

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, K. Parrish, R. Bevington, A Butt, R. Wood, N. Potts, Mrs. D Halfhide
Peterborough City Councillor Steve Allen

3 members of the public, PCSO's Scott Lefevre and Michael Courtney-Hunt

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

1173/17-18 To receive and approve apologies for absence,

Ms S Godley, Nigel Simons, A Bunyan, Peterborough City Councillor Richard Brown, Nigel Simons

1174/17-18 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

1175/17-18 Public Discussion

Hugh Cave said there was unrest in the village over the way that the owner of The Rose & Crown has “taken over” the space between the wall of the Food Store and the fence adjacent to the Rose & Crown garden. He went on to explain how he was collecting information.

Councillor Bevington explained that the Stop notice on application 17/01432/FUL Change of use from leisure land as an 18 hole golf course (ceased in 2015); to leisure land with 17 holiday lodges/caravans and associated development - Thorney Golf Club English Drove had been withdrawn because of a legal technicality. The planning application for this site goes before Committee 19 December

1176/17-18 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2017

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

1177/17-18 Matters arising from minutes

1178/17-18 Matters for Information and Reports

Crime report – circulated. The two PCSO's explained the various crimes committed in the Parish and went on to discuss the vandalism at the cemetery

Councillor Wood explained to them the areas in the village that were in urgent need of speed checks on vehicles.

Councillor Parrish asked the telephone contact number for reporting hare coursing – 999 if coursing in progress otherwise 101

Thorney, Whittlesey RD – 1/11/17 Criminal Damage – 25 tombstones knocked over in various locations in the cemetery. PCSO 7016 Michael Courtney-Hunt writes “I have conducted a prompt investigation into this offence where currently there are no further lines of enquiry. During the time between the offence and now I have made enquiries where although there were suspects mentioned, these names were withheld from us so further enquiries could neither be pursued nor forced. However, Scott and I have made efforts to patrol particularly in the evenings where there have been no further reports. I have also updated the aggrieved persons reporting the crime stating that I will deal with the suspects should I find out at some stage whom these are. The crime has been reviewed and filed by PS 1523 PASSAM until any further lines of enquiry can be followed in pursuit of locating the offenders. There are no witnesses although Sgt Passam acknowledges there is an indication of some withholding of information, the

offence attracted media attention and within an article there was an appeal for information through crime stoppers but this has not provided any additional information”.

- Thorney, Woburn Drive – 2/11/17 – ToMV – Moped taken during daylight hours from front of house.
- Thorney, North Bank – 3/11/17 – Criminal Damage – Rock thrown at car causing damage to windscreen.
- Thorney, North Bank – 3/11/17 – Criminal Damage – Stones thrown at car causing damage.
- Thorney, North Bank – 3/11/17 – Criminal Damage – Group of youths throwing at car causing scratches.
- Thorney, Old Knarr Fen Drove – 8-9/11/17 - Business Burglary – Cans of Herbicide stolen from an outbuilding that has had locks cut through to gain access.
- Thorney, Wallaces Drove – 10-14/11/17 – Criminal Damage – Gate smashed and field entered, damage caused to crops.
- Thorney, Wisbech Rd – 01/10/17 – 17/11/17 – Residential Burglary (Shed) – 2 vintage ladies cycles stolen from a shed.

Bedford Hall Management Committee – next meeting early 2018

Bedford Hall working group – disappointment at not having received any further information on the outstanding survey information, the City Council’s ‘Offer’ letter and details of maintenance expenditure by the Council over the last ten years.

1179/17-18 Report from City Councillors.

Councillor Allen said a meeting had been arranged with Peterborough City Council Cabinet Member to discuss future demand and school places at the Duke of Bedford School

1180/17-18 Finance

The following was received in November/December

J G Cross	Memorial Mr Hutt	£40.00
Whittlesey Funerals	Inter Mrs Winch	£1,100.00
Mr Beeby	Allotment rent	£30.00
HP Printers	Refund laser cartridge promotion	£100.00
Community Contribution		£20.00
Cambridgeshire Com	Community Contribution	£8,000.00
Paypal Giro credit	Community Contribution	£259.82
Paypal Giro credit	Community Contribution	£0.01
Fund received CBS	Community Contribution	£250.00
Mr Compton	Allotment rent	£30.00

To approve the following paid in December

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£55.42
Mr B Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel September	£34.42
Cambridge Building Society	Community fund transfer	£5537.81
Cambridgeshire ACRE	Payroll service	£70.20
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Service and sundries	£47.75
SLCC	Membership fee	£165.00
Howsafe Ltd	Safety boots Mr Simson	£43.92

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Use of section 106 money – Peterborough City Council currently hold £9,588.98 Community and Leisure Neighbourhood POIS. Community & Leisure Neighbourhood POIS can be spent on a wide range of capital projects that benefit the community. It was agreed that this money should go to the Thorney Youth Community Project.
3. Precept considerations – Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know if there were any extra items they considered should be contained within the precept to be set in January.

4. At present the Community Project has £2931 in the Cambridge Building Society Account (of the account balance of £8231.07). With the contributions received recently a transfer of £5537.81 from Thorney Parish Council account would mean that all the money in that account would be for Community Projects (a total of £13768.88). It was agreed that the transfer should take place.

1181/17-18 Planning Approvals and Refusals

17/01655/FUL Demolition of three dwellings and construction of three replacement dwellings with associated double garages, conversion of agricultural barns into dwelling including single storey rear and front extensions and double garage. Construction of new unadopted access road and boundary treatments - Causeway Lodge The Causeway - Permitted
17/01570/FUL Erection of replacement grain store North Farm Old Knarr Fen Drove - Permitted
17/02196/FUL. - proposed new dwelling at 39 Station Road – permitted

1182/17-18 Planning Applications and other matters

17/02108/HHFUL Erection of detach double garage (ground floor garage with WC, first floor gym/storage space) 59 Park Crescent -

A. There are mixed views on this application as there are some concerns that it may be the basis for residential accommodation at some stage. (Previous projects for residential accommodation in this vicinity have been rejected by the City Council - it would be helpful if there was some policy about the allocation of residential in this area whether or not it applies to this application).

B. Other concerns were;

1. about the height of the building and its impact on neighbouring residences and
2. it setting a precedent for similar buildings in the absence of a policy for development in this area

C. We would be happier if the application was just for a double garage.

D. If the application should be permitted, we request that there is a condition that states that it is not to be used as living/residential accommodation.

Additional comment from last submission:

E. As it appears that the existing birch tree does not interfere with access to the garage we regret its removal, unless this is necessary for the future well-being of the structure of the new building.

1183/17-18 Burial Authority

Drainage of new site will be completed in early 2018

1184/17-18 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Speed of vehicles in village – Lewis Banks, Principal Sustainable Transport Planning Officer writes, “in terms of collecting your own data Peterborough City recommend using a company who would lay loops over the road(s) for 7 days which would give you speed data for different times of day. The price of this would probably be about £400 per site.

If speeding was found to be a problem we would also look at the accident data for the area in question and analyse those results.

We would speak to the police in the first instance to request that they carry out enforcement. We would also discuss this at the Peterborough Highway Services project board, which comprises of senior highway staff, to identify what solutions may be needed. Funding would then have to be sought and possible further consultation would take place with the Parish Council, Ward Councillors and residents, depending on what type of solution is proposed. Solutions could range from enforcement, road markings and physical measures”.

Councillor Bevington explained his contact with Mr Banks and said that speed monitoring should be a Peterborough City Council responsibility.

Councillor Wood to contact PCSO concerning Woburn Drive excessive speed of vehicles

3. Dog waste bin and notices Thorney

4. Road alterations Wisbech Road - a slightly revised design for the works on Wisbech Road in the vicinity of Gas Lane has been received that Peterborough City Council believe the new design is more in line with our discussions and widens the carriageway opposite the bus stop. This modification has been sent to addresses that are local to the proposal - majority vote in favour of current proposals. Councillors were pleased that the proposals had been revised to reflect the initial discussion with Peter Tebb.

Councillor Potts declared a personal interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.

1185/17-18 Village Matters

1. Hedge at 102 Wisbech Road overhanging footpath and making it difficult for prams to pass on the footpath. Lee Moore to be informed.
2. Grass in Park still a problem as it is too long. Future contact meeting by Peterborough City Council Cabinet before Christmas. Vehicle driving across grass to empty waste bins

1186/17-18 Allotments

1. Clearance of detritus – ongoing
2. Agree new tenancy document - agreed

1187/17-18 Youth Activity in the Village

Events over weekend 9/10 December spoilt by weather. Next events in March

1188/17-18 Correspondence

1189/17-18 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Invite PDE Consulting to future meeting concerning mineral extraction

1190/17-18 Any other business

1. CCTV around Bedford Hall working well as there have been no incidents of vandalism
2. Councillor Wood said that vehicle parking in front of main entrance doors would restrict emergency access
3. Parish Council Liaison meeting 20 December

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 8.47pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 8th January 2018 starting at 7pm