

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 10 December 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, Mrs. D Halfhide, J Rowe, Mrs. L Sheldrake, E. Gee,
J Brooks, D. J Buddle

Peterborough City Councillors D McKean, D Sanders, PCSO Yane Pokhun
Neighbourhood Committee Officer Ms. L Almond, Peterborough City Council Energy
Parks Officers Lee Collins, Andy Dunlop, Sarah Crosby
0 members of the public

141/12-13 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Mrs. S Selby, B Ogden, A E Hovell

142/12-13 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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– none

143/12-13 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12 November 2012

Minutes of the Council meeting held of 12 November were confirmed and signed

144/12-13 Matters arising from minutes

1. No response from Stagecoach
2. Trees in Park – Chairman to liaise with Mr. Wilcockson concerning additional trees

145/12-13 Public Participation

**Ms. Laura Almond, Peterborough City Council Neighbourhood Committee –
discussion concerning Skate Park and pavilion.**

Research is being carried out into possibility of a skate park. Petition of 400 names received. Consultation will take place in village – leaflets, door to door canvass. Village school assisting. Issues of land, and land ownership for suitable site exist. Skate park needs to be 100m from households with further noise protection added. John Middlemas, Police Archaeology Officer to investigate sites. Three designs and costing will be sought. Councillor Bevington asked who would be responsible for running and maintenance – Peterborough City Council should be the answer.

Ms. Almond agreed with Thorney Parish Council that the skate park should not be seen in isolation to the need for a pavilion. Funding sites for those projects were requested – Heritage Lottery, Parks for People, Funding Central.

Email from Councillor McKean “**INSPIRED FACILITIES**”

The next round of Inspired Facilities will open on **04 March 2013**. This programme will support projects that aim to refurbish or upgrade sports facilities or to convert an existing building into a venue suitable for sport and accessible to the whole community. Most types of improvement or refurbishment work that will help to develop sport in your local area are eligible for investment. Grants of up to £150,000 will be available.

The deadline for applications under this round will be **29th April 2013**.

Web site <http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/>

Ms. Almond stressed that all of this enterprise should be a team effort.

Energy Parks – Lee Collins, Andy Dunlop and Sarah Crosby

There are 3 solar panel applications - America Farm (12/01904/R3FUL), Morris Fen (12/01905/R3FUL) and Newborough (12/01906/R3FUL). The Peterborough City Council website has details and plans of these applications – for example America Farm
<http://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online->

applications/simpleSearchResults.do?sessionId=BB17BAB6662E19D3A4CD596313327C78?action=firstPage

There is a 21 day consultation period with exhibitions in January at Thorney and Newborough concerning the planning applications. Decision will be made by Peterborough City Council Committee in March.

On farms panels will be set up with 5m wide agricultural strips between each line. Issue of prime agricultural land was raised by Thorney Parish Council. Also whether 5m wide strips were agriculturally viable. Complaint was made of the poor advertising and attendance at recent public meeting (50 attendees).

Councillor Sanders blasted the visitors for the Peterborough City Councils unseemly haste to rush the project forward. There was, he said, "a lack of diligence".

Councillor McKean observed that he has seen elsewhere the use of heavy strength weed killers around such panels and questioned whether glare from panels might affect aircraft. Councillor Bartlett asked about appropriateness of 3m fencing – its appearance and quality in an agricultural environment. There will be CCTV (and infra red) as protection.

Three turbines will be built on Morris Fen – concern raised about the number of turbines locally.

Councillor Rowe demonstrated emphatically the enormous risk and potential for catastrophe the Peterborough City Council was placing the authority finances in by its ill considered rush. He felt there would be more gain in the money used if it was put in an investment bank account. The low return of less than 1% was based on 1000kw hours per annum

146/12-13 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report – 5 domestic, 4 road related (floods Whittlesey Road), 2 diesel theft, 1 poaching, 2 burglary, 1 theft of cable
Panel priority of speeding control in Station Road and Whittlesey Road
Some parking problems near library in Church Street
Car issues around Church Street and Junction Wisbech Road seems to be resolving itself to maintenance of status quo
Loose "cold calling" sign at bottom end Wisbech Road – PCSO to deal with.
PCSO Donna Grummitt is leaving Thorney Parish - this will leave PCSO Pokhun on his own
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Sheldrake and Bevington –
Councillor Sheldrake said that Alan Parker of Whittlesey will maintain the maple flooring for the main hall replacing where necessary. Peterborough City Council will inspect the floor below when top surface raised to see if further work is required. Work starts early January.
There will be an extension to the hall bar.
Meeting with Peterborough City Council estates - City Council developing plans for the vacant areas of the building to the rear which they are in the process of renovating and refurbishing. This will include for the Library and Community Centre which, if these plans go ahead, will be relocated from Church Street. The Church Street building will then be put on the market.
Thorney Society has put forward a list of priorities they would like to see carried out in this refurbishment programme. The main users of the Community Centre have been asked to schedule their requirements.
Once the City Council has prepared their proposals these will be put on display in various venues in the village for public comment.
3. Report from Neighbourhood Committee – next meeting 12 December at Eye –
Councillors Bartlett and Rowe to attend
4. From Road safety team – speed cameras to be removed before Christmas and the two at either end of the village will be repaired and re-commissioned. The

middle two will be removed and used as spares. None available for Station Road and Whittlesey Road.

