

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 13 April 2015 at 7.05 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, P Rands, Mrs M Long, N. Simons, J Brooks, Mrs L Sheldrake,
D. Jones, Mrs. D Halfhide

Peterborough City Councillor R Brown, Mr M Bowen (Thorney Football Club)

Mr Stephen Duffy, Buckles Solicitors, The Aidan Patrick Fogarty Deceased Will Trust

0 members of the public

649/15-16 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Mrs. S Selby has resigned from Thorney Parish Council,

Apologies from D. J Buddle, and Peterborough City Councillor D Sanders

650/15-16 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – Councillor
Bevington for planning application item 15/00513

651/15-16 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2015

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 March 2015 were confirmed and signed

652/15-16 Matters arising from minutes

Letter from Highways Agency concerning fly-tipping and gates on their land near Pigeons
Farm - circulated

Parking Woburn Drive – PCSO asked to investigate

653/15-16 Public Participation

Mr Stephen Duffy, Buckles Solicitors, The Aidan Patrick Fogarty Deceased Will Trust (The Trustees
have the power to make grants for the charitable purposes of “community development”). Mr Duffy
explained that spending the money could have the same criterion as the Peterborough City Council
C.L.. Fund and handed over a cheque for £2250 for which all members of the Council thanked him
It was agreed to bank the money for the present time

Mr Bowen, Thorney Football Club – Park pavilion

He spoke to update all on the latest regarding Thorney Pavilion and also to raise some questions that
are required for their grant application. They have decided to press on with the grant application as
they are running out of time to upgrade the facility sufficient to bring the first team back to Thorney. As
the grant provides a maximum of 50% funding they have had to commit, as a club, to putting forward
the other 50% - something approaching £6,000 has therefore been committed by the club. This is
provided by a mix of fundraising and personal donations.

To compensate for the lessening of storage space a storage container has been added to the plan.

They assume this will need planning permission so we will make that application imminently.

If the facility plans require planning permission (the pavilion works not the storage container) Thorney
Parish Council could assist them that. If planning permission is not required they will, for their grant
application, require a letter of approval from the Peterborough City Council allowing them to carry out
the works.

They as a club are committed to pushing on with this plan regardless of outside assistance because
their very survival depends on it. Obviously they would prefer to be working in conjunction with the City
Council and welcome as always any assistance available.

Chairman said Peterborough City Council should provide finance for pavilion repairs – he will contact
the 2 Peterborough City Councillors.

654/15-16 Matters for Information and Reports

- 1. Crime report – Crimes: Criminal damage to a Dwelling - Laurel Drive
 - Theft of copper Cable- Nuts Grove Farm –Scolding Drove
 - Common Assault at the road works near Thorney Dyke North Side
 - Possession of Cannabis- Suspect has crashed his car and Cannabis was found by Traffic Officer in his vehicle-Willow Hale Lane
 - Assault-ABH –Wisbech Road
 - Theft of Diesel from a lorry on the Thorney A47 Lay-By 120 Litres
- Incidents : 10 Suspicious Circumstances -6 Animal related -8 Road related -2 Poaching -2 Domestic -1 Rowdy Nuisance

A bouquet of flowers was sent to PCSO Webber on her retirement in thanks for the work she has done in Thorney. Mary wrote back to say; “I have just received the most beautiful bouquet of flowers! Thank you so much. It was very thoughtful of you all.

I have enjoyed my years as the PCSO covering Thorney. I think it is a lovely village and the majority of people are kind and considerate”.

- 2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – report given by Councillor Sheldrake
- 3. Response from Simon Webber concerning Peterborough City Council assets in Thorney – still awaiting response from Simon.

655/15-16 Report from City Councillors

Councillor Sanders has taken to Peterborough City Council office an audit trail of correspondence between Cllr Pepper (Lincs County Council) Thorney Parish Council and himself regarding the request of implementation of a weight limit on the B1040. He did discuss this matter approximately 18 months ago. There is however, along with this new request, and new vigorous appetite for this to proceed, particularly it seems from officers at LCC. He has asked on behalf of his constituents (and Cllr Pepper’s) that Peterborough City Council Officers once again approach their counterparts at LCC to instigate the requested weight limit. Chairman asked if he could be invited to any future meetings

656/15-16 Finance

- 1. To note income and approve Payments

Coop Leicester	Memorial Mrs Kiddy	£55.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs Drury	£55.00
A Coley and Son	Inter Mr Spridgeon	£50.00
Peterborough City Council	CLF fund donation	£1,000.00
Buckles Solicitors	Charitable donation	£2250.00
Anglia Reg. Coop	Inter Mr Jeffs	£50.00

The following were paid in April

Mr. A Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	0002019	£23.98
NFU	Lawnmower insurance	0002020	£271.30
NLIDB	Drainage rates	0002021	£20.55
Northerwood Websites	Thorney Parish Council website hosting	0002022	£75.00

- 2. Monthly bank reconciliation– signed. Agreed that in future NLIDB invoices be paid by Direct Debit

3. Appointment of Internal Auditor. The Council is responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are maintained and for establishing appropriate accounting and internal control systems. The Internal Auditor will report directly to full Council, if this is necessary, and will complete the Internal Audit Report within the annual return published by the Audit Commission/External Auditors each year.
The Internal Auditor will undertake such test checks of the internal control systems as are necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of those controls and will report the results to Council. It was agreed that Mr R Wright continue as Internal Auditor
4. Signing of 2014/2015 Accounts
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 2015. It was proposed by Councillor Brooks, seconded by Councillor Halfhide and unanimously agreed that the accounts should be signed as a true record. The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Thorney Parish Council.
5. Annual Salary review. National Minimum Wage rates - Published 18th March 2015.
From Thursday 1 October 2015, the adult rate of the National Minimum Wage (NMW) will rise by 20 pence from £6.50 to £6.70 per hour, as recommended by the Low Pay Commission (LPC) in March 2015 this year. According to The Living Wage Foundation a living wage is £7.85 per hour It was proposed by Councillor Bevington seconded by Councillor Halfhide and unanimously agreed to increase the salary of Mr Lucken to £8.75 per hour and Mr Stimson to £8.25 per hour from 1 May 2015

