

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber,
Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: R.M. Harlock, R Bevington, P. Murphy, Mrs. S Knight, E. Gee,
C. Evans, W VanDriessche, Ms. M Herdman, J.E.G. Bartlett

Mr. P Green, Peterborough City Council Bridge Engineer, Mr. S Mounfield
Peterborough City Council Highways Engineer.

PCSO Webber and PC Oldfield attended for item 11

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

0 member of the public present

1. Apologies and Declaration of interests
Apologies from M. Amps-Woodward, P.A. Rowe
Councillors Gee, Murphy and Bartlett declared an interest as a member of the
Thorney Abbey PCC on the item concerning grass cutting in the Churchyard
Councillor Gee declared an interest on planning application 08/00275
Councillor Bartlett declared an interest on planning application 08/00414
Councillor Rowe has sent in a letter of resignation from the Council because of
business commitments. Vacancy will be advertised.
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 2009 and Declaration of Acceptance of Office
It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Herdman and
unanimously agreed that Councillor Buddle be elected Chairman for the
municipal year 2008/2009.

Councillor Buddle then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Appointment of Vice Chairman
It was moved by Councillor Harlock seconded by Councillor Bevington and
unanimously agreed that Councillor Bartlett be elected as Vice Chairman for
the municipal year 2008/2009.

5. Minutes
The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 14 and 23 April (copies of
which had previously been circulated to all members) were agreed and signed.
The minutes of the Parish meeting held in April were read, agreed and signed.

6. Matters arising
Thorney Parish Council owns the Green. Clerk has the Deeds. Tree still to be
maintained by Peterborough City Council.

7. Visit by Mr. Green, Peterborough City Council bridge engineer
Chairman explained that Thorney Parish Council could not understand why the
barriers on the Causeway Bridge could not be repositioned as in their present
position they look hideous.

Mr. Green explained the history of the barriers that must be there to safeguard vehicles from crashing into the ditch. If the present barriers were removed they would have to be replaced to the current standards which are much more substantial than those at present.

Councillor VanDriessche said the barrier was only placed there because it was a trans-European highway. As it is now a 'B' class road why can it not be removed? Mr. Green said it would not pass a risk assessment.

Councillor Evans suggested the road should be made access only – barriers could then be removed.

Councillor Harlock explained the previous promise by Peterborough City Council to rebuild the culvert once the by-pass was opened. The barriers could be part of this rebuild.

Councillor Murphy asked if it would ever be possible to get the barriers removed – Mr. Green said it would be un-likely. He suggested that the barriers would have to be moved at the SE end to allow disabled access.

Councillor Harlock summarized the feelings of Thorney Parish Council and the villagers concerning the barriers.

Councillor Bevington suggested Trief kerbing in place of the barriers and Mr. Green said he would look at this option.

8. Visit by Mr. Stuart Mounfield, Peterborough City Council– parking restrictions in Thorney

Mr. Mounfield explained the process position at the present time.

Councillor VanDriessche explained that as a village many of the yellow lines are not needed. He suggested a 12 month period to see if problems did exist.

Mr. Mounfield explained the traffic light sensor loops on the approach side (75m back from lights) need to be kept clear of traffic. He suggested the parking area in front of the discount store could be extended.

Councillor Murphy explained the last visits of traffic wardens only lasted 30 minutes.

Waiting time to be limited to 30 minutes. Station Road/Whittlesey Road should be priority at traffic lights. Mr Mounfield to investigate.

In the case of an accident the Police will act in the way they wish but a second program is being investigated for traffic light control that would operate in if accident occurred and major traffic flow was needed through the village.

Mr. Mounfield said there was up to £20000 available for build outs in front of the Duke of Bedford cottages between Gas Lane and the flower stall.

There could be shrubs or flowers put on the new green area in front of the Rose and Crown.

9. 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)

9 June, 14 July, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, 8 December, 12 January 2009, 9 February, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May 2009

10. Planning

10.1 Current Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

- 07/01936 Four Acres Northside – single storey rear extension – no objections
- 08/00515 The Green – lime tree crown clean and inspect tree – no objections
- 08/00275 Poplar Farm, Thorney Dyke – replacement dwelling – no objection
- 08/00450 West Corner Farm, Dairy Drove – mobile Home – no objection as long as permission for lifetime of applicant only
- 08/00374 58 The Causeway – front extension and side conservatory – retrospective – no objections
- 08/00414 58 The Causeway – single and 2 storey side extension - no objection
- There was confusion between the two applications for 58 The Causeway – same location but plans show different properties.

10.2 Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn

- 08/00124 Land to rear 81 Wisbech Road and 14 Topham Crescent – 4 bungalows - refused
- 07/01756 Two wind turbines French Farm, French Drove – withdrawn
- 08/00275 Poplar Farm, Thorney Dyke – replacement dwelling – passed
- 08/00158 Willow Hall, Willow Lane – erection grain store – passed
- 07/01936 Four Acres Northside – single storey rear extension – passed

10.3 Mr. Smith to give final figures for memorial but at present there are 101 against and 142 for the memorial.

10.4 Letter from 11 residents requesting a local referendum concerning the proposed planning application for the memorial.

10.5 Draw for £50 prize for returned questionnaire – Councillor Knight pulled out Mr. R Donnelly from the entered sheets.

11. Crime Report

- a. PCSO Report – PCSO Webber gave an incident/crime update. Explained the outcome of the meeting with farmers
Dog section now patrols the area. Councillor Harlock said the working relationship with the present officers was better than for the past 2 years.
- b. Use of PCSO sponsored car. Eye does not wish to cooperate with Thorney and Newborough Parish Councils. Police have now secured a car for use of Eye PCSO which means that PCSO Webber will have total use of the sponsored car. PCSO Webber to keep a record of when she uses the car elsewhere.

