

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, R. Bevington, A Butt, Mrs C Lewis, K. Parrish, Mrs. D Halfhide,
R. Wood, A Bunyan

2 members of the public

1415/18-19 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Thorney Parish Council members N Simons, N. Potts, Peterborough City Councillor N
Simons, R Brown S Allen

1416/18-19 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

1417/18-19 Parish Council Vacancy

One application withdrawn for personal reasons

Mrs Sheila Reeve to be invited to January meeting

The vacancy would have been filled by election if any ten local government electors for the Parish
had submitted a written request. No such request had been made therefore the Parish Council will
fill the vacancy by co-option.

1418/18-19 Public Discussion

6 of the 7 new “heritage” street signs around Church Street erected

Footpath along Causeway from old garden centre to Causeway Lodge cleared by payback team

1419/18-19 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2018

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 November 2018 were confirmed and signed

1420/18-19 Matters arising from minutes

Councillor Simons liaised with Rose Homes concerning Causeway Lodge who are to clear site
once they own it

1421/18-19 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Bedford Hall Management Committee – AGM held 6 December

2. Bedford Hall working group – The future of this group was discussed. It has been acknowledged, if Bedford
Hall Committee is to take on the overall management and care of the building if it passes into the responsibility of the
community, that the committee will have to reform as a new body with a different composition of membership. The
Architectural Heritage Fund Viability study was important for this

Community Capacity Manager Adult Services & Communities Peterborough City Council has offered to provide
guidance on what form, type of membership and expertise a new body would need to incorporate and what liabilities
they may or may not have. It was agreed that sometime in the New Year a meeting to discuss this important item
would be welcome. It would be attended by members of the Parish Council, the Bedford Hall Management Committee
and The Thorney Society, our City Councillors and anyone interested in being a member of the new managing body.

At the last Thorney Futures Meeting there were 2 questions that needed answering a) Whether or not any items of
work listed in the City Council’s Building Survey were in need of immediate attention b) What would be the potential
profits from some form of development at the rear of the Bedford Hall. Still awaiting responses to those questions

Library building to be located at the rear of the Bedford Hall. Councillors wondered what form this building would take,
whether it would contain all the equipment (computers, etc) books from the existing library, whether it would have its
own toilets and be accessible by the less abled. Would the building be subject to requiring planning permission and if
so how long is it likely to delay the auction of the Church Street buildings.

1422/18-19 Report from City Councillors.

1423/18-19 Finance

The following were received in November/December

Allotment rent	£30.00
Heritage sign contributions	£100.41
Reserve grave space 9	£100.00
Music festival	£461.67
Allotment rent	£30.00
Allotment and key rent	£40.00

To approve the following paid in December

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
Cambs 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	Skip at cemetery	£200.07	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Caloo	Gym in Park	£20113.24	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19 Public Health Act 1961, s.54
M S Smith Farms	"Tommy" cutouts	£240.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council
Thorney Society	"Tommy" cutouts	£100.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
Cambs Acre	Payroll service	£57.60	LGA 1972 s112, 151
Cambs Acre	Membership	£55.50	LGA 1972 s114, Employers Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969 s140, 140a, 112. RTA's, LGA 1972 s111
Viking Direct	Stationery and stamps	£518.06	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
SLCC	Membership	£196.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151
Wave	Water charges Cemetery and allotments	£65.91	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Cemetery	Fuel for grass machinery	£46.99	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.

1. To approve accounts for Payment – approved. The payment to Caloo was discussed. Peterborough City Council section 106 contribution to the gym equipment in the Park will be paid when Peterborough City Council via Amey has agreed to take on the insurance and future maintenance responsibilities. Amey has now stated they will ask Peterborough City Council Legal to process the payment to Thorney Parish Council. It was agreed the final payment of £20113.24 will now be paid
2. Monthly bank reconciliation – approved
3. Mandate to match fund Architectural Heritage Fund Project Viability Grant – delayed to next meeting. Still awaiting some costing figures
4. Heritage street lights around Abbey conservation area - discussed the large increase in the cost, notified by Peterborough City Council, of enhancing the street lights in the historic centre of the village. Head of Peterborough Highway Services writes "I am pleased to say however following pragmatic discussions with our contractor and my desire to have these columns changed now, so no further disruption is required around the Abbey, the columns will be changed now within the current LED programme of works, which leaves the additional previously agreed sum of £10,450.00 for the over and above standard work to pay by the Parish Council. Given the equipment is specialist and not held in stock there is a minimum 12week delivery time and as such I am pushing Skanska to get this work carried out before Easter if possible.