5. Compliant from village post office that current parking reduction affect trade. Thorney Parish Council felt that there was little problem finding parking spaces close to shops.

147/12-13 Vacancies of Thorney Parish Council

Notice erected and article placed in Village Post. Two applications received. Will be discussed at next meeting.

148/12-13 Report from City Councillors

Free seats available for Park but will cost £166 each for fitting and £35 for delivery – no decision made

149/12-13 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Mr. Sismey	Allotment rent	£30.00
	Memorial Mrs.	
Abbey Memorials	Ibrahim	£50.00
Mr. S Jeffs	Interment Mrs D Jeffs	£50.00
Dr. Knights	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr. G Tipton	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mrs Molesworth	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mr. Beeton	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mr Christen	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mr. Pantling	Allotment rent	£30.00
Ms Evans	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr. Brown	Allotment rent	£30.00
Anglia Regional Coop Soc	Inter Mr. Wilson	£180.00
A D Murfitt	Inter Mr. Moore	£50.00
Mrs. Dawson	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr. Erridge	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr. Compton	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr. Wooton	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr. Keats	Allotment rent	£30.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A E Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	001892	£36.95
Glazewing	Skip at cemetery	001893	£41.86
PGM	Mower servicing materials	001894	£4.67
SLCC	Membership fee	001895	£181.00
Mr. R Jary	Repairs to cemetery seats	001896	£360.00
TVHMA	Cleaning of Parish Room	001897	£240.00
Cambridgeshire ACRE	Payroll services	001898	£50.76

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

3. Precept for 2013/2014

The discussion was led by the Chairman. The Clerk gave a written explanation of his estimate for the precept forecast and compared the financial year 2011/2012 with the current year and the proposal for 2013/2014. Some capital should be included for installing the sanctum units.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the budget proposals for 2013/2014 with the Parish precept the same as last year

4. Removal cherry tree at crossroads – to next meeting
5. Thorney Parish Council website – relocation of host. Councillor Sheldrake said her brother will sort this out
6. Bedford Hall Floor – request from BHMC for Thorney Parish Council to pay for repairs – to next meeting

150/12-13 Planning Approvals and Refusals

- 12/01497 Thorney Fire Station – replace cladding – approved
12/01602 58 The Causeway – two and single storey rear extensions – approved
12/01465 Singlecote Cottage, Crowland Road – demolition of existing house and replacement dwelling – approved.

151/12-13 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

- 12/01696 Bedford Hall, Station Road – installation of replacement windows – fully support
12/01803 and 12/01829 Brownbark Leys, Gas Lane – removal of Horse Chestnut Tree - object to proposal as no reason given for tree removal
12/01734 Use of land South side Northey Road for 2 gypsy caravans and 2 touring vans – Thorney Parish Council object to this proposal. Works may interfere with archaeological remains, that this is in a flood area and note to be taken of past planning refusals for similar developments in this area. Object to this application
12/01648 2 Abbey Place – re-roof, add window, add patio, internal modifications – no objections
12/01829 The Garden, Gas Lane – house extension – no objections

Solar Farms

A special Parish Council meeting will be arranged to discuss the proposals for the solar farm at Morris Fen. We understand plans are to be submitted by the developer for planning approval early in the New Year. The proposals will be exhibited in the Bedford Hall during January with the developer present to answer questions.

Causeway Lodge

A developer has sent the Parish Council outline proposals (two options) for the development of this site. They include a number of large detached houses together with a group of affordable homes. Apart from one all trees on the site are kept and access will be from the existing access points from the Causeway. These proposals will also be considered at the special meeting of the Parish Council as will the proposed changes to the Bedford Hall. Developer to attend full meeting in January.

Museum Ramp

Peterborough City Council has confirmed that a ramp is to be constructed at the entrance to the museum to provide proper access for the disabled.

Lights on Village Shop Façade

City Council has confirmed that permission was granted for these lights some time ago.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday 8th January at 7pm to discuss and organise views on a range of developments – skate-park, pavilion, Causeway Lodge, solar farms, etc.

152/12-13 Burial Authority

153/12-13 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting – faults reported by Councillor Bartlett.
Response from Highways Agency to faulty lights – Councillor Bartlett still has this active
2. Access road in Park from Wisbech Road – this is still being dealt with by Peterborough City Council.
3. Other matters – Councillor Brooks raised issue of letter relating to proposed yellow lines between 12-14 Smithfield. A complaint was made concerning parking and access – particularly in case of fire. Currently the problem cars have gone. Councillor Bartlett to liaise with Peterborough City Council.
4. Speed restrictions will come into force on French Drove from 7th January 2013

154/12-13 Allotments

Councillor Sheldrake to provide details of one allotment that is in poor state of husbandry.

155/12-13 Village Matters

Waste bin near MUGA – bin now moved

156/12-13 Correspondence

157/12-13 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Meeting Tuesday 8th January to discuss a range of topics

158/12-13 Any other business

Councillor Rowe raised the potential threat of excess numbers of lorries coming through Thorney, if, as this year, flooding is a major and long term problem.
Councillor Bartlett to liaise with Peterborough City Council.

159/12-13 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 14th January 2013.
The meeting closed at 9.37pm