

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 8 December 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, P. Murphy, R.M. Harlock, M. Amps-Woodward, C Evans,
R Bevington, Mrs. C Fuller

PCSO Webber and PC Oldfield for item on crime only

0 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, E. Gee, Ms M Herdman, Peterborough
City Councillor R Dobbs

Declaration of interests from Councillor Bevington for item 08/01429 3 Abbey Place –
internal and external repairs - Councillor Bevington left the room whilst this item was
discussed

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 10, 17, and 19 November 2008 (copies
of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 Vehicles being advertised for sale on the Causeway at the end of the bypass.

Enforcement Officer to investigate.

3.2 186-188 Wisbech Road – possible car business being conducted at rear of
premises. Enforcement Officer to investigate.

3.3 Advertising on land opposite Pode Hole Quarry – to be passed to enforcement
officer

3.4 Councillor Harlock congratulated Councillor Bevington on the report for Site
Specific applications.

4. Reports

4.1 Crime report by PCSO Webber. 25 incidents- 10 crimes.

Ex-servicemen's Club to improve security after recent incident. Some poachers
arrested.

Graffiti on Abbey wall removed by Peterborough City Council. More on the bus
shelter on the Causeway.

Recent incident in Park concerning 2 Staffordshire Bulldogs and another dog –
PCSO Webber to liaise with Councillor Amps-Woodward.

Speed camera device demonstrated by PC Oldfield. This will record speed of
vehicle but number plate details must be recorded manually. Volunteers required to
operate this equipment – contact PC Oldfield, PCSO Webber or Inspector
Glazebrook.

4.2 Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fuller gave a report of election
of Officers. Mr. VanDriessche to oversee the bar. Councillor Amps-Woodward
thanked Mr. VanDriessche for helping out at the bar the previous Saturday.

Bank accounts to be transferred with new signatures.

Mr. D Millard is new cleaner/caretaker – to be paid at £20 per month for cleaning Parish Room.

Groups to be asked to actively support Bedford Hall.

Proposed that a full survey of the building be undertaken. Councillor Bevington said this should be done by Peterborough City Council. Letter should be sent pointing out the defects and giving them a time limit to rectify – possibly 3 months. The fabric of the building is the responsibility of Peterborough City Council and problems caused internally by external failures should be rectified by Peterborough City Council.

Fire Officer should inspect premises - should have a fire maintenance manual.

Must be checked weekly and record kept. Emergency lights must be checked once per month and record kept

4.3 Police liaison committee – speeding control in Whittlesey Road and Station Road to be given priority.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications outcome

07/01411 RES UK – wind turbines French Drove and Wrydecroft – appeal to Secretary State to be dealt with by public inquiry.

98/00904 French Drove Wind Energy – plans to be revised and submitted.

Proposed Houses Causeway Lodge – discussion left until full application received.

08/01190 The Concrete Company – continued use as recycling centre - approved

5.2 Current Planning Applications

08/01429 3 Abbey Place – change of use from shop to residential accommodation and external and internal repairs and modifications – no objections

08/01435 4 Topham Crescent – side extension and new fence – no objections but question need to remove hedge and replace with fence. Possible lack of on street parking.

08/01363 Chestnut Farm Cottage, New Cut – erection conservatory – no objections

5.3 Acknowledgement that comments concerning Site Specific proposals received by Mr. Robert Fowler

5.4 Section 106 procedures – new recommendations made by Peterborough City Council. Implies infrastructure checked – has Thorney's been checked? Councillor Bevington to contact Martin Wheelan to enquire. Mr. Wheelan to be invited to a future Thorney Parish Council meeting.

5.5 New planning regulations – will not be monitored by Peterborough City Council. They will rely on complaints from members of the public.

6 Allotments

All allotment holders informed of decision to include the allotments in the Site Specific proposals

Turning areas being used and tenants asked not to put rubbish in these areas. Notices ordered from the Sign Team.

Three tenants had not paid their rent by 22 November and these allotments have now been offered to other people.

7 Roads and Footpaths

7.1 Street lighting – units already reported that needed attention. Pote Hole centre reservation light out – Councillor Murphy liaising with quarry. PCSO Webber to be asked to talk to quarry management. Upgrade of lighting needed.

7.2 New plans received for parking restrictions in Thorney. These were reviewed and comments made:

7.2.1 Thorney Parish Council is annoyed that having been consulted at an early stage of the proposals and they took on board members views, Peterborough City Council then consulted the local garage and Peterborough City Council ward members before they sent details of alterations to Thorney Parish Council. Surely as the first line of Democracy Thorney Parish Council should have been consulted first?

7.2.2 Thorney Parish Council still wishes to see double yellow line restrictions from the cross roads back to Church Street as any other form of restriction would be abused. The garage at present work on cars, clean cars and engines in Wisbech Road with resultant pollution of the surface water system. Double yellow lines would stop this.