Councillor Harlock asked for more speed checks along Station Road.

12 Allotments

Inspection date 2nd June

Only 2 left to rent – one containing mechanical equipment (27), the other (14) not suitable as an allotment as it is on a corner and used for turning.

Councillor Herdman suggested that each allotment should be number marked by posts.

13. Roads and Footpaths

13.1 Street lighting –

13.2 Other roads and footpaths.

Footpath the Green – suggest Councillor Sanders footpath money be put towards the footpath maintenance. This means Peterborough City Council will negotiate contracts and supervise works. This footpath and The Green is definitely the responsibility of Thorney Parish Council. Clerk has the Deeds.

13.3 Hedge in Station Road obstructing street light

13.4 Councillor Harlock liaising with HA concerning tree screening on by pass.

13.5 Signs at village extremities promoting Thorney – Councillor VanDriessche explained the principles. He will provide sketch and costings.

13.6 Mr. Jary still to remove base to old village sign Whittlesey Road

13.7 Ramps and steps around Bedford Hall to have herbicide applied.

13.8 Poplar trees around Bedford Hall should be removed – Councillor VanDriessche to liaise.

14 Burial Board

14.1 Grass cutting Churchyard and Methodist Chapel – resolution to continue to maintain. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor VanDriessche, seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed that Thorney Parish Council would continue Grass cutting Churchyard and Methodist Chapel.

14.2 Alternative skip provider – Councillor Harlock had a quotation from Singh Skips that was cheaper than Shankes. It was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor VanDriessche and unanimously agreed to change contractor to Singh.

14.3 Medicine Pond Fence – quote from Mr. Wotton for £275 to repair and repaint the fence. Mr. Wotton to be asked to carry out risk assessment before work begins and Councillor VanDriessche will liaise. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Knight and unanimously agreed that Mr. Wotton should maintain Medicine Pond Fence.

14.4 Date and time of inspection – 2 June at 7pm. Meet at cemetery

14.5 Cemetery Drainage update – work complete. Drains were blocked with silt and tree roots. Work should be reviewed every 5 years. Plan of drainage system being produced.

15. Committee Members

15.1 Burial + Employment – Councillors Gee and VanDriessche

- 15.2 Allotments – Councillor Harlock and Herdman
 - 15.3 Planning – Councillors VanDriessche, Buddle, Bevington
 - 15.4 Countryside – Councillors Gee and Knight
 - 15.5 Street lighting – Councillor Bartlett
 - 15.6 Pote Hole Liaison – Councillor Murphy, Bartlett
 - 15.7 Finance – Councillors Harlock,
 - 15.8 Thorney Park – Councillor VanDriessche, Bartlett, Amps-Woodward
 - 15.9 PALC Liaison – Councillor Evans, Bartlett
 - 15.10 Police Liaison – Councillors Murphy, Amps-Woodward, Knight
16. Correspondence/Any Other Business
- 16.1 Acre circulars - circulated
 - 16.2 Letter from Thorney Society requesting repairs to front of building – Councillor VanDriessche liaising.
 - 16.3 Thorney Rugby Club finished building extension – open day 11 May. A valuable village asset
 - 16.4 Police panel meeting 3rd June
 - 16.5 Dog fouling still a problem in Station Road
 - 16.6 Agreed car parking on the Green (weather permitting) on 21 June and 4 October.
 - 16.7 Energy Savings Trust – encouraging villages to cut carbon emissions.
 - 16.8 Circular from East of England – planning for gypsy and traveller accommodation in the east of England
 - 16.9 Letter from Fordham Research concerning final documents Peterborough Sub-Regional Strategic Housing Market Assessment.
 - 16.10 Exhibition Peterborough Care Strategy – document received by Chairman
 - 16.11 Police Liaison meeting 3rd June Bedford Hall, Thorney
 - 16.12 Peterborough Green Festival notice displayed.
17. Presentation and signing of Accounts for 2007/2008
- Councillor Harlock has been through the accounts and again congratulated the Clerk on the excellent way in which the accounts had been prepared and presented
- 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 2008.
- The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Thorney Parish Council.

18. Finance

1. Chairman's Allowance – It was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed the Chairman's allowance should remain at £200.

2. Issue of Cheques:

The following sums had been received:-

From	Reason	Amount
Peterborough City Council	Precept	£24400.00
Mrs. Hardwick	Allotment rent	£20.00
Mr. Falco	Allotment rent	£20.00
Anglia Memorials	Inscription memorial	£5.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A Hovell	Postage, etc	001574	£73.77
Shanks Waste Services	Skip at Cemetery	001575	£134.02
Allianz Cornhill	PC Insurance	001576	£984.46
ESPO	Parish Room Curtains	001577	£577.63
CALC	Membership fee	001578	£572.23
Mrs. S Black	Parish Room cleaning	001579	£13.00
Peterborough Grass Mach.	2 stroke oil	001580	£8.50
ADC (East Anglia) Ltd	Drainage work Cemetery	001581	£2203.13
TRUFC	Loan and donation	001582	£1200.00
Mr. R Donnelly	Prize draw from questionnaire	001583	£50.00
Mr. D Buddle	Chairman's Allowance	001584	£200.00
Mr. R Wright	Internal Audit	001585	£290.00

18.3 Parish Room Cleaning

Chairman suggested some time ago that room should be cleaned before a meeting – schedule of work to be drawn up by Councillors Evans and Buddle

18.4 Clock needed for Parish Room

18.5 The quotations for the web site modifications were discussed and it was agreed that they were too expensive for the gain that would be achieved – site to be left as it is for the present time.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 June 2008. Community Planning Meeting 19 May. Cemetery and allotment inspection 2 June. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm