

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.05 p.m.

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, J. Brooks, N. Potts, K. Parrish, R. Wood, N. Simons, R. Bevington,
A Bunyan, A Butt, Mrs. D Halfhide

Peterborough City Councillor David Sanders and Steve Allen

1 member of the public,

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

1042/17-18 To receive and approve apologies for absence,
Peterborough City Councillor Richard Brown

1043/17-18 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – non-declared. If during
discussion an interest becomes apparent it is declared at that time

1044/17-18 Public Discussion

1045/17-18 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 March 2017

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th March were confirmed and signed

1046/17-18 Matters arising from minutes

1047/17-18 Matters for Information and Reports

Crime report – Wisbech Rd – 2-3/3/17 – Burglary (shed) – Padlock to garage door cut, appears nothing stolen,
Wisbech Rd – 13-14/3/17 – Burglary (shed) – Padlock to 3 sheds have been forced and various garden equipment and
tools stolen, North Bank – 16-17/3/17 – Theft – Locked compound entered by force and ride on roller and battery
stolen, North Bank – 20/3/17 – Arson – Unattended vehicle subjected to intentional ignition

Bedford Hall Management Committee – meeting with Caroline Rowan 3rd April and it was agreed to
set up a working group, Parish Council to make contact to advise who will be members, Caroline Rowan then to set up
monthly meetings.

Additional information in relation to building and survey - Financial information for last ten financial years in relation to
PCC spend on Bedford Hall, including repairs and maintenance, insurance and statutory testing. Surveys - further
information relating to recommendations on page 14 of structural survey, specifically including more extensive
investigations into Clock tower, roof, damp within the museum and attention to the basement of the entire building.
Will the church street property be sold with planning permission?

A paper from Peterborough City Council outlining offer to Parish Council

Peterborough City Council Property services are aware of the need for a more extensive list of works and costs and
Caroline will ensure all the points which have been raised are included.

Caroline has forwarded to Sylvia Radouani, who is the Parish liaison co-ordinator, who can explore and assist reference
a referendum

Caroline to schedule a meeting with Lisa Roberts to discuss the options available for the library and will update us as
soon she has progressed this.

Committee considering Bedford Hall future:

At this stage, all councillors felt they wanted to remain involved until we have a clearer
understanding of what is on offer, what conditions might apply to the offer and how the economics

of the sale of Church Street relate to the costs of the moving the Library, the repair of all defects once the surveys have been completed and costed and the allocation of funds to the Football club. We realise that this is rather a large group of people, but it would not be possible at this stage for just a few councillors to represent the as yet undetermined views of others. Once we have a fuller understanding of all the issues and have established our position we will be better placed to allocate a working team.

Committee to be: all of Thorney Parish Council (some of whom will also represent Thorney Village Hall Management Committee), Chairman Bedford Hall Committee and Jeff Bellamy. The group will then be devolved to a core group with subcommittees considering specific aspects.

1048/17-18 Report from City Councillors.

Councillor Sanders said in his opinion, negotiations with Peterborough City Council concerning Bedford Hall should be carried out with extreme caution. The existing lease was discussed. Wheely bins Wisbech Road – Councillor Allen liaising with Amey’s waste management service. Councillor Halfhide explained the upto date situation. Councillor Allen to arrange a site meeting. “Dog Poo” petition to be presented to Peterborough City Council this week
Some land at end of Gas Lane being sold to residents by Peterborough City Council

1049/17-18 Finance

The following was received in April

Peterborough City Council	Parish Precept	£32542.50
J G Cross	Memorial Mr Cade	£125.00
Mr J Bennett	Reserve grave spaces	£950.00

To approve the following that were paid in April

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£47.14
Mr A E Hovell	Software new computer	£74.99
Mr Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel	£67.04
Fraser Dawbarn Solicitors	Acting for land purchase, land registry and search fees	£547.00
Fraser Dawbarn Solicitors	Land sale agents fee and seller’s solicitor fee	£1812.00
Anglian Water	Water charges cemetery	£12.65
Colemans of Peterborough	Stamps	£130.00
NFU Mutual	Stiga lawn tractor insurance	£291.64

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Agree signing land registry and transfer document for Cemetery land purchase – it was proposed by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Long and unanimously agreed that the Chairman (Mr J Bartlett) and Clerk (Mr A E Hovell) sign the land registry and transfer document for the purchase the land for a cemetery extension.
3. Parish Council Training – clerk to advise Councillors Halfhide, Long and Wood. As this training is on the date of the next Thorney Parish Council Meeting it was agreed to move the meeting date to 5 June
4. Signing of 2016/2017 Accounts. Acknowledgement of Annual Governance statement 2016/17 - Section 1 of Annual Return. Members of Thorney Parish Council were issued with all accounts for the year ending 2017 and acknowledged their agreement that all statements in Section 1 Annual Governance were correct

