.1 Parking in and around Church Street on yellow lines – Councillor Bartlett liaising with Peterborough City Council to correct problem. Mr. Ewing had met with Mr. Harris and discussed the problem.

7. To fix the date and times of the Meetings of the Council for the new municipal year.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to normally meet on the second Monday in each month at 7.0 PM (with the exception August)

11 June 2007, 9 July, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December

14 January 2008, 11 February, 10 March, 14 April plus AGM, 12 May, 9 June

8. Planning

8.1 Current Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

07/00507/FUL For Erection of detached summer house at Chestnut House Northside
- no objections

07/00574/FUL For Alterations to ground floor windows and alteration/extension to second floor to form en-suites for Bed and Breakfast accommodation at Cheriton House The Green – car parking for B&B customers seen as a potential problem as parking on The Green was not seen as acceptable.

07/00579/LBC For Alterations to ground floor windows and alteration/extension to second floor to form en-suites for Bed and Breakfast accommodation at Cheriton House The Green – suggested more parking places be made available in the garden area.

8.2 Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn

07/00243 2 Abbey Place – satellite dish – passed

07/00222 46 Topham Crescent – loft conversion - passed

8.3 Date of public meeting for Station Road development Tuesday 22 May at 7.30pm in Bedford Hall. Councillor Bevington outlined his thoughts that were recorded in previous minutes. Chairman to produce agenda/discussion points. It was suggested that a model of the development and how it fits in with the existing village profile should be presented.

8.4 Planning for real – no new information from Peterborough City Council. Councillor Buddle gave the results of the Swot analysis. Small group of Councillors to move this forward. Agenda item next meeting.
Mr. Law to be asked when the project will start.

8.5 Other matters

Copy letter of objection to demolition of Gas House from Thorney Heritage Museum

It was suggested that planning applications be placed on the table before meeting to allow perusal before discussion

The Good Councillor Guide – Chairman suggested booklet should be consulted particularly with reference to planning applications.

9. Crime Report

a. PCSO Report – report discussed. Appears to be a large number of incidents since last meeting.

Dismay again voiced that no Police representative at the meeting.

Mrs. Knight to table at next Police Liaison meeting.

b. Other matters

Swot analysis highlighted unease about lack of Police presence in village and surrounding areas.

10 Allotments

Inspection 4th June

11 Roads and Footpaths

11.1 Street lighting – flashing light on column outside garage

11.2 Other roads and footpaths.

Fence at end of St. Peters Way. It was agreed to repair this fence on Safety issues and Councillor Evans to investigate costs.

Footpath outside 46-48 Topham Crescent breaking up.

Road on corner 7 - 9 Laurel Drive - breaking up

12 Burial Board

12.1 Grass cutting Churchyard and Methodist Chapel – resolution to continue to maintain. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Rowe and unanimously agreed that Thorney Parish Council would continue Grass cutting Churchyard and Methodist Chapel. Councillor Gee declared an interest as a member of the TPCC.

12.2 Quotes for new path

No Quotations had been received for a tarmac footpath. It was agreed to investigate a paving slab access.

12.3 Work on footpath surface dressing complete

12.4 Other matters

Grass around cremated remains area killed. Inspection to be carried out 4th June

13. Village Street Scene update

Update to be requested from Mr. Ward

14 Village Sign repainting

Mr. Jary has carried out extensive repairs on one village sign which has severe wood rot. He suggested an alternative location should be considered in Whittlesey Road away from the trees.

To be looked at with cemetery inspection.

15 Thorney Park update from meeting 23 April. Minutes circulated of the meeting that was held. Councillor Amps-Woodward gave an update.

A point Jon Marsden asked us was “What do Thorney Parish Council hope to gain from taking on the running of Thorney Park?”. Councillor Amps-Woodward expanded on this question.

Thorney Football Club could see no advantage by Thorney Parish Council taking on management of Park from Peterborough City Council but a disadvantage of increased costs to the Parish.

It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Evans and unanimously agreed to end discussions with Peterborough City Council concerning taking over the Park management.

16 Committee Members

16.1 Burial + Employment – Councillors, Rowe, Gee

16.2 Allotments – Councillor Harlock and Herdman

16.3 Planning – Councillors VanDriessche, Buddle, Bevington

- 16.4 Countryside – Councillors Gee and Kilham
- 16.5 Street lighting – Councillor Bartlett
- 16.6 Pote Hole Liaison – Councillor Evans, Murphy, Bartlett
- 16.7 Finance – Councillors Harlock, Amps-Woodward.
- 16.8 Recycling Centre – Councillor VanDriessche, Amps-Woodward
- 16.9 Thorney Park – Councillor VanDriessche, Bartlett, Amps-Woodward
- 16.10 PALC Liaison – Councillor Evans
- 16.11 Police Liaison – Councillors Harlock, Evans, Murphy, Amps-Woodward
- 17. Household Recycling Centre
Councillor Murphy said he would like to see the site maintained but was afraid costs would escalate.
Chairman to ask Mr. Dufeu for his understanding of costs and proposals. Councillors Rowe, Evans, Amps-Woodward to liaise with Chairman, Mr. Dufeu and Councillor VanDriessche.
- 18. Correspondence/Any Other Business
 - 18.1 Acre circulars, Harvest, Clerks and Councils Direct- circulated
 - 18.2 Fenland District Council's statement on delivering Equality in Services
 - 18.3 New Code of Conduct comes into force on 1 October 2007. The revised code gives a clearer, simpler and more proportionate code and there is one provision concerning prejudicial interests - this will become an agenda item for a future meeting
 - 18.4 Assembly for June Branch on 18 May at the school.
 - 18.5 Calc website being updated with new and improved information www.calc-cambs.org.uk
 - 18.6 Calc minutes and agenda for meeting May 31st
 - 18.7 Posters and notices displayed concerning Global Road Safety week
 - 18.8 Statement from Fenland Council concerning Delivering Equality in Services
 - 18.9 Assembly for the retirement of June Branch at the Duke of Bedford School Friday 18 May
 - 18.10 Letter and poster concerning Peterborough Green Festival 2007
 - 18.11 Neighbourhood Liaison Policing Panel – meeting 6th June at Bedford Hall
- 19. Presentation and signing of Accounts for 2006/2007
The internal auditor, Mr. J Tindall, 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 2007.

Councillor Harlock again congratulated the Clerk on the excellent way in which the accounts had been prepared and presented. This was echoed by other Councillors. The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Thorney Parish Council.

20. Finance

1. Chairman's Allowance – left to next meeting

The following sums had been received:-

From	Reason	Amount
Peterborough City Council	Precept	£24400.00

This payment was nearly 3 weeks late because Peterborough City Council had some kind of problem. However, they did not let any Parish Council know this. Because of the late payment some standing orders could not be paid and Thorney Parish Council received a bank charge because of this.

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A Hovell	Postage, telephone, etc	001456	£115.56
Shanks Waste Services	Skip at Cemetery	001457	£86.60
Allianz Cornhill	PC Insurance	001459	£916.35
Grounds Maint services	Gras cut Abbey lawns	001458	£94.00
Mr. A Hovell	Computer anti virus	001460	£119.83
CALC	Membership fee	001461	£550.71
Mrs. S Black	Parish Room cleaning	001462	£13.00

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 June 2006.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm