

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 13th August 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, R. Bevington, A Butt, R. Wood, Miss S Godley, K. Parrish,
N. Simons, N. Potts,

Peterborough City Councillor Nigel Simons, Steve Allen, Richard Brown

5 members of the public,

1334/18-19 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Mrs. D Halfhide

1335/18-19 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

**1336/18-19 Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Members interest and declaration of data
protection acceptance policy**

Mrs Lewis signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Members interest forms

1337/18-19 Public Discussion

1338/18-19 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9th July 2018

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th July 2018 were confirmed and signed

1339/18-19 Matters arising from minutes

1340/18-19 Matters for Information and Reports

Bedford Hall Management Committee – very informative session with solicitor from Fraser
Dawbarn attended by members of Thorney Parish Council and Bedford Hall Committee. AGM to
be held shortly. Discussion concerning the meeting with the Solicitor and awaiting her notes from
that meeting

It was suggested and agreed that Mr Downing be asked to give a price for metal seats to be
positioned in Park

James Collingridge from Peterborough City Council has agreed to fund one bench for the park. If
the Parrish were to provide a bench it would need to be checked and installed by Amey.

Cost quoted from Peterborough City Council are

On existing hard ground - £650.74

On Grass - £799.93

With 3 slabs - £969.07

Disability parking in Park to be considered when pavilion replaced

1341/18-19 Report from City Councillors.

The abandoned tipper truck on Wisbech Road will be removed. City Councillor Allen said because
of the poor state of the vehicle, the council had agreed to put a seven-day notice on it. If it's not
removed during that time, it will be towed away.

The Parish Council has asked for the 30mph speed limit along Whittlesey Road to be extended as
far as the cemetery. They are waiting for a response from the City Council that will be chased up
Gate to children's play area in Park replaced

Bollards installed outside Rose and Crown to stop parking on verge

Woburn Drive to be inspected when development complete

Pedestrian bridge end Station Road to be maintained by HA

1342/18-19 Finance

The following were received in June/July

Reserve grave space E347 £100.00
To approve the following paid in July

Salaries		£2992.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Office, email and ISP payment		£70.17	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambus County Council		£553.01	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Inland Revenue		£847.10	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Veolia (originally Glazewing)	Skip at cemetery	£75.02	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1.
Concrete Company	Skip hire allotments	£190.80	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
Norton	Antivirus software	£29.99	LGA 1972 s111
Cemetery shelter paint		£70.49	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6)
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£360.00	Accounts & Audit Regs 1996 (reg5)
Microsoft	Office software renewal	£79.99	LGA 1972 s 111 s142, s144

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Outstanding cheque for tap alteration in cemetery by Mr Simons not cashed as he had donated this as a good will gesture

134318-19 Planning Approvals and Refusals

1344/18-19 Planning Applications and other matters

18/01251/REM PCC letter dated 27 July 2018 - Approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission 16/00160/OUT - Land west of Sandpit Road - no comments on or any objections to it

18/01243/HHFU - Erection of Conservatory at 16 Topham Crescent, No objections

18/01276/FUL - Change of use from private equestrian use to commercial equestrian use at Bar Pasture Farm, Willow Hall lane, Thorney Parish Council has reviewed this application and the majority have no objections to it being permitted. This, however, is subject to the relevant authorities being satisfied, in respect of splay lines and the submitted ATC documents, that vehicular ingress and egress from the site meets with their requirements.

18/01344/FUL - Change of use existing dwelling (C3) to children's home (C2) at 3 Dairy Drove, A majority of councillors had no objections to this application and are aware that if the City Council give it their approval it is still subject to approval by Ofsted.

A couple of queries were raised during the discussion about this application and we would be grateful for the Case Officer's response;

1. This application is very much the same as the recent nearby application in New Cut. Are there any particular reasons for the location of these applications being in such isolated places on

the fen?

2. The staff numbers in relation to the number of children being housed seem very generous. Can the ratio of staff to children please be explained?

18/01304/CTR - Cypress trees at 2 Belgravia Court - We are reluctant, unless it is absolutely necessary, to lose any more trees in Thorney. We are not clear why the trees at this property are rated as being of 'low value'. We would prefer that they are not removed unless they are considered a threat to nearby structures or residents or that they drastically reduce a reasonable amount of daylight entering the dwelling.

Removal of these trees in this part of the Conservation Area will impact on the setting of the Bedford Hall and in that respect we would object to their removal.

Is it possible that the trees could be reduced and kept, thereafter, to a reasonable height (and perhaps grow more healthily as a result of being reduced), that permission is given for only some of the trees to be removed. Removal of all 6 trees seems excessive, or if approval is given that a condition is placed upon the permission that requires that replacement trees are to be provided

17/02011/HHFUL - Proposed extensions + alterations - Pond House, The Park, Wisbech Road - We previously stated that the Parish Council had a majority with no objections to this application. However, there are now mixed views on this latest application which is thought, by some, to perhaps be a step backwards. There remains a majority who have no objections to an enlarged property on this site and some who would be happy to accept the decision of the Planning and Conservation Departments. Others feel that the applicant/architects need to take note of, and give more consideration to the views of the Conservation Department in respect of modelling, scale, etc. There is also quite a strong view that demolition and a new build may be the best solution with the dwelling perhaps located further back on the site. The expressions over-development of the site, an overbearing piece of architecture, not in keeping with the Village Design Planning Supplement have been used and we feel, given its adjacency to the Conservation Area, that the current design is not acceptable. As most Councillors are not completely opposed to some form of development of this house on this site, we hope a more acceptable solution can be agreed between the applicant and the planners.

Future Facebook posting will contain a link to the Peterborough City Council planning website

Consideration should be given to the money raised by CIL from the Sandpit Road development

1345/18-19 Burial Authority

Central shelter at cemetery cleaned and painted

Awaiting drainage contractors to complete work on extension

Large amounts of top soil are needed to raise the level at the far end of the new site

1346/18-19 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported.
2. Wisbech Road modifications near Gas Lane complete
3. Street signs in conservation area near Abbey. Councillor Bevington declared a interest in the item and took no part in the discussion.
Survey of residents for a street sign change gave 27 for, 7 against and 7 neutral.
Peterborough City Council would install and maintain at a cost to Thorney Parish Council.
Further costings to be obtained.
4. The road junction between Station Road and the new dwellings in Goodman's Close, has not yet been completed and there are some concerns that the current state of the pavement in this location is perhaps hazardous. Lee Moore investigating this.
Peterborough City Council refuse vehicles will not enter the site as it has not been designed

to accommodate these vehicles, they would collect the refuse from a bin collection point part way into the access road.

1347/18-19 Allotments

Rubbish clear up at allotments now complete. Allotments looking the best they had ever been. Only 4 plots now available to rent as the others are occupied

1348/18-19 Village Matters

Painting gates Kingsline Close – to be chased

Speed watch – 5 volunteers – in action and some drivers found to be exceeding the speed limit.

The organiser was congratulated in getting this set up and running.

There have been complaints about there being just one swing in the children's play area.

The frame was now judged too narrow for two swings, it was not set deep enough into the ground and the soft matting must be larger.

1349/18-19 Youth Activity in the Village

Report given. Future activities planned for September and October

1350/18-19 Facebook Posts

Live from 1st August. Agreed to post

Abandoned vehicle - 7 day notice issued

30mph extension - to be chased up

Gate to play area - fixed

Woburn Drive - traffic data to establish if traffic calming necessary as it was not in original request. Road surface will be done

Footbridge - Highways England responsibility and will be done

1351/18-19 Correspondence

1352/18-19 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

CIL projects

1353/18-19 Any other business

Visit up tower for Thorney Parish Council members to be arranged

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 8.49pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 10 September 2018 starting at 7pm