

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 11 April 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: P Rands, Mrs. M Long, D. J Buddle, J Brooks, R Bevington, Mrs. D Halfhide,
D Jones, N Simons,
Peterborough City Councillor Richard Brown

3 members of the public

Mr M Sly

Before the meeting started, the Chairman asked if anyone present was recording the proceedings –
no one stated they would record.

852/16-17 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Peterborough City Councillor D Sanders

853/16-17 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – none declared

854/16-17 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14th March 2016

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th March were confirmed and signed

855/16-17 Matters arising from minutes

Pode Hole Quarry – lights in central reservation and North side not illuminated. Passed to
Highways Agency (Amey 24hour network control 01223205708 or 03001235000 or email:
info@highwaysengland.co.uk)

856/16-17 Public Participation Mr M Sly

The Thorney Society, which promotes the heritage of the former Monastic Island and later Duke of
Bedford estate, would like to explore how we could reconnect Thorney to the Fens Waterway link.
Thorney was accessible by water for most of its history until the arrival of the railways, which are now
gone. The Monks and the Dukes used water for transport of goods and people for many centuries.

The original man made Thorney River went directly into Whittlesey and then later into the new River
Nene cut. From a tourism and leisure point of view it is only approx. 8 miles to the centre of
Peterborough via the Dog in a Doublet

It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council would support the project. Mr Sly's presentation is appended
to the minutes

857/16-17 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report. No Police presence. –

Reports of poaching or hare coursing – incidents reported in following areas:

Bukehorn Road– 2nd March ☐ Willow Hall Lane – 3rd March ☐ Thorney Dyke– 3rd March ☐

French Drove– 3rd March ☐ Knarr Fen Road– 3rd March ☐ Dyke, Thorney – 9th March ☐

Scolding Drove– 12th March ☐ Willow Hall Lane – 20th March

Crimes and incidents of note

Station Road period of 28th February to 2nd March – report that shed had been broken into and
generator stolen, scenes of crime have visited. ☐ Station Road, 16th March – report of items

stolen from works vehicle English Drove, overnight 20th March – report of items stolen from a vehicle Sandpit Road, 23rd March – report of possible distraction burglary elderly couple – currently under investigation – appears crime may not have occurred

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – Mr Simons has looked at heating system but cannot install Hive as there is no wifi

3. Post Office “desk” – Post Office wish to have the desk in the Parish Room Chairman agreed this at a meeting 7 April. Post Office to install new socket outlets and broadband connection with an opening date 23 May. The desk will be operative on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

858/16-17 Report from City Councillors

Trees in access between Sandpit Road and St. Mary’s Close to be cut back by Peterborough City Council

859/16-17 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Anglia Reg Coop	Inter Mrs Jeffs	£300.00
Anglia Reg Coop	Inter Mrs Everitt	£950.00
Watkins and Stafford	Inter Mrs Brownlow	£150.00

The following were paid in April

Mr. B Lucken	Salary	£944.69
Mr. A Hovell	Salary	£1,322.37
Mr. A Hovell	Office and ISP payment	£55.17
Mr. M Stimson	Street cleaning and other duties	£350.95
Cambs County Council	Superannuation Employer	£890.72
Cambs County Council	Superannuation Employee	£163.30
Inland Revenue	Income tax and NI	£745.16
Mr. B Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel	£45.30
Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£46.15
NFU	Stiga lawnmower insurance	£279.34
Mr P Mitchell	Environment study cemetery extension	£480.00

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
3. Acknowledgement of Annual Governance statement 2015/16 - Section 1 of Annual Return. Members of Thorney Parish Council were issued with all accounts for the year ending 2016 and acknowledged their agreement that all statements in Section 1 Annual Governance were correct
4. Agreement and signing of 2015/16 Accounts - Section 2 of Annual Return. At the meeting of the finance committee 7 April 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 2016. It was proposed by Councillor Buddle, seconded by Councillor Bevington 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. Salary review of employees. The Living Wage Foundation a living wage is £9.20 per hour. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington seconded by Councillor Buddle and

unanimously agreed to increase the salary of Mr Lucken to £9.00 per hour and Mr Stimson to £8.50 per hour from 1 May 2016

6. 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
7. Purchase of new strimmer. The strimmer that Mr Lucken uses is now uneconomic to repair. A new Stihl strimmer is approximately £850. It was proposed by Councillor Jones seconded by Councillor Brooks and unanimously agreed to purchase a Stihl strimmer at approximately £850.00
8. Agreement of application form for Community benefit. The form produced by Mrs Tajer was accepted as the way forward to ascertain where Community benefit would be best used with one amendment suggested by Councillor's Bevington and Buddle
9. The monthly cost of Thorney Parish Council BT email service has increased to £5.00 per month

860/16-17 Planning Approvals and Refusals

16/00237/HHFUL Willow Hall Farm Willow Hall Lane - Demolition of existing corrugated shack to existing garage and replacement with garage extension - permitted

15/02104 Battlefield Live, French Drove – Laser tag activity area – permitted

16/00330 172 Wisbech Road – replace existing conservatory – permitted

16/00215/TRE 55A Wisbech Road - Horse chestnut within G2 - Crown lift to height of the lowest limb east (5m) over driveway - permitted

16/00330 172 Wisbech Road - Replace existing rear conservatory- permitted

861/16-17 Planning Applications and other matters

15/01839 Pasture House Farm, The Causeway – mineral extraction – further information under Reg 22 now available on Peterborough City Council website

16/00495 Bridge House – tree works on various trees – no objection (Councillors Bevington and Halfhide declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion)

862/16-17 Burial Authority

Environmental assessment underway for cemetery extension

863/16-17 Roads and Footpaths

Street lighting faults – to be reported by Councillor Bartlett.

Wisbech Road bottleneck near Park Entrance – Mr Tebb informed Thorney Parish Council has agreed that they would be willing to give £4000 towards the cost to alleviate this problem (£1000 of this being CLF money). He is looking into the costing of a scheme but these details will not be available before April. Councillor Bevington to ask for an update.

Roads are breaking up in Bukehorn, Newcut to Gedney Hill, Abbey Place, Whittlesey Road – to be passed to Lee Moore

Road signs near Single Sole Farm have been tampered with and are facing incorrect directions.

Footpath surfacing done some years ago on all Thorney footpaths is now breaking up in many locations in the village

864/16-17 Village Matters

Clerk to look for vandal proof notice board

865/16-17 Allotments

866/16-17 Correspondence

867/16-17 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

868/16-17 Any other business

859/16-17 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 9th May 2016 starting at 7pm. The meeting closed at 8.09pm