- Agreed to go ahead and contribute £10450 to this project
5. WW1 structure of soldier - It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council would finance the cost of £200.00 for the plywood and £100 donation to Thorney Society
 6. Additional notice board. Delayed until next year's budget although suitable boards will be selected
 7. Kingsline Close gates - the gates could be repaired in a Councillor's workshop. The cost of repair will have to be assessed against their historic value. Possible wind farm fund application for finance. Article to be placed in village post
 8. Village signs - Delayed until next year's budget although the sign near the school will be removed for an aluminium casting cost to be given
 9. Precept considerations – discussed in general terms. Agenda item for next meeting
 10. New Payroll provider – Cambridgeshire ACRE suddenly stopped their payroll service with 1 weeks' notice. The Clerk has signed an agreement with Red Shoes Accounting Services (www.redshoesaccounting.co.uk/) who will carry out the same tasks as Cambridgeshire Acre and at the same cost for 2019. Inland Revenue has been informed and information for their database submitted

1424/18-19 Planning Approvals and Refusals

1425/18-19 Planning Applications and other matters

- 18/01984/CTR Bedford House Station Road - Proposal: Acer (southern boundary close to house) - Crown lift to 3m
Purple Leaved Plum - Fell. Old and in decline. Acer (roadside on western boundary) - Crown lift to 3m
Oak - Crown lift to 4m removing major limbs to 2.5m. Reduce from dwelling to create 3m clearance. Works to improve form and create clearance from property. 1 x Spruce and 1 x Scots Pine - Fell. Low value trees suppressed in part by the adjacent Oak. Horse Chestnut - Remove low branches back to the main stem up to 3m. Beech (immediately north of Horse Chestnut) - Reduce in height to hedge level – no objections
- 18/01920/HHFUL Single Storey Side Extension, 52 Topham Crescent - Thorney Parish Council have no comments on or objections to this application.
- 18/02066/MMFUL Proposal: Extension to existing stocking, processing and silt lagoon area Site address: Willow Hall Farm Willow Hall Lane - Variation to Conditions 2, 3, 4 and 15 of permission 12/01008/MMFUL to allow mineral extraction and infill operations within 50m of the Bar Pastures Scheduled Monument
- 18/02022/FUL North Level Internal Drainage Board Station Road - Installation of a defibrillator on outside office wall, together with installation of 2 x electricity charging points for vehicles within carpark.
- 18/02034/CTR - T52 Holly Tree removal, Thorney Abbey Churchyard. – no objection (Councillor Bartlett declared an interest and took no part in the discussion)

1426/18-19 Burial Authority

Boundary to be marked with post and wire fence as there is a hedge to be planted. In future years hedge will be laid

1427/18-19 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported.
2. Woburn Drive has had some pot holes repaired

1428/18-19 Allotments

1429/18-19 Village Matters

Speedwatch additional checks requested for Woburn Drive

Request from Abbey for finance to remove holly tree that is encroaching on Abbey structure – next meeting agenda item

The Poplar tree of considerable height in the grounds of the Bedford Hall, is causing some concern regarding its condition. It is the only survivor of a row of 4 or 5 Poplar trees. In the past 2 or 3 of these trees fell onto the Museum, part of the Bedford Hall, and one was cut down by the City Council several years ago as they are responsible for these trees. The suspect tree is located adjacent to Bedford House on the roadway along the western flank of the Bedford Hall.

There has been correspondence in the past about some replacement trees being planted in Thorney Park following the recent felling of mature trees. Peterborough City Council to be asked if there has been any progress with this

Wisbech Road closure has resulted in no buses from Sandpit Road area - Councillor Allen liaising with bus company

1430/18-19 Youth Activity in the Village

Report given

1431/18-19 Facebook Posts

Comment given. Tower lights thank you the Bedford Hall members for their installation

1432/18-19 Correspondence

1433/18-19 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Website update to comply with disabled access regulations

1434/18-19 Any other business

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 8.54pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 14 January 2019 starting at 7pm