

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,  
Thorney on Monday 13 February 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: E. Gee, J Brooks, J Rowe, D. J Buddle, R Bevington, Mrs. D Halfhide,  
Mrs. S Selby, J Bellamy, P. Murphy,

PCSO Webber for the item on crime, Peterborough City Councillor R Dobbs

7 members of the public

Councillor Buddle explained his medical condition and the reason why Councillor Bartlett was taking the Chair

**168/11-12 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Mrs. L Sheldrake, B Ogden,

**169/11-12 To receive declarations of interest**

Personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda

**170/11-12 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 January 2012**

Minutes of the Council meeting held of 9 January 2012 were confirmed and signed

**171/11-12 Matters arising from minutes**

1. Neighbourhood Committee contribution of £2500 to be paid direct to Highways Department at Peterborough City Council.
2. Church Street - street cleaning completed by Peterborough City Council. Street sweeping by mechanical means carried out at 6 weekly intervals. Pharmacy asked to park their van on shop frontage
3. Area outside village shop and drop kerbs at pharmacy – both completed
4. American Memorial – contact details of American representative now received. Some work already carried out by USAF
5. Meeting with Mr. Exley – Councillors Bartlett and Brooks to meet

**172/11-12 Public Participation**

Ms. Watson, Kingsline Close, explained that residents pay a monthly fee to a maintenance company for maintaining the grass and trees in Kingsline Close. The management committee are now asking if Thorney Parish Council would take over this function. Kingsline residents to take legal advice concerning transfer of assets and will provide actual costs of the present scheme.

Jubilee celebrations

Mr. Smith, Scout leader, said he thought that jubilee celebrations should be a village affair. He is working with the Duke of Bedford School to lay on a BBQ for younger residents.

Mrs. Dewing said her idea was to have a tea party for older residents, held in Bedford Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. This may cost in the region of £700.

A barn dance has been organised for Saturday night at Park Farm

Councillor Bevington suggested that there might be money left over from the works outside the village shop. This could go towards financing functions.

Councillor Rowe said that he thought most people in the village would not wish for their tax payments to fund this kind of celebration. Other members strongly disagreed.

It was proposed by Councillor Bevington seconded by Councillor Murphy and agreed that Thorney Parish Council would support funding for the Jubilee celebrations. There was 1 abstention.

A small committee was formed with Councillors Bartlett, Bellamy and Murphy to liaise and coordinate the celebrations. The Clerk will undertake a financial appraisal of the finance available

Mrs. Young, Park Crescent, chairman of Peterborough Pensioners, forcefully explained that a grit bin was needed in Park Close so that residents could sand/salt the footpaths in bad weather. It was explained to her this was a Peterborough City Council responsibility not a Thorney Parish Council responsibility.

### **173/11-12 Matters for Information and Reports**

1. Crime report – 20 calls to service and 8 crimes – diesel theft, vehicle registration plates stolen, burglary, criminal damage, theft.  
Will be giving a talk to Scouts in March

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Sheldrake –toilets are now refurbished, although a slight leak has to be fixed in the gents. Nothing serious. Outside doors have been mended and painted, along with the railings. Toilet in the Heritage centre has also been refurbished and their door has been mended and painted. The hall continues to be bringing in a good return, with lots more bookings. Some window damage by local youths, but as yet no one has been caught throwing stones at the windows. Mr. Stewart at Peterborough City Council to be contacted about repair.

3. Neighbourhood Committee – Councillor Bartlett – no meeting

4. Tree survey - Councillor Ogden will produce a written report for tree risk assessment.  
He will also look at the poplar trees around Bedford Hall

5. Thorney Website – Councillor Sheldrake – development is well underway and a request has been made to our host site for release. There may be a period when the old site is no longer accessible and the new site is up and running. This will be because we have now had an invoice from clara.net for payment of £248 for 12 months hosting and we will save this amount at the expense of having the site down for a period of time. This was agreed

### **174/11-12 Report from City Councillors**

Councillor Dobbs explained that signs indicating village businesses would cost £1000 each to be placed on the roundabouts of the bypass.

Councillor Selby commented on Council tax rise that Peterborough City Council is proposing.

