

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: P Rands, J Brooks, N. Potts, K. Parrish, R. Wood, Mrs. D Halfhide, N Simons,  
R Bevington, Mrs. M Long, D Jones  
Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders

2 members of the public,

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

**968/16-17 To receive and approve apologies for absence,**  
Peterborough City Councillors Richard Brown, Steve Allen,

**969/16-17 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**  
To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – non declared

**970/16-17 Public Discussion -**  
Road side of "Goose Green" – Ms Fletcher to be invited to next meeting

Mr Payne St Marys Close — sewage pumping station on Larkfleet development — queries if station is too close to his property. Has informed enforcement officer at Peterborough City Council. Councillor Wood explained a possible problem of water run-off from the site

Mr Lomax was concerned about the lack of facilities for the older children in Thorney — Chairman explained Thorney Park was the responsibility of Peterborough City Council. Cate Harding Community Capacity Manager, Adult Services & Communities suggested that "solution to this issue would be to ensure that we incorporate any improvement plans required at this site in the overall community infrastructure review process that is underway with the council's property team currently. Growth in the area will bring new opportunities for investment"

**971/16-17 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 November 2016**  
Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 November were confirmed and signed

**972/16-17 Matters arising from minutes**  
David Marsh cannot make any of our scheduled meetings in the near future  
Street naming – Peterborough City Council has apologised for non-consultation and Thorney Parish Council will be consulted in future

**973/16-17 Matters for Information and Reports**  
Crime report - Laurel Drive – 21 Nov – Dwelling Burglary – Damaged caused to wooden door to gain entry – cash stolen. Orchard Court – 21/22 Nov – Theft from motor vehicle – Items stolen from insecure vehicle overnight.  
Thorney Dyke – 23 Nov – Burglary (shed) – padlock forced and entry gained. Also damage to agricultural land due to tyre marks, believed to be associated with Hare coursing.  
Wisbech Rd – 24/25 Nov – Burglary (Shed) – unknown person access site via main gates, forced lock on large shed in grounds and stolen ride on mower and other tools.

Bedford Hall Management Committee – no report. Survey of Bedford Hall still to be completed

### 974/16-17 Report from City Councillors.

Some items covered in minutes elsewhere

B1040 lorries still use this road. Signs are erected although they are not prominent  
Councillor Sanders invited all Thorney Parish Council and Bedford Hall Management Committee members and their spouses to the Mayors Parlour on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 for tea and biscuits

### 975/16-17 Finance

To note income and approve Payments

Income

Mr Brown	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Beeby	Allotment rent	£30.00
Crowsons	Inter Mr Crowden	£150.00
Mr Compton	Allotment rent	£30.00

The following were paid in December

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£47.14
Slcc	Membership fee	£177.00
PGM	Oil and petrol can	£17.47
Anglian Water	Water charges Cemetery	£13.45
Anglian Water	Water charges Allotments	£52.54

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Precept 2017/2018 - Precept considerations. It was proposed by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Long and unanimously agreed to accept the budget proposals for 2017/2018 to give a total precept income of £65085. The figure set was exactly the same as the past 4 years that is turn was below the level set in 2011/2012
3. New bank mandate – additional signatories of Councillors Potts, Wood and Parrish
4. Use of £1000 City Councillor donation – Thorney Parish Council would like a bench type seat in the 3 covered bus shelters in Thorney and suggested the finance from Councillor Sanders be used for this. Thorney has many elderly people who use the buses that often run late because of delays on the A47. A seat would help their wait.

### 976/16-17 Planning Approvals and Refusals

16/01715/FUL For Proposed amalgamation of two cottages, nos. 71 and 72 The Causeway, Thorney, and extensions to cottages to form one new dwelling at 71 And 72 The Causeway - withdrawn

### 977/16-17 Planning Applications and other matters

16/02314 168 Wisbech Road - fell ash tree as it undermining building - this application is difficult to assess because 1. the location plan does not show the location of tree 2. this is in the conservation area and the tree does have a TPO 3. states damage to foundation of garage caused by tree roots but there is no Engineer, surveyor or arboriculture report within the document 4. appears tree has already been taken down 5. photographs of tree do not convey anything 6. replacement tree should be provided

Public exhibition for Pode Hole Quarry extension in Bedford Hall 13 December

Meeting for site allocations comment Monday 16 January. Deadline for Thorney Parish Council response is 9<sup>th</sup> February

Mill Garage – Planning Officer and Enforcement Officer investigating to see if planning consent has been violated

#### **978/16-17 Burial Authority**

#### **979/16-17 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Waiting Restrictions Order no 32 for area of Smithfield. Councillor Brooks suggested the restrictions should encompass 5 to 7 Smithfield
3. The North Level Drainage Board have recently cleaned the ditches out at the North Bank end of Willow Hall Lane in doing so have dumped all the debris from the ditch on the road bank side. Who is responsible for clearing up this mess – Peterborough City Council or NLIDB?
4. Councillor Wood said that some speed camera checks should be carried out as a matter of urgency along Wisbech Road, particularly near the school and in the evening. Clerk to write to local Inspector and request this action.
5. Dog waste bin still needed north side Wisbech Road at the far eastern end of the village
6. Knarr Fen Drove to Dairy Drove — road in very poor condition
7. Weight restriction signs on B1040 are minimal
8. Dairy Drove trees encroaching on road — reported by Chairman
9. Green Drove road severely cracked and part had dropped

#### **980/16-17 Village Matters**

1. Port-a-cabin in Park still being vandalised
2. Trees in Parish that are Thorney Parish Council responsibility need surveying

#### **981/16-17 Allotments**

#### **982/16-17 Use of Social Media**

Councillor Potts explained why he believed Thorney Parish Council should have a presence on facebook. Councillor Parrish thought it was a good tool for people to express their views for the parish council to take note of. However, any decision should be taken at a parish council meeting. Councillor Jones agreed with Councillor Parrish. Councillor Bevington was totally opposed to a Facebook presence. There is a Thorney post forum that Mr Rayner keeps up to date. Councillor Potts said individuals could be identified so abuse should be minimal.

A prolonged discussion took place.

It was proposed by Councillor Potts that Thorney Parish Council should have a Facebook presence.

It was proposed by Councillor Wood seconded by Councillor Parrish that Thorney Parish Council should not have a Facebook presence. A vote gave nine votes for and two against presence.

It was proposed by Councillor Potts that he responds to the items that he believed should be responded to and would invite the posts' authors to a Thorney Parish Council meeting to express their views.

#### **983/16-17 Youth Activity in the Village**

Matt Oliver Youth in localities team manager has allocated a senior youth worker for the North, West and Rural area, She will be happy to come to your parish council meeting to discuss the services that we can offer. Please be aware that there are only 3 youth workers for the whole of the north west and rural area so the support that we can offer would not be in the form of staffing to open a youth club, but could be in regards of recruiting and training volunteers, setting up systems, policies and processes and access to resources.

Sabrina's contact details are [Sabrina.bezkorowajnyj@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:Sabrina.bezkorowajnyj@peterborough.gov.uk) (07920160148). Invite to January meeting. Thorney Parish Council wish to know the commitment Peterborough City Council has to youth in the village

**984/16-17 Correspondence**

Parish Council Conference. Rural Scrutiny Committee being disbanded. Volunteers needed to apply for other committees.

**985/16-17 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

**986/16-17 Any other business**

Councillor Wood said that a police speed camera was needed along Wisbech Road particularly near the school where there is a 20 mph limit. Speeding particularly occurs in the evening. Portacabin in Park still there and being vandalised. Trees in Parish need surveying for safety.

The meeting closed 8.53pm

**Date of next meeting**

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 starting at 7pm.