5. Agreement and signing of 2016/17 Accounts - Section 2 of Annual Return. 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 2017. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Potts and unanimously agreed that the accounts should be signed as a true record. The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Thorney Parish Council
6. It was proposed by Councillor Long, seconded by Councillor Brooks and unanimously agreed that Councillor Potts determine to type of projector needed to view future planning application upto a value of £500. The Clerk will then arrange purchase
7. Bedford Hall CCTV – it was agreed that CCTV would be installed around Bedford Hall to discourage the vandalism that is at present happening. Councillor Sanders agreed that his Community Contribution donation could be used for this purpose. It was proposed by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Long and unanimously agreed that the cost of the CCTV installation be installed by Thorney Parish Council with Councillor Potts supervising. It was expected that Bedford Hall Committee would share equal costs with Thorney Parish Council.

1050/17-18 Planning Approvals and Refusals

17/00388/CTR For Bedford Hall - Lift crown to 2.1m on Cherry and Lime trees at edge of car park to avoid damage to vehicles. Remove dead wood from cherry and lime trees to prevent falling debris. Thorney Cross Roads, junction of Station Road and The Causeway - Remove deadwood from Lime trees to prevent fall at Station Road – approved

17/00383/FUL for Land change of use from agriculture to equestrian use, to include erection of new building and outdoor turnout area at Middle East Farm The Causeway - withdrawn

17/00269/PRIOR for Erection of portal frame building for storage of agricultural machinery at Land West Of Old Knarr Fen Drove: Not Required

17/00024/LBC 39 Wisbech Road – internal modification - permitted

1051/17-18 Planning Applications and other matters

17/00120/FUL For Demolition of existing single storey dwelling, and erection of replacement one and a half storey dwelling at 1 Gas Lane – dislike the idea of render and wooden utility room – prefer Duke of Bedford type brick

17/00526/FUL For Single storey extension to side and rear of public house at 2 Wisbech Road – plan names road at front of building incorrectly. It should be Wisbech Road

17/00451 Bridge House, New Cut (Chairman declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion) - Thorney Parish Council are in favour of this application receiving planning approval. The existing house appears to be in a state of complete disrepair and has subsidence and we feel, rather like Causeway Lodge on the Causeway in Thorney, needs to be replaced. We have no objection to the house being relocated in an alternative location on the site particularly as it will use building material salvaged from the existing dwelling. The proposed new location on the site makes very good sense as vehicular access/egress will be much safer from Archers Drove rather than from the dangerous 'race track' that New Cut has become with its fatal accidents in recent times. If the existing house is considered to be a heritage asset we feel the proposals for the new house provide an equally splendid, if not better, dwelling and garden and we, therefore, have no reservations about the demolition of the existing building. We fully support the provision of larger scale dwellings in the Parish and this seems to be an ideal opportunity in an ideal rural location.

Thorney Lakes – Planning Officer assured that a planning application will be made prior to any development

1052/17-18 Burial Authority

1053/17-18 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Dog waste bin still needed north side Wisbech Road at the far eastern end of the village. Request made to Peterborough City Council - no further progress but will be discussed at Peterborough City Council meeting.
3. Wisbech Road bottleneck – still awaiting plans
4. Footpath by Abbey – in hand for repair
5. Dangerous hole in centre of Woburn Drive road

1054/17-18 Village Matters

1. Tree survey. Planning permission granted. Awaiting quotes
2. Parish Room Step - becoming uneven. Quotation requested for repair

1055/17-18 Allotments

Request made from allotment holders to level the field from which access is gained – Chairman to ask Mr Sly if he can assist

Quotes to be obtained for clearing rubbish from end of allotments

1056/17-18 Youth Activity in the Village

Meeting held of Thorney Youth Project - starting fundraising. Details in the Parish Magazine for fund day 14th May

A survey to see what equipment the children would most like in the park has shown that the top three are a zip wire, trampolines and outdoor gym equipment.

Money collected will be paid into Thorney Parish Council account whilst Youth Group open their own Bank account

1057/17-18 Correspondence

Letter from Mary Herdman thanking Thorney Parish Council for installing seats in bus shelters

1057/17-18 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

1058/17-18 Any other business

Councillor Long explained items from the last Parish Council liaison meeting

Councillor Wood said that speeding in Woburn Drive was now becoming a problem

Wrydecroft and REG Windfarms could be a source of funding for the Youth Project

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 9.12pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 8th May 2017 starting at 7pm.