657/15-16 Planning Approvals and Refusals

14/02242/FUL for Part change of use to form function facility at Manor House Dairy Drove - Refused
15/00255/CTR for No.1 Apple - remove. No.2 Hazel - remove. No 3 Sycamore - remove. No 4 Sycamore - remove. No 5, No 6, No 7 and No 8 Sycamore - crown lift to 6 mts and remove deadwood.
No 9 Lime - crown lift to 6mts and remove deadwood at Land to the Rear of 8 and 9 Church Street - Permitted
Land at Old Hall Farm, French Drove, Appeal Ref: APP/J0540/C/14/2215066 - Summary of Decision: The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld with corrections.

658/15-16 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications
15/00513/CTR For T1 - maple - thin out, crown clean, crown raise, remove 2 lowest branches and reduce height by 1m T2 - ash - crown clean and reduce height by 1.5m at Duke Of Bedford Stables Abbey Place – no objections. Councillor Bevington took no part in the determination)
2. Planning consent for Post Office in Rose and Crown – Councillor Bevington explained the current position
3. ACV (Asset Community Value) includes pubs. If a facility is considered a Community Asset then if that asset comes up for sale the community has 6 months to purchase it before it becomes available for general sale.

659/15-16 Burial Authority

660/15-16 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lights – outages to be reported by Councillor Bartlett.
2. Councillor Brooks has spoken to the manager at Stagecoach who denied that buses were using Park Crescent. Following Councillor Rands comments Councillor Brooks to continue with investigation.
3. Waiting restriction to be implemented Sandpit Road, near Sandpit Terrace

4. Thorney Park – Councillor Halfhide explained that for the last two weeks, groups of up to 20 teenagers and a football coach have been dropped by minibuses at the Park gates in Tavistock Close around 10.30-11am and then they are picked up usually at 4pm, but sometimes earlier. They do not seem to be picked up for lunch or a break. During this time they do not have access to any facilities, which seems inadequate. Peterborough City Council to be made aware of their use of the Park, as there are no WCs
 Police to be informed that on Friday 10th April there were 8 lads using the lying down portaloo to climb onto the football pavilion roof and play football on it. The portaloo has been damaged and dragged around the park several weeks ago so is of no use at all at the moment.
 Vandalism in Park – trees damaged
 Entrance to Park from Tavistock – gravel part damaged by recent cable laying and is now a muddy mess.
5. A47 – neglect of road surface on The Causeway is a major safety concern to Thorney Parish Council

661/15-16 Allotments

1. Improvements in security. It was explained that at the meeting with allotment holders security of the site was a major concern and holders asked Thorney Parish Council to consider placing a more substantial gate on the access, locked with a key to each allotment holders and all to be informed that as part of the tenancy agreement this gate must be locked at all times. It was unanimously agreed to provide a gate across the access road
2. Waste disposal. There are several amounts of rubbish deposited on the allotments that has been placed there by people other than allotment holders. A gate across the access would prevent fly tipping. Agreed to clear when gate installed.

662/15-16 Village Matters

1. Children's Centres – ongoing
2. Footpaths in Park – Peterborough City Council anticipate contract to start in April although still awaiting a firm date. Councillor Halfhide was concerned that as the paths lead to and from the small children's play area through traffic could be of problem. Councillor Bevington to again talk to Peterborough City Council and arrange a site meeting.
3. Chairman has spoken to Amey concerning replacement tree on village green

663/15-16 Correspondence

1. 2014/2015 External Audit Information
2. Pensions Regulator informing Thorney Parish Council that all staff must be auto-enrolled for Pension
3. Peterborough City Council informing that glass recycling bins are to be removed from Thorney
4. Mr Thory wishes to attend the May meeting to update the Council on the contract that he has with the Environment Agency

664/15-16 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Review of standing and financial orders

665/15-16 Declaration of Vacancy following Mrs Selby's resignation

It was agreed to leave as a vacancy and fill by co-option after the elections in May 2016

666/15-16 Appointment of Committees following Mrs Selby's resignation

1. Burial and Employment - Councillors Brooks
2. Allotments – Councillors Jones and Sheldrake
3. Planning - Councillors Bevington, Buddle, Halfhide, Simons
4. Countryside - Councillors Rands and Long
5. Street lighting - Councillor Bartlett
6. Pote Hole Liaison - Councillor Bartlett, Brooks and Rands
7. Finance – Councillors Buddle and Bevington
8. Thorney Park – Councillor Jones, Bevington
9. Police Liaison – Councillors Bartlett and Brooks
10. Complaints – Councillors Sheldrake, Jones and the Chairman
11. Health and Safety/Risk Assessment – Councillors Brooks, Bartlett
12. Peterborough City Council committees – Parish Liaison – Councillors Brooks, Bartlett, Bevington, Buddle, Simons.
13. Flood Warden – Councillor Bartlett
14. Planning committee – Councillor Bevington as Chair with all members

667/15-16 Any other business

Bedford Hall – Fenland land exhibition 18/19 April

Planning Customer Forum – CIL passed by Cabinet – comes into force this month

668/15-16 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 11 May 2015 starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at pm