

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber,  
Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 11 May 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: C Fuller, R.M. Harlock, R Bevington, P. Murphy, E. Gee, J.E.G. Bartlett.  
M. Amps-Woodward, B Ogden.

PCSO Webber attended for item 11

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1 member of the public present

1. Apologies and Declaration of interests

Councillors VanDriessche and Evans.

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  
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 Bevington, seconded by Councillor Fuller and unanimously agreed that Councillor Buddle be elected Chairman for the municipal year 2009/2010.

Councillor Buddle then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was moved by Councillor Gee seconded by Councillor Harlock and unanimously agreed that Councillor Bartlett be elected as Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2009/2010.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 6 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 agreed and signed.

6. Matters arising

Household recycling centre – copy of proposed lease to be sent to Thorney Parish Council before signing by Concrete Company

7. Reports

7.1 PCSO Report – PCSO Webber gave an incident/crime update. 45 incidents, 4 crimes (burglary, theft and fraud).

Traffic speed training to take place later this month. Councillor Harlock said many complaints that speed cameras were being removed, and replaced by portable speed measurement, which is unacceptable.

Abbey coffee morning to be regularly attended by PCSO Webber.

7.2 Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fuller – full structural survey completed by Peterborough City Council. Dampness on wall in lounge possibly caused by rising damp. Internal fixtures and fittings

are Bedford Hall Management Committees responsibility. Possible take-over of central heating by Peterborough City Council.

Exit crash door difficult to close. Fire safety Officer – survey will be done after survey report received from Peterborough City Council.

Old oil tank to be removed – possible space used for storage container.

Christmas lights – request for Thorney Parish Council to share costs.

Flag flown on St. Georges Day.

8. 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) and it was proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Murphy and unanimously agreed to adopt the following meeting dates:

8 June, 13 July, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 December, 11 January 2010, 8 February, 8 March, 12 April, 10 May

9. Planning

9.1 Planning Applications comments outcome

08/01570 Causeway Lodge, The Causeway – verification from applicants that trees will be preserved.

9.2 Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn

09/00096 15 Chestnut Drive – conservatory – passed

09/00090 Lordship End, French Drove – extension to workshop and classroom – passed

09/00180 39 Station Road – retrospective internal modifications

9.3 Current Planning Applications

09/00132 Toneham House Toneham Lane – various minor works – no objection

09/00287 4 Topham Crescent – demolish garage, build extension and fence – no objections

09/00195 Laurel House, Thorney Dyke – single storey building as cattery – no objection

09/00337 Concrete Company, Station Road – renew recycling licence – no objections. However, Mr. Dighton to be asked to consider measures to restrict material overlapping onto adjacent field and some kind of screening towards the bypass.

9.4 Pigeons Off Farm – Councillor Gee outlined the problems with this site and the planning application approved by Thorney Parish Council last October. The demand for section 106 contribution was £12000.

The house on this site (Corner Farm Cottage) has been vandalised and the garden used for fly-tipping. Councillor Ogden said that Peterborough City Council has the power to issue an Empty Dwelling Management Order and

he would let the Clerk have details for contacting Peterborough City Council.

Councillor Harlock said the general consensus of opinion from developers was that Peterborough City Council was slow at resolving large planning applications.

#### 9.5 Any other matters

Councillor Bartlett said he attended the Peterborough City Council planning meeting that discussed the Memorial on The Green as a member of the public and was surprised that Thorney Parish Council had received no communication on the planning outcome. Clerk to write to Peterborough City Council.

The flat above the Car Showroom in Wisbech Road needs planning consent.

Stone Bridge Corner – it appears that a car sales business is operating from a cottage.

Over recent months there has been a considerable increase in the number of lorries carrying sand and gravel using the Whittlesey Road, Thorney and then turning left at the traffic lights towards Peterborough. These lorries almost always exceed the 30mph limit. It is assumed that these lorries are coming from the excavation for the agricultural reservoir, off Northside, and going to the Crowland bypass.