7.2.3 The footpath in front of the garage and cafe' should be widened – this is not addressed in the proposals. If parking is allowed here vehicles will often park with wheels and the footpath further restricting width.

7.2.4 Thorney Parish Council does not understand why resident parking in Church Street would incur costs to residents and Peterborough City Council. There is already a sign on the east side of Church Street that states residents parking. Why can't this be extended to the west side of the road at no cost? We do not want parking permits.

7.2.5 There is restricted parking in Abbey Place – this was fine when there was a number of commercial premises. Now there is only one – restricted parking could be narrowed to one or two bays and the objectionable signs in the conservation area removed.

7.3 Speed cameras in village

It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Bartlett and unanimously agreed that the speed cameras in Thorney should not be removed. The speed camera at the western end seems to be operating at just over 30mph incoming as well as outgoing.

7.4 Footpath outside Cheriton House and the Shambles

Mr. Lucken will clean this footpath by the method suggested by Councillor Bevington.

Community Fund money to be discussed with Councillor Sanders.

7.5 Trief Kerbing on Causeway Bridge – Chairman outlined the proposals made by Mr. Green. Councillor Bevington said Mr. Daley was in favour of this and gave a cross section of what trief kerbing would look like. Councillor Murphy suggested that disability access is impaired and should be highlighted. Mr. Faquar to be invited to a future meeting.

7.6 Other roads and footpaths. Pedestrian crossing activation seems to be operating at random times during the night.

Councillor Harlock said the rate for maintaining roundabouts with sponsorship was about £3000 per year.

8 Burial Board

8.1 Medicine Pond Fence – Road Services, English Drove do not quote for this type of work – they only provide traffic management which would cost £475. Agreed to leave this item.

9 Christmas light on tower

Councillor Fuller highlighted that Werrington Green Christmas lights were installed by Peterborough City Council (as detailed in recent Peterborough City Council newsletter). Councillor Dobbs and Sanders to be asked if they can do the same for Thorney

10. Freedom of Information Act 2007

The Freedom of Information Act came into force at the beginning of 2005 and encourages greater openness and transparency across the whole public sector. The Act provides individuals or organisations with the right to request information held by a public authority. It has led to the disclosure of a significant amount of information to the public which would otherwise have remained secret.

The Act obliges every public authority to adopt an approved Publication Scheme. The intention of a Publication Scheme is to require authorities to make certain kinds of information routinely available to the public.

Approval for all existing publication schemes will expire on 31 December. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has produced a new model publication scheme that all public sector organisations must adopt from 1 January 2009. It was proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Murphy and agreed to adopt the new Freedom of Information publication scheme.

11 Filling of Vacancy on Thorney Parish Council

Although the request to fill the vacancy was passed to Peterborough City Council on 30 September it was only some 3 weeks ago that they responded despite 3 further requests. The position will now have to be filled at the January meeting as the time for application does not pass until later this week.

12 Correspondence/Any Other Business

- a. Information received from Salvation Army concerning Christmas Day festivities
- b. Register of Electors Information request
- c. Apology from Mr. Law that he did not inform Councillors Sanders and Dobbs of the meeting held in November
- d. Following the recent emergency planning seminar it was suggested a list of people at risk in case of emergency should be collated. Friendship Club (Councillor Murphy to enquire) and Doctor's Surgery could possibly provide some information.
- e. Councillor Fuller again expressed her concern that the recycling at the Concrete Company was becoming a problem to neighbours. Paper and plastic

from the recycling mound are blowing from the site onto nearby agricultural land. The mound is also becoming intrusively high and can be seen from the by-pass.

13 Finance

The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. Bradbury	Allotment rent 35	£20.00
	Allotment rent 10, 11,	
Mr. J Stebbings	12	£60.00
Anglia Regional Coop Ser	Memorial Mr. Naylor	£15.00
Peterborough City Council	Glass recycling	£93.20
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£2.19
Mr. D Compton	Allotment rent 42, 43	£40.00

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	001617	£77.36
Mr. A Hovell	Maps and keys	001618	£160.35
Grounds Maintenance Services	Cut Abbey Lawns/Strim graveyard	001619	£199.75
Flag Workshop	Flag for American cemetery	001620	£87.71
The Columbaria Company	Inscription Mr. Spridgeon	001621	£78.73
Cambs ACRE	Membership Fee	001622	£35.00
The Sign Team	Notice boards for allotments	001623	£43.13

14.2 Budget for 2009/2010. Firm up on Budget. It was proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed to accept the modifications to the budget for 2009/2010. This will give a total expenditure figure of £62500 for the year 2009/2010 and a precept £55000 – the same as last year.

14.3 After discussion it was agreed to provide a fire proof cabinet in the Parish Room store cupboard.

The next full meeting will be held on 12 December 2009. Community Planning meeting 19 January 2009. The meeting closed at 9.40 pm