### **175/11-12 Finance**

1. To approve Payments and note income		
Mr. Paling	Allotment rent	£30.00
Peter Barnes	Inter Mrs. Ibrahim	£30.00
H E Bull and Son	Inter Ms Bacon	£60.00

The following were paid in February

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>
Mr. A Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	£57.88
Old Court Builders	Bedford Hall toilets	£14,382.00
The Columbaria Company	Memorial Mr. Walters-Hill	£90.00
TVHMC	Cleaning Parish Room	£240.00
Viking	Stationery	£146.49
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Sprayer nozzles	£7.20
Anglian Water	Water charges allotments and cemetery	£151.56
ACRE	Membership fee	£25.00

2. Monthly bank reconciliation - presented and signed  
National Savings Account – at present the £21,344 we have in National Savings is attracting 0.2% as opposed to the 2.0% being gained by the deposit we have in Yorkshire Bank. It was proposed by Councillor Gee seconded by Councillor Bellamy and unanimously agreed that the National Saving Account be closed and transferred to Yorkshire Bank for future investment.

3. Future payroll. The Sage software for this function is becoming very expensive. Cambridgeshire ACRE does a payroll service for about £150 per year. It was proposed by Councillor Gee seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed that from April ACRE should take over the payroll service.

#### **176/11-12 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

11/02023 Park Farm, Sandpit Road – Installation solar panels – approved

11/02033 Middle Farm, Green Drove – installation solar panels – approved

11/01769 West of Bar Pasture Farm – change of use from agricultural to ménage - Approved

11/01706 Owls Rest, Willow Hall Lane – single storey front extension and outbuilding - approved

11/01799 Little Knarr Forge, Wisbech Road – installation 2 small scale wind generators – refused because: “The two proposed wind turbines at 17.8 metres in height to blade tip, will be sited 44.2 kilometres from, in line of sight to, and will cause unacceptable interference to the ATC radar at RAF Cottesmore. Wind turbines have been shown to have detrimental effects upon MOD ATC radar. These effects include desensitisation of the radar in the vicinity of the turbines and the creation of 'false' aircraft which controllers must treat as real. Furthermore, the desensitisation may also result in aircraft not being detected by the radar and therefore presented to controllers. This would result in a harmful impact upon aviation safety and be contrary to Planning Policy Statement 22: Renewable Energy (2004) which states: Paragraph 25 of PPS22 ...It is the responsibility of developers to address any potential impacts, taking account of Civil Aviation Authority, Ministry of Defence and Department for Transport guidance in relation to radar and aviation, and the legislative requirements on separation distances, before planning applications are submitted. Local Planning Authorities should satisfy themselves that such issues have been addressed before considering planning applications”.

#### **177/11-12 Planning Applications and other matters**

##### **1. Planning applications**

12/00024 Plum Tree Farm, North Bank – erection small scale wind turbine – no objections but presumably the same conditions as application 11/01799 will apply

12/00054 108, Wisbech Road – installation solar panels to rear outbuilding – no objections

11/02046 Singlecote Cottage, Crowland Road – demolition and then erection 4 bed dwelling – support this application

Rose and Crown – plan that was given to resident's immediate area was discussed. However, it was felt that proposed dwellings were too close to Bedford Hall and Tower Court.

At this point Councillors Buddle and Murphy left the meeting

**178/11-12 Burial Authority**

Tree packs have arrived for Jubilee hedge. Mr. Lucken will plant them.

**179/11-12 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Street lighting – faults reported by Councillor Bartlett.  
Flashing beacon at school still out
2. Area outside village shop – complete. Councillor Bevington to liaise with Peterborough City Council concerning the ramp outside the village museum.
3. Mr. Lucken has cleared Black Drove area of debris.

**180/11-12 Allotments**

All allotments now taken

**181/11-12 Village Matters**

1. Jubilee celebrations – discussed in public forum
2. Trees in Churchyard facing Church Street. Request has been made for clearance to allow extra light. Councillor Ogden investigating

**182/11-12 Correspondence**

**183/11-12 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

**184/11-12 Any other business**

Thorney Park Blues – Councillor Bellamy has organised this function and Councillor Bartlett will welcome guests

**185/11-12 Date of next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The meeting closed at 8.20 pm