Thorney Parish Council believes that a restriction was placed on the planning application to limit the number of lorry movements that left this site and travelled through Thorney.

Enforcement Officer asked to investigate

#### 10. Allotments

Inspection date 2 June

Tenancy agreement for Ms. Manning signed

Notice to be displayed that allotment 28 and 29 used for waste material.

#### 11. Roads and Footpaths

11.1 Street lighting –

11.2 Other roads and footpaths. Classic Car signs on entrance to village removed. Discussion as to the type of repair suggested by the Highway Agency on the A47 towards Thorney Toll.

#### 12 Burial Board

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

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

12.3 Other matters

Approve monument for Mr. AHH Akrell – the application was discussed and as a permanent feature the use of wood was rejected. It was proposed by

Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Harlock and agreed the monument should be in stone/marble/granite to match the other headstones.

13. Committee Members

- 13.1 Burial + Employment – Councillors Gee, VanDriessche
- 13.2 Allotments – Councillor Harlock, Amps-Woodward
- 13.3 Planning – Councillors VanDriessche, Ogden, Bevington
- 13.4 Countryside – Councillors Gee, Fuller
- 13.5 Street lighting – Councillor Bartlett
- 13.6 Podge Hole liaison – Councillor Bartlett, Murphy
- 13.7 Finance – Councillor Harlock.
- 13.8 Police Liaison – Councillors Harlock, Murphy, Amps-Woodward
- 13.9 Complaints – Councillors Harlock, Ogden and the Chairman
- 13.10 Youth Work liaison – Councillors Murphy, Buddle
- 13.11 Fund Raising – Councillors Fuller, Amps-Woodward, Buddle

14. Correspondence/Any Other Business

- 14.1 Equality and Human Rights Commission – new legislation soon to be implemented to harmonise public sector duties into one equality duty – will cover age, disability, gender, gender identity, race, religion of beliefs, sexual orientation – another new standard.

14.2 Thorney Park Storage – letter from Mr. Shuster, Thorney Colts.

Mr. Shuster's proposals were discussed at length. Councillor Bartlett said that Peterborough City Council had originally agreed that the Colts could modify the pavilion but grants from Peterborough City Council are now virtually negligible.

The Chairman said that a function at the Fleet, 21 May, was being held to outline sources of funding – he would attend this.

Councillor Harlock suggested that Mr. Shuster should enrol others to help to form a group and look at funding sources as a management committee to serve not only football but other sports as well.

The Chairman thought that a group made up of Thorney Parish Council, Heritage Centre, Bedford Hall, local Societies and Sports organisations should be formed, as a combined approach would hold more weight with the funding sources.

Councillor Bevington said that functions/organisations should make their own applications with the exception of the youth. He outlined what was needed in any funding application.

15. Finance

1. Chairman's Allowance – It was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor Amps-Woodward and unanimously agreed the Chairman's allowance should be £200.00.

2. Issue of Cheques:

The following sums had been received:-

<b>From</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Peterborough City Council	Precept	£27500.00
Mrs. Manning	Allotment rent	£20.00
Mr. Falco	Allotment rent	£40.00

Anglia Memorials	Inscription memorial	£5.00
M K Coates	Memorial Mr. Berry	£17.00
Anglia Reg Coop	Inter Mr. Canham	£60.00
TRUFC	Loan Repayment	£200.00
Set-in-Stone	Memorial Mr. Horne	£17.00

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	001646	£69.90
Colemans of Peterborough	Stationery	001647	£69.46
Mr. A Hovell	Lock for allotment barrier	001648	£43.07
Thorney Village Post	Magazine article	001649	£35.00
Came & Co.	PC Insurance	001650	£770.72
Mr. D Buddle	Chairman's Allowance	001651	£200.00
Mr. R Wright	Internal Audit	001652	£275.00
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Hedging shear	001653	£26.86

Request From Yorkshire Bank for identification of signatures – passed to appropriate members.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 June 2009. Community Planning Meeting 1 June. Cemetery and allotment inspection 2 June. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm