

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 8 February 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: P Rands, Mrs. M Long, D. J Buddle, J Brooks, R Bevington, Mrs. Sheldrake, D Jones, N Simons,
Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders, Richard Brown and David Harrington
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.

817/15-16 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Mrs. D Halfhide,

818/15-16 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – none declared
Councillors Bartlett and Bevington declared an interest concerning the Community Fund
(agenda item under finance)

819/15-16 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2015

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th January were confirmed and signed

820/15-16 Matters arising from minutes

Causeway Lodge – dumping of rubbish getting worse – Chairman has spoken to Mr Shaw and will contact him again. Peterborough City Council to investigate as a section 215, untidy land. Site is not secure.
Pode Hole quarry – lights still out on A47. Highway Agency to again be informed
Councillor Sheldrake said she supported the Laser Tag planning application and said it would be a shame if the application was not approved

Co-option of Parish Council members – Peterborough City Council Electoral Office is aware of recent information conveyed at the Parish Council Liaison meeting that emanated from a query answered by NALC. All co-opted members to a Parish Council have to be voted (by existing members) onto the Council. This has always been Thorney Parish Council policy. If the vote is not to co-opt a certain individual then reasons have to be given for the refusal. These reasons are recorded in case the individual calls for a Judicial review.

821/15-16 Public Participation

Mrs Turner, supported by her husband, asked about the letter sent to the Planning Officer by the Chairman that she believed was incorrect and not authorised by the Parish Council. The Chairman said he sent this under his name from the Thorney Parish Council. A heated discussion ensued between Mr/Mrs Turner and the Chairman. A copy of the Chairman's letter was sent to each Council member in the agenda and minutes pack prior to this meeting. There was no Councillor dissention concerning the letter.

Mr VanDriessche explained a survey of the Bedford Hall building had taken place and a report on the purported maintenance costs produced for the next ten years. However, he believed the costings were inaccurate and the roof, that leaks water, was only surveyed from ground level.

Grants can be applied for to run the building but the premises must be in perfect order before a grant is

issued

Councillor Brown suggested that the revenue from the sale of Church Street Community Centre would be used for village use. Chairman to write to Councillor North, Cabinet Member for Communities and Environmental capital

822/15-16 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report. No Police presence. –
Station Road, Thorney – between 24th December and 4th January theft of caravan from site – crime prevention advice given and details of caravan on Police National Computer Wisbech Road, Thorney – afternoon of 20th January – report of damage caused to locks on outbuildings, two offenders disturbed by neighbour and left in Grey Audi – vehicle stopped by Police on Causeway and one male arrested and charged with dwelling burglary.
Old Knarr Fen Drove, Thorney – between 20th and 24th January theft of tank of heating oil – crime prevention advice and visit is being arranged
Russell Close, Thorney – theft from garage overnight 28th January – tools and alcohol stolen – crime prevention advice has been given
Kingsline Close, Thorney – overnight 28th January – theft of laptop from possibly insecure vehicle
Tavistock Close, Thorney – overnight 28th January – evidence of search through vehicle but nothing appears stolen
Thorney Dyke – 2nd January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Dairy Drove – 2nd January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Willow Hall Lane – report of fly tipping with vehicle details – passed to enforcement team at city council □ The Causeway – 7th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
B1040, A47, Thorney – 8th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Dairy Drove, Thorney – 9th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Toneham Lane, Thorney – 9th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
The Causeway, Thorney – 10th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Green Drove, Dairy Drove and Thorney Dyke – 10th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Bukehorn Road, Thorney – 11th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
New Cut, Thorney – 13th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Dairy Drove, Thorney – 15th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
French Drove, Thorney – 19th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
The Causeway, Thorney – 21st January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Black Drove, Thorney – 23rd January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Dairy Drove, Thorney – 24th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Bukehorn Road, Thorney – 27th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Black and Green Drove, Thorney – 28th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
Bukehorn Road, Thorney – 30th January – report of possible coursers on farm land
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillors Sheldrake and Simons to look at heating system in Bedford Hall and suggest ways forward to reduce heating bills. Meeting 9th February to agree accounts and discuss Post Office desk
3. Post Office “desk” – Chairman said that he, Councillor Bevington and the Clerk had met a Post Office representative and the Post Office at the Rose and Crown will definitely close at the beginning April. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Buddle and unanimously agreed that should the Post Office wish a “desk” could

be set up in the Parish room to allow Post Office services to continue in the village.

823/15-16 Report from City Councillors

Councillor Brown explained the inspection he had attended with Cross Keys. The dog waste bin in the Smithfield play area should be relocated outside the children's play area and a notice erected stating no dogs in the play area.

Councillor Sanders said that £1000 of CLF money needed to be allocated. It was suggested and agreed that this should go towards alleviating the bottleneck near the Fish Shop/Park entrance

824/15-16 Finance

To note income and approve Payments

Watkins and Stafford	Inter Mr Woodbridge	£150.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mr Limb	£225.00
Watkins and Stafford	Inter Mr Berry	£550.00

The following were paid in February

Progreen Ltd	Herbicide cemetery use	£236.61
Mr R Harding	Fence repair	£569.00
Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration	£35.00
Ashbridge Nurseries	Hedging for cemetery	£300.00
Progreen Ltd	Knapsack training Mr Lucken	£204.00
Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£72.00

Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

Critical Staff illness insurance – this insurance will only cover the Clerk. As his sickness record over the past years has been good (no missed meetings for over ten years due to sickness) the insurers will cover Critical Staff illness free of charge

Resolution that Thorney Parish Council, as a body, approves Community Fund Donations and agreement for criterion of applications. It was proposed by Councillor Buddle, seconded by Councillor Long and agreed to approve the resolution. Councillors Bartlett and Bevington declared an interest and did not vote. Criterion for donations will be discussed at the next meeting

Complete work in house originally carried out by GMS (Abbey lawns, Abbey graveyard strimming, allotment clearance). Grounds Maintenance Services no longer carries out the type of work that was originally contracted to Thorney Parish Council. The Clerk produced figures on their payments for the past 2 years. A direct comparison with Thorney Parish Council hourly rate was also produced.

Mr Lucken is agreeable to take on the additional work originally carried out by GMS and once he has obtained the knapsack spraying certificate would be able to strim and apply herbicide to vacant allotments (existing tenants would be grateful for this to happen).

It was proposed by Councillor Buddle, seconded by Councillor Brooks and agreed that Mr Lucken be issued with the work formally carried out by GMS at a cost of 100 hours per year.

From 6 April 2016 the new State Pension is introduced. It will replace the existing basic and additional State Pensions and contracting-out of the Additional State Pension (giving up entitlement to the Additional State Pension by paying lower National Insurance contributions and building up a workplace pension instead) will come to an end. All employees will pay the same rate of National Insurance. This means Thorney Parish Council will pay the standard rate of National Insurance instead of the lower rate that we currently pay. This will be an increase of 1.4% of earnings between the HM Treasury thresholds.

825/15-16 Planning Approvals and Refusals

15/01558/FUL for Conversion of Tap House and The Stable to dwellings at Land To Rear Of Rose And Crown 2 Wisbech Road - permitted

Appeal Ref: APP/J0540/W/15/3030372 Land to the South-West of Northey Road, Peterborough, PE6 7YX □ The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission. □ The appeal is made by Mr W Gray against the decision of the Peterborough City Council. □ The application Ref.14/01573/FUL, dated 30 August 2014, was refused by notice dated 10 December 2014. □ The development proposed is described as a “change of use for 1 extended gypsy family for 1 static, 1 touring caravan and associated facilities block”. Summary of Decision: The appeal does not succeed.

15/01042/HHFUL 4 St Botolphs Way Rear conservatory - permitted

15/001944 : Lodge Farm House Black Drove, Internal and external alterations - permitted

826/15-16 Planning Applications and other matters

Peterborough City Council is preparing a new Local Plan, this is an important document as it will determine what Peterborough and the surrounding villages will look like in the future and how it will become an even better place to live, work and visit.

The new Local Plan will replace the following adopted Development Plan Documents (DPD):

- Core Strategy DPD (2011),
- Site Allocations DPD (2012),
- Planning Policies DPD (2012) and
- City Centre DPD (2014). It will not replace any adopted Minerals and Waste DPDs.

We are currently at the first stage in the process and are consulting on a Preliminary Draft version of the Local Plan, which sets out the emerging planning -policies and proposals for growth and regeneration. This is still a draft plan. Your views are therefore essential. This is the first opportunity for you to make comments on the emerging plan and we encourage you to take this opportunity to let us know your views and help inform the future growth of Peterborough.

The Preliminary Draft Local Plan can be viewed at: www.peterborough.gov.uk/LocalPlan where comments can also be made online. Alternatively a Comments Form (Form A) is available at the council's customer service centre at Bayard Place or can be downloaded and returned by e-mail to: planningpolicypeterborough.gov.uk. Closing date for all comments is 11.59 pm on 25 February 2016. Please note that all comments will be uploaded to our online consultation portal and will not be confidential.

Thorney now classed as a “large village” rather than a service centre. Peterborough City Council not meeting the target number of homes to be built. Village boundaries and site allocations will be examined and increased as necessary.

Sly Development – special meeting to be held Monday 15 February

Pasture House Farm quarry – Alan Jones did not respond to the number of vehicles that will come through the village. Thorney Parish Council will push for cycleway from Willow Hall to Eye

827/15-16 Burial Authority

Fence repair – completed. A recent safety survey revealed that the footpaths needed a moss killing herbicide to be applied so that they did not become slippery.

Yew trees ordered as agreed at last cemetery inspection. Agreed to plant berry producing trees along the fence that has now been replaced

Mr Gee and John Maxey (Mr Gees agent) met at cemetery by Chairman and Clerk to discuss extension. Agreed that an 18m extension be purchased parallel with the existing cemetery at agricultural land prices and 4 burial plots provided for the Gee family. The boundaries would be fenced and hedges planted (with willows in the wet lying areas). An area adjacent to medicine pond would be planted with a copse by the Parish Council but ownership of the land would remain with Mr Gee.

828/15-16 Roads and Footpaths

Street lighting faults – to be reported by Councillor Bartlett.

Pode Hole Quarry - central reservation keep left bollards not illuminated – HA informed again.

The Council of the City of Peterborough Speed Limit Amendments B1040 Weight Limit Order 2016

Peterborough City Council and Lincolnshire County Council are proposing to introduce a 7.5 tonne weight restriction limit on the B1040 that runs from Thorney to Crowland, the exact details of which are shown on the attached plan and detailed within the Notice of Proposals.

The proposed Order is considered necessary to prevent use of the road by heavy commercial vehicles for which the road is unsuitable to use as a regular route between the A47 and A16. The other roads shown on the plan have been included within the proposed 7.5 tonne weight limit in order to prevent heavy commercial vehicles from reaching the B1040 only to find that the road is subject to the designated 7.5 tonne weight limit.

Any heavy commercial vehicle that has to load or unload along the restricted roads is entitled to do so. The vehicle may enter the restricted area at any point and subsequently exit via any route within the restricted area. The Order would prohibit heavy commercial vehicles from being driven straight through the restricted area.

Wisbech Road bottleneck near Park Entrance – Mr Tebb to be that Thorney Parish Council has agreed that they would be willing to give £4000 towards the cost to alleviate this problem (£1000 of this being CLF money).

Consider suggestion that Church Street one-way system be transposed – alleviating blind spot at present when exiting onto Abbey Place. Meeting being arranged with Peterborough City Council

Entrance to the Park from Tavistock road becoming dangerous with pot holes after recent drainage work. Cars also parking on grass and cutting it up.

829/15-16 Village Matters

Children's Centres - ongoing

Article to be placed in Thorney Post concerning forthcoming Peterborough City Council elections

Mr Foster has requested more dog waste bins in the village – article to be placed in Thorney Post explaining this is a Peterborough City Council responsibility.

830/15-16 Allotments

831/15-16 Correspondence

832/15-16 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

833/15-16 Any other business

Before and after hours club at school to close

Laser tag planning application named those against the application – names not to be used in future unless requested to do so by the individual concerned.

Chairman thanked Mrs Sheldrake for her many years of service on the Council and wished her well for the future

834/15-16 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 14th March 2016 starting at 7pm. The meeting closed at 8.38pm