

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 10 February 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, J Brooks, Mrs. D Halfhide, P Rands, Mrs. S Selby,
Mrs M Long, Mrs Sheldrake
Peterborough City Councillor D Sanders.
members of the public

418/13-14 To receive and approve apologies for absence

D. J Buddle, E. Gee, Peterborough City Councillors D McKean, PCSO Yane Pokhum

419/13-14 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – none declared

420/13-14 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 and 20 January 2014

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 and 20 January 2014 were confirmed and signed

421/13-14 Matters arising from minutes

1. Meeting to discuss infrastructure levy and Thorney Parish Council requirements with Kate Harding 26 February in the Parish Room.
2. Library closure – rumours that Thorney Library will close. Councillor Sanders has been in touch with Peterborough City Council and there are no plans at present to close the Thorney library
3. Jim Daley has arranged with Cross Keys Homes to replace the front facing slates at the two properties at Wisbech Road which were unfortunately re-slatted in wrong sized slate last year. The work will be carried out in April when Cross Keys Homes commence their 2013/2014 work programme. The cross-gables will remain as they are. Although this slate is not the correct size the main adverse visual impact is to the front facing roofs. He will ensure that future works to all Duke of Bedford properties maintain the welsh slate sized slate and laying patterns.

422/13-14 Public Participation

French Farm - debate on items raised at Peterborough City Council planning committee meeting that were not heeded by the planning committee members. Only way to object to a planning approval is by Judicial Review and this is extremely expensive.

Councillor Bartlett said that the constitution of the planning committee was now being reviewed.

Complaints must be made to Peterborough City Council first and if not resolved to the complainants satisfaction there is the opportunity to go to the Local Government Ombudsman.

Councillor Bartlett, through Councillor Sanders, has suggested to the Planning Manager that all members of the planning committee should visit a Windfarm and the site of any proposed wind farm before making a decision. The Planning Manager has replied that this is not compulsory on Planning Committee members and there is no constitution to recommend this.

Mrs. Turner complained about the procedure in public discussion at the last Thorney Parish Council meeting and was reassured by the Chairman that similar items that she complained off would be stopped immediately.

423/13-14 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report – Police Crime Report – no report
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – some damage to front wall of the entrance ramp. Councillor Bevington to email Lynn Hayward. Carpet to be laid this week

424/13-14 Report from City Councillors

Councillor Sanders indicated the CLF money will be reduced for the next financial year to £1000 per Councillor.

Brown bins likely to be collected only if a levy is paid in addition to the Community Charge to Peterborough City Council. This is likely to be £36 if paid before the end May and £39 after May.

Harlock's site – Planning Officer recommending refusal. Councillor Bevington made the point that many fields on high ground in Thorney have standing water

425/13-14 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Crowland Methodists	Donation to war memorial relocation	£300.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mr Loweth	£55.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	001975	£46.15
Coleman's Stationers	Printer cartridges	001976	£522.22

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

3. War memorial move – overall cost of £3800 of which Thorney Parish Council has received £2030 in donations

4. Parish Council Liaison meeting to discuss the budget on Tuesday 11 February 2014 at 6.30 pm in the Bourges/Viersen at the Town Hall

This meeting will have a massive impact on Parish Council finances particularly the item

“Parish councils - In recent years we have made some reductions to the discretionary funding we provide to parish councils. We are proposing to remove the remaining discretionary funding, and also to remove the council tax support grant in full. The funding provided to those parish councils that provide burial grounds and recreation grounds will continue as before.

In line with the practice established in previous years, it is proposed that a full year's notice will be provided for this, and the measure will not be implemented until 2015/16.

In addition to this the CLF money is to be reduced to £1000 per Councillor”.

Peterborough City Council contribution to next year's budget was £7000. To maintain our budget, at which we just break even, would increase the Parish precept by nearly 25%. This year's precept is based on 1881 adults so for a £7000 reduction from Peterborough City Council the Parish Precept would need to be increased by £3.72 per adult per year to maintain the same precept as at present.

It was agreed to place an article in the next Parish magazine highlighting this and call a public meeting later in the year.

426/13-14 Planning Approvals and Refusals

13/00933/FUL French Farm French Drove Thorney, Construction of four additional wind turbines to a maximum height of 100 metres (to vertical blade tip) with ancillary infrastructure including temporary construction compound, access tracks and crane hardstandings – approved

13/01889 186 Wisbech Road – replacement windows – approved

427/13-14 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

13/02627/out Station Road – 14 dwellings to go before committee 18 February

2. Customer Forum. Councillor Bevington explained the recent customer forum

- a. Updated Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and the Sea) at <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/82584.aspx>
Other risk of flooding maps <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/default.aspx>
- b. Update on Sustainable Drainage Systems <http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/suds>
- c. By April the following changes to Planning Development are expected:
 - Change of use from shop or professional / financial services to residential
 - Change of use from shop to bank or building society
 - Change of use of agricultural building to residential
 - Change of use from office , hotel, residential , non res institution and leisure to child nursery
 - Change of use of agricultural building up to 500sqm to a state funded school or child nursery
3. Infrastructure Review meeting will be held on 26 February 2014 in Parish Room
4. Gores Farm Wind Farm documentation altered but no indication in the 400+ pages of what alterations were made. Thorney Parish Council has no legal powers to assist with funding in planning objections
5. Discussion concerning recent Peterborough City Council Planning Committee meeting concluded that Thorney Parish Council did not have sufficient information to formally complain about procedures.

428/13-14 Burial Authority

Area to right of entrance gate to be plated with tree pack from Woodland Trust

428/13-14 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street light – report by Councillor Bartlett.
2. Flashing beacon South Side Wisbech Road outside school out

429/13-14 Allotments

430/13-14 Village Matters

1. Children's Centres - Allison Sunely will contact us as she is the senior officer who will be leading on the development of the centres
2. Museum ramp to be completed soon
3. Museum soon to be reaccredited. Still a problem with damp
4. Peterborough Civic Society – Thorney being considered for consultation on excessive street furniture. Councillor Halfhide to liaise.

431/13-14 Correspondence

1. The Dementia Friends scheme set up by the Alzheimer's Society
3. Dog foul on the pavement directly outside the entrance to the primary school
4. £2m in extra Home Office funding for Cambridgeshire Constabulary to support Programme Metis, the Cambridgeshire programme aimed at using technology to increase the time officers spend out in their communities.
5. European Elections 22 May and local elections will be held the same day. New act of Parliament allows us until 31 July to hold the annual meeting so this will now be at the June meeting rather than May
6. Signposting and Awareness Course being held at the Peterborough Citizen's Advice Bureau.

432/13-14 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

433/13-14 Any other business

Councillor Long, on behalf of residents in French Drove, thanked Councillor Bartlett for his efforts at the Peterborough City Council planning committee meeting in highlighting the shortcomings of the French Drove Wind Farm

434/13-14 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 10 March 2014 starting at 6.30 in the Drainage Board offices. The meeting closed at 